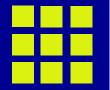


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'





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Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting Spring Term!

It is so lovely to see all of our children eager and ready to learn. I have visited lots of classes this week and all of our children are already enthusiastic about their new topics and areas of learning. I am extremely proud of the children who showed me the additional work and homework they had completed over the Christmas holidays! All of our teachers set homework that is linked to what is going on in class and it's wonderful to see so many children excited about continuing their learning at home. Just a reminder that our homework club is still running and any child is welcome to come along and work with adults to complete their homework if this cannot be done at home. This club runs on a Thursday 3.00-4.00 p.m.

Today, you should have received the curriculum leaflet to inform you of all the exciting things that are going to be happening this half term. I know there are lots of activities planned, such as a fantastic "Be our Guest" ball in Year 1. Some of our younger children are going to become budding gardeners by visiting the Garlic Farm and learning how to grow their own garlic! It would be wonderful to see lots of parents coming in to join us over this term.

On Monday, Warwick class had their first art deep day. All of the children produced some fantastic Roman Mosaic art! Well done Year 4 for becoming amazing artists for the day. Thank you to Mrs Mackrill for inspiring such wonderful creativity!

We have welcomed another visitor into school this week who was keen to see the fantastic learning that are children experience every day. On Tuesday, we had a teacher from another primary school join Hurst class, where the children were keen to talk about their handwriting and their new Maths skills when working out tricky multiplication. Our visitor was very impressed with the care and pride our Year 1 children have for their

On Wednesday, we welcomed the Haven Falconry into school with a brilliant array of birds. All of our children had a special visit from a barn owl and a kestrel and learned all about how these magnificent creatures fly, what they eat and how they learn to stay away from predators! Some children produced some amazing writing based on the information that the adult from the falconry centre shared. "The fascinating thing about the owl is that the structure of his wings makes him as silent as the wind around him" - Stefan - Year 4.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Broome

work and how passionate they are about their learning!

School Development

News

A big welcome back to Helen Grant, who has joined us again as a Lunch Time Assistant. Thank you for helping our children during lunch times!

Sports Volunteers

We are still eagerly looking for volunteers in our community who would come and support with PE and Sports specifically. This would be an afternoon commitment supporting PE/Sports lessons alongside the teacher or our Sports Coach Mr Curry, this could also include assisting with after school clubs and fixtures. This would be an ideal opportunity for someone who is considering a career in teaching, someone who just loves sports or even has experience of sports coaching and would like to fill up some of their retirement time!

Primary School Starter Application Return Date

The date for applications to be completed online is

Monday 15th January 2018.

Don't forget to apply! We look forward to welcoming you to Nine Acres Primary as the start of your child's education!

If you would like to visit our school please do not hesitate to book in a time with the office Tel: 01983 522984.

To apply please go to this website - www.iwight.com/schooladmissions

Thank you!!

A big thank you to Mr Radcliffe for donating our fabulous Christmas tree. It really did look amazing and made the school a magical place

to be in December! Radcliffe's Fruit and Veg Shor is situated along the Blackwater Road.



Diary Dates 2018

<u>Tues 16th Jan - Wed 17th</u> <u>Jan 2018</u> - Year 3 Overnight Trip to The Novium Museum.

NEW Fri 19th Jan 2018 - Year 6 visiting Medina College for Trampolining and DT afternoon



1.30-2.30pm. Children will arrive back to Nine Acres by 3.15pm.

NEW Tues 23rd Jan 2018 - Year 6 Booster sessions begin.

NEW Wed 24th Jan 2018 - Year 1 'Be our Guest' Themed

Ball - Parents are invited into school please sign in at the office 1.30-2.30pm

NEW Fri 2nd Feb 2018 - Year 2 Garlic Farm Trip

NEW Thurs 8th Feb 2018 - Year 1 Craft Afternoon - Parents are invited into school please sign in at the office 1.30-2.30pm

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2018 HALF TERM.

Mon 26th Feb 2018 Parents' Evening.

Wed 28th Feb 2018 Parents' Evening.

Thurs 1st March 2018 World Book Day - Dress Up Day.

Thurs 1st March 2018 - Year 5 Global Rock at Portsmouth Guildhall

Mon 19th - Tues 20th March 2018 - Year 5 London Trip Fri 30th March - Fri 13th April 2018 EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June 2018 HALF TERM.

Thurs 5th July 2018 EYFS / KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 6th July 2018 KS2 Sports Day.

Fri 20th July 2018 Last day of the Summer Term.

Mon 23rd July 2018 DEVELOPMENT DAY.

New dates will be added each week - Please check the box for <u>NEW</u> to see any added dates.



Attendance

Whole school attendance target 96.0%.

Dates: 05/01/18 - 11/01/18

	Attendance	Late
Carisbrooke:	97.78%	0
Yarmouth:	90.56%	5
Corfe	92.69%	2
Hurst:	96.55%	7
Balmoral:	96.36%	2
Windsor:	98.33%	8
Arundel:	91.82%	7
Dover:	96.82%	3
Tintagel:	91.25%	2
Warwick	97.39%	4
Edinburgh:	96.67%	2
Stirling:	92.76%	7
Durham:	96.79%	2
York:	96.45%	2

Congratulations Windsor!!

Whole school attendance this week is: 95.23%

Development Days so far.....

- Friday 17th November 2017
- Thursday 21st December 2017
- Monday 23rd July 2018

House Points

Well done to <u>Vikings</u> who received the most House Points this week!



Year 2 Garlic Farm Trip - Friday 2nd February 2018

To enrich our scented garden topic children in Year 2 are off to the Garlic Farm on Friday 2nd February. This will be an opportunity for children to explore the garlic farm, to learn about how garlic is made and plant some of their own. There is a £5.00 donation required for

this trip, which we are sure will be an exciting experience. A separate letter has been sent to parents regarding this trip.

Thank you, Nine Acres.

Dropping off and Collection

A reminder that if you are dropping off and picking up your children, please can you go to the correct playground. We are asking the children to be as independent as possible and if they can meet you

outside in the correct place this will be really helpful.



Year 3 Novium Museum Trip

Trip will be Tues 16th - Wed 17th January 2018

The £20.00 balance should be with the office, if you have not yet paid please see the office urgently. An EV3 form should be also be completed for this trip. Thank you, Year 3 Teachers.

Reminder - School Uniform

Nine Acres uniform is black or grey trousers or skirts, white shirt (or polo shirt) and navy blue jumper/ cardigan with the school logo. A reminder that all children should be wearing the correct school uniform along with black school shoes not boots to school unless there is a medical note.



Helping Hands PTA



Welcome back



best wishes for 2018 from all

Cake Sales

The annual cake sales will be starting at the end of January. These are always very popular fund-raisers. Each year group, takes it in turns, to donate cakes which are sold after school on a Friday, in the front and back playgrounds. Each bag of cakes costs £1. Donations of homemade and shop bought cakes are very gratefully accepted. If you are particularly keen

baking feel please free to bring in cakes for any other sale not just the one for your child's year group!! with note more info will be coming home soon.

Dates for Diaries:-

Easter Disco – Thursday 29th March 2018 5.30-7.30pm

Cake Sales

Years 5 and 6 - 26.1.18 Years 3 and 4 - 9.2.18 Years 1 and 2 - 23.2.18 EYFS - 9.3.18

NEXT MEETING -Tuesday 6th February 2018





Change of Menu Thursday 18th January 2018

The menu will be changed to the following on Thursday next week.

Fish Fingers

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Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with

Chips

Baked Beans & Salad Bar
Chocolate & Mandarin Cake with Chocolate Sauce

Or

Fruit Platter

All children in Years EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to try a meal on Thursday as part of a taster session.

Please note: The meal on Friday 19th January will be Beef Tortilla Stack & Rice with Garlic Slice.

Headlice

We have had a reported case of head lice this week. Please can you make sure all children have their hair tied back and that you check your children over the weekend and treat if necessary.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Did you know? If you are in receipt of any of the following support payments, your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Employment Support Allowance
- Income Based jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999
- Guaranteed State pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please complete a free school meal application form at the office and we will forward it on your behalf for authorisation.

Thank you.

<u>Curriculum Leaflets</u>

Spring Term 1



The Curriculum Leaflets for
Spring Term 1 have been sent home with
your child today.

Please read through these, they give you an insight of what your child will be learning about this term and also any opportunities for you to participate in activities with your child. You will find copies of these on the website in due course.

Year 5 London Trip

In March 2018, we are taking our Year 5 children to London for an overnight visit. Whilst in the capital, the children will enjoy a trip on the London Eye, a visit to the House of Parliament and also a theatre show. We still

have a number of children who have not returned replies for this amazing trip. Should you wish your child to attend please send in a £25 deposit to secure your place.





ENRICHMENT CLUBS

As you are all aware clubs started this week.

The children have been very enthusiastic regarding clubs this term and some of our clubs are completely full. We still have spaces in a few so should you wish your child to participate in one, please do let the office know.

Clubs are £10.00 this term please make payment at the office.

Reminder — Choir begins next Friday 19th January 2018.