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### NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence Friday 19th July 2024



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#### Dear Families of Nine Acres,

As I sit down to write the final newsletter for the 2023/2024 school year, I am struck by just how much has happened over these past months!

First and foremost, I must celebrate our Year 6 (soon to be Year 7) pupils. Their hard-working, determined attitudes have resulted in our school meeting and exceeding National Expectations at the end of KS2. They are a credit to their families, and I know their secondary schools will be impressed as they carry Nine Acres values with them, ready to positively influence the world around them. These children are poised to make a difference and will go on to far exceed their potential. Thank you for being simply brilliant, Year 6!

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for our wonderful community, full of support, kindness, and generosity. This was evident not only during our recent inspection, which highlighted our exceptional practice, but also in everyday interactions as we work in partnership for the children. At Nine Acres, we are all learners, both children and adults, and having you by our side is a privilege.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the exceptional Nine Acres staff team, who continuously go above and beyond in their roles to support every child and adult in our school family. I am very humbled by just how hard they work to support our children's well being, emotional health, physical health and academic progress.

As for our pupils - what can I say? They truly shine. Each child brings their own unique gifts and talents, and it is a joy to witness their progress and see their pure hearts as they navigate their educational journey.

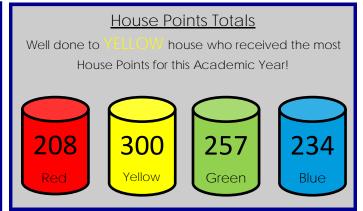
This year has been filled with educational visits, engaging visitors, inspiring workshops, curriculum curiosity, awards, rock bands, careers-led learning, spirituality, gratitude, and competitive sports. What a year it has been!

None of this would be possible without our entire community. Thank you, #TeamNineAcres

On behalf of myself and the Governing Body of Nine Acres, I wish you all a wonderful summer break as we finish on Thursday, 25th July at 1.00pm!

We look forward to seeing you in September for our next incredible journey and adventures together. Mrs Dyer

# Development Days -Friday 1st September 2023 - DEVELOPMENT DAY - Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY - Friday 14th June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY - Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Friday 26th July 2024 DEVELOPMENT DAY Monday 2nd September 2024





# HELPING HANDS PTA



#### Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We are planning to have a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale near the end of the holidays but we are very low on logo items. If, you have any uniform that your child has grown out of or no longer requires, please bring it along to school – it would be very greatly appreciated Items with a logo (t-shirts, jumpers, etc) are £1.00 and non-logo (skirts, trousers, etc), cost 50p.

#### **Next Meeting**

We hope you have a fabulous break with your family. Our next meeting will be Friday 1th September. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on help-

<u>inghands@nineacrespri.co.uk</u> or leave a message at the school office.

# KS2 Sports

The re-arranged date for KS2 Sports Day is Tuesday 23rd July. All the same timings will apply. Arrival for 12.30pm with a 12.45pm start time.

### ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals? Families of children in Year 3 and up are required to pay for School Dinners unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals. To apply online please go to:

www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2



# Dinner Menu Change

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

The menu for Tuesday 23rd July will be

Red Option - Southern Fried Chicken and Chips

**Green Option** - Quorn Dippers and Chips

# SEPTEMBER RETURN DATE

Our return to school date for September 2024 will be Tuesday 3rd September 2024.



# PE DAYS

PE Schedule from 23rd July 2024

There will be no PE sessions in school next week. Children are to come into school in school uniform.



# Dinner Price Change

The price for a school dinner from September 2024 will be £2.70 per meal. The price for a weeks dinners is £13.50.



# We are a nut free school!

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a nut free school. Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.



# <u>Diary Dates</u> 2023/2024



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Tues 23rd July 2024 - Re-arranged KS2 Sports Day.

Wed 24th July 2024 - Year 6 NAPA Awards Evening.

Thurs 25th July 2024 - Last day of Summer Term.

Thurs 25th July 2024 - Early Closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 30th Aug 2024 - Summer

Holidays.

Mon 2nd Sept 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

<u>Tues 3rd Sept 2024</u> - First day of the new academic year - Autumn Term.

<u>Mon 21st Oct - Fri 1st Nov 2024 - OCTOBER HALF</u> TERM.

