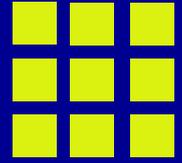


NINE ACRES NEWS



'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 25th January 2019

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Dear Families,

We have been made aware that many of our children are playing **'Fortnite Battle Royale'** and other games and software that are reportedly being used by children with Nine Acres Primary. Many contain content or social media aspects which are **not** age appropriate, and represent a real risk to pupils. I would like to remind families that this particular game has an age rating of **12**, due to the: *'frequent scenes of mild violence'*. *It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'*. We know children as young as 5 are accessing this game and therefore acting out what they are witnessing on the playground without truly understanding the consequences on their peers. It has also recently been highlighted in the news that children are being asked and persuaded into inappropriate actions through the chat facility. This has included sexual grooming. I would hate for any of our wonderful pupils to be subject to this and urge parents to check on their child's access rights and activity within these games.

The NSPCC and O2 are offering parents the following advice, in response to the concerns about Fortnite:

- Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.
- Explore your child's online activities together. Understand why they like using certain apps, games or websites and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.
- Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.
- Manage your technology and use the privacy and parental control settings available to keep your child safe.

On a more positive note it was wonderful to welcome so many parents from Year 3 (Arundel) who were making a Charlie in the Chocolate Style product and Y3/4 (Alnwick) who took part in their Victorian inspired day. Next week Year 1 are off to the Mayflower Theatre to watch the Beauty and the Beast performance and Year 5 will be performing their Mexican inspired **Day of the Dead Dance** to the other year groups in preparation for their special Valentines Mexican evening for their families on Thursday 14th February. Year 6 will continue learning their ukuleles and Year 4 with their trumpets on Tuesdays. On Wednesday next week, we will also be welcoming 'Everybody Sing' in to school so we can learn some new songs to sing!

My goodness we are such a busy school! All our activities, trips and visits do offer the children a rich cultural experience. Thank you for your support in helping it all to happen.

Have a lovely warm weekend!

Mrs Dyer



Diary Dates 2018/2019



Fri 1st Feb 2019 Year 1 Mayflower Theatre

Trip.

NEW Tues 5th Feb 2019 Chinese New Year Menu.

Wed 6th Feb 2019 Year 4 Brading Roman Villa Trip.

Mon 11th Feb 2019 Year 5 Isle Dance Show - Show starts at 7pm at Medina Theatre.

NEW Wed 13th Feb 2019 Alnwick parents invited in to share Predator Projects as a class 2.15-3.10pm.

NEW Wed 14th Feb 2019 Valentines Menu.

NEW Wed 14th Feb 2019 Performance of Year 5 Isle Dance to Parents 5.30-6.00pm.

NEW Fri 15th Feb 2019 Year 1 'Be our Guest' Ball - Parents invited (pm). Time to be confirmed.

Fri 15th Feb 2019 EYFS 'Big Me' Dressing Up Day.

Fri 15th Feb 2019 Spring 1 Enrichment Clubs Finish.

Fri 15th Feb 2019 Last day of term.

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd February 2019 HALF TERM.

Thurs 28th Feb - Fri 1st Mar 2019 Year 3 Novium Museum Overnight Trip.

Mon 4th & Wed 6th Mar 2019 Parents Evening.

NEW Week Commencing 11th March 2019 Science Week.

NEW Wed 13th March 2019 EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks with the School Nurse Team.

28th Mar - 29th Mar 2019 Year 5 London Overnight Trip.