<u>Mon 23rd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan 2025 - CHRISTMAS</u> HOLIDAYS

Mon 6th Jan 2025 - First day of Spring Term.

New dates will be added - Please check the box for <a href="NEW">NEW</a> to see any added dates.

### **Medical Appointments &**

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

If your child has a hospital/dental appointment, please ensure you have notified the school office of the time and date and handed in a copy of the medical letter or appointment card.

Leave of absence request forms for are available upon request at the school office. These will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.



## **Year 6 Leavers - Shirt Signing**

On Thursday 25th July, children in 'old' Year 6 leaving Nine Acres at the end of term are welcome to bring in a white school shirt for friends and staff to sign.



# Early Closing - Thursday 25th July 2024

A reminder that school will close early on Thursday 25th July at 1.00pm.

If your child is in Year 4/5/6 and has permission to walk home for this academic year, your child will be released at 1.00pm unless you tell us otherwise. Please notify the office if you will be collecting your child.

Year 6 will be leaving at 1.15pm to enable us to celebrate them leaving Nine Acres.

### NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our Nine Acres Uniform is available from Kids and Co in Ryde. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit and sensible black school shoes.

#### EYFS - Year 4

<u>Autumn/Spring/Summer Term</u>

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only)

Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo

Charcoal Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt Grey or White Plain Ankle Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

Summer Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only)

Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt/Blue Summer Dress

Grey or White Ankle Short Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

#### Year 5 and Year 6

<u>Autumn/Spring/Summer Term</u> Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School

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Plain White Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve)
School Tie

Charcoal Grey Trousers or Skirt Grey or White Ankle Short Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

<u>Summer Term</u>

Plain White Shirt (Short Sleeve) School Tie

Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt Grey or White Plain Short Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

#### PE Kit (All Years)

Lime Green Logo Polo Shirt Navy/Black Shorts Trainers

White Plain Short Ankle Socks Navy Blue or Black Tracksuit Bottoms & a Navy hooded top for Sports activities

Drawstring PE Bag



# Working Together to Improve School Attendance - New Guidance from the Department of Education

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why schools, and local councils, are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance.

New guidance to schools and local councils mean that pupils will be better supported to be in school and attend regularly. Schools with be supported to analyse their data and offer assistance to those families who need it quicker.

The Department for Education has amended the framework for the issuing of penalty notices in relation to unauthorised absence. Whilst it is expected that schools support families, if the support is not engaged with, schools will be able to apply for penalty notices to be issued to families for unauthorised absence. This may be due to pupils arriving significantly late to school, schools not being informed of the reasons for a pupil's being absent, or schools not agreeing with the reason for the absence. In the event of unauthorised holidays in term time, the support element would not be offered.

In addition, the cost of Truancy Penalty Notices is rising to £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days for a first instance). If a second penalty notice is issued within a rolling three-year period the notice will be at the £160 rate. No penalty notice will be issued for a third time. In that event the absence would be considered for prosecution.

# Nine Acres School Car Park

Please do not use the school car park unless you have a school permit. We will continue to share the license plates in our newsletters and ask our community to also let us know if they see families using the car park without a school permit.

This is to support us in helping all our dedicated staff get to school on time to teach your children!

# School Attendance

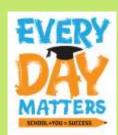
Whole school attendance target 97% Dates: 12/07/2024 - 18/07/2024

Attendance Lates

Biggleswade	94.67%	0
Corfe	95.33%	0
Balmoral:	99.66%	2
Windsor:	97.86%	1
Arundel:	97.24%	3
Bamburgh:	98.00%	1
Kendal:	96.67%	1
Warwick:	96.33%	3
Edinburgh:	97.00%	3
Stirling:	92.00%	1
Durham:	94.67%	1
York:	94.47%	2
Year 7 Durham:	92.22%	2
Year 7 York:	93.10%	0

Well done <u>BALMORAL CLASS!!</u>
Whole school attendance this week is: 95.68%

Good attendance ensures that children can develop at the right pace, gain confidence as they make progress, and ultimately enjoy school as they see themselves succeed.



### **Boom Reader (Go Read)**

Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is an expectation that all children in EYFS to

Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



### FOODBANK VOUCHERS

Many families are struggling more than ever with rising household costs and we want to be able to support you however we can. We continue to provide our families with vouchers to the Island's

Food Banks. If you would like some more information or are in need of a voucher, please speak to Mrs Hussey. Referrals can be made to any of the Island's Food Banks for your

convenience or confidentiality. There are currently Food Banks in Newport, Freshwater,

Cowes, Ryde and Shanklin.



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

### Dinner Menu

Thursday 25th July 2024 - The menu will be Hot Dogs and Vegetarian Hot Dogs & Chips.

# Word of the Week

We are now sharing a word each week with you on our newsletter.

Our word this week is 'miniature'.



tiny small little minute

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miniature

# Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The Summer Reading challenge is back!



Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The Summer Reading challenge is back in libraries this year. This year's theme is 'MARVELLOUS MAKERS', focusing on the creative art. As well as encouraging children to keep reading for pleasure over the holidays, it will encourage children to tell their own stories through various creative outlets, whether writing or music, junk modelling or drawing and painting.

The challenge started on Saturday 6th July.

Please see the website to sign up for the Summer Reading challenge:

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

# Water Bottles, Suncream & Sun Hats!!

We ask that only water is supplied on a day to day basis in your child's water bottle. This is the healthiest option.

However, we also know that children need to stay hydrated to learn! If your child refuses water, in agreement with your child's class teacher only, they may have very, very diluted squash or flavoured water to avoid any medical concerns however we ask that Parents/Carers take responsibility in ensuring good dental hygiene is in place for their child along with a continued approach to encourage drinking water.

As the warmer weather continues, please ensure your child arrives to school with sun cream already applied and brings a sun hat and is dressed appropriately for the warmer weather conditions.





### PE UNIFORM REMINDER

When you chose Nine Acres Primary for your child you also chose to adhere to the Nine Acres Uniform Policy including PE.

#### Therefore, a reminder:

- All children must wear the Nine Acres PE top.
- All children must have suitable trainers.
- PE Hoodies are for PE only.
- Children must have a Nine Acres jumper for other days.
- Children must have blue or Black jogging bottoms.

If you need any support in ensuring your child has the right uniform, we are here to help.



## **Enrichment Clubs**

The Autumn Term 1
Enrichment Club Form has been sent by email.

To book spaces, please email enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk

Clubs will begin on Monday 9th September 2024.





# End of Day Procedures



If you have a message regarding your child or someone different to usual will be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please notify the school office by <u>2.30pm</u>. You can notify the office by popping in and speaking to a member of the office team, calling 522984 or by emailing office@nineacrespri.co.uk



# Spring / Summer School Dinner Menu



Week Commencing Monday 22nd July 2024 Week 2

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is <u>£2.60</u> per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is £13.00.



# Asthma Care Plans

If your child has Asthma or is currently being investigated for Asthma you must complete an Asthma Care Plan from the school office. It is essential that we have the correct information to help keep the children safe.

If your child no longer has Asthma, please can you notify us by emailing <u>office@nineacrespri.co.uk</u> so we can update your child's medical record.

It is Parents' responsibility to ensure they update the school of any current medical conditions.

# SCHOOL DETAILS

School Telephone Number

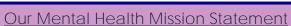
01983 522984

School Office Email

office@nineacrespri.co.uk

School Website

www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk



We believe having a mentally healthy community is not about being happy all the time, but about working together through the challenges and sharing the celebrations; feeling supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered.

This week we want to focus on 'the importance of healthy sleep'.

https:// thesleepcharity.org.uk/ information-support/children/ relaxation-tips/



# Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook? Scan the QR code to see our page!!





### CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE



Thursday 19th September 2024

Tel: 537070 Email: admin@christthekingcollege.co.uk

# Mr Toulson's Sports Bags

Each week, a child from every class is selected by Mr
Toulson to take home a sports bag to use over the
weekend. They can play with the
equipment and design their own games making
notes in the book. All bags are to be
returned by the following Tuesday in readiness
for the next child.

We love to see how your child uses the sports equipment so please email

office@nineacrespri.co.uk

with any photos you may have taken.



### ParentPay is our only method of making payments.

Are you signed up to ParentPay? We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay.

- School Dinners
- Enrichment Clubs
  - School Trips

Please ensure your account is activated.