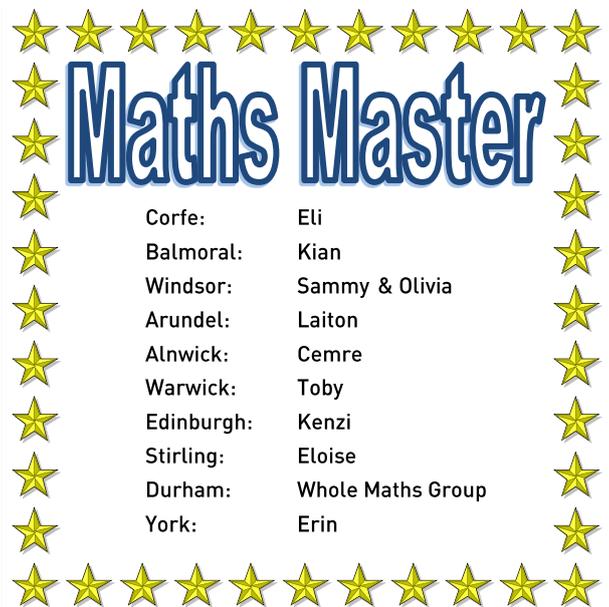
Mon 8th - Mon 22nd April 2019 HALF TERM/EASTER

Mon 8th July 2019 KS2 Sports Day.

Tues 9th July 2019 EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Tues 23rd July 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.



Maths Master

Corfe:	Eli
Balmoral:	Kian
Windsor:	Sammy & Olivia
Arundel:	Laiton
Alnwick:	Cemre
Warwick:	Toby
Edinburgh:	Kenzi
Stirling:	Eloise
Durham:	Whole Maths Group
York:	Erin

Fruit and Vegetables

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with FREE fruit and/or vegetables at break times. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this. (Please do not send tuck money in with your child if they are in KS1).



Healthy snacks at Break time only please!

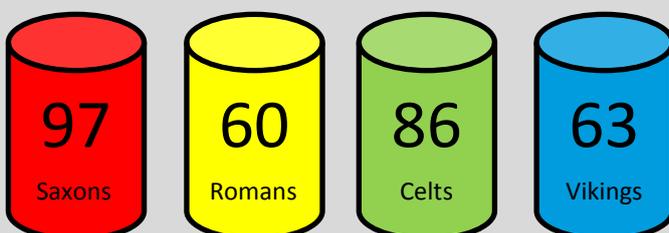
No crisps or chocolate is to be eaten at break time. Children will be asked to return these to their bags. Children are welcome to bring in fruit or vegetables or a suitable breakfast cereal bar.

Mobile Phones

All children's phones brought into school must be kept at the school office during the school day. Thank you.

House Points

Well done to **SAXONS** who received the most House Points for this week!



Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.
Dates: **18/01/2019 - 24/01/2019**

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	95.20%	2
Yarmouth:	91.43%	5
Corfe	96.32%	3
Balmoral:	99.29%	3
Windsor:	96.15%	1
Arundel:	95.36%	1
Alnwick:	93.87%	6
Warwick	98.62%	6
Edinburgh:	96.09%	4
Stirling:	88.75%	2
Durham:	94.33%	4
York:	98.00%	1

Whole school attendance this week is: **95.42%**

Meet the Teacher

A bit about me ...



Miss Hollands

I originally lived in Kent where I attended an all girls grammar school. When I finished there, I moved to Lincoln where I trained at Bishop Grosseteste University for 3 years—specialising in Special Educational Needs. After that, I moved to the Island to be with my mum who moved down here while I was at university. I love animals; I have giant African land snails and a dog of my own but, if I could, I'd have more! I am lucky enough to live with my best friend who shares my love of musicals. I have an identical twin sister who is also a teacher however she teaches Maths at a secondary school in Lincoln.



Why I enjoy being part of the Nine Acres Team

Nine Acres has a buzz of energy flowing through it. The children and staff are polite, helpful and enthusiastic. I love those teaching days where the classroom is full of excitement and the children are discovering new things. I have never worked in a school that has as much community spirit as we do, both with pupils and staff members. We are all on the same path and striving for excellence!

My Education

*Leigh Community Primary School
Weald of Kent Grammar School
Bishop Grosseteste University BA (Hons)*

Things I am learning to help the children

Building up children's communication through fun and exciting opportunities .

As Religious Education lead, more ways to bring RE into context for children and broaden their experiences .

My Favourite Things

*Hockey
Animals—especially elephants!
All things sweet
Disney
Watching films
Singing—somewhat in tune
Lazy beach days*

School Development News

This week we welcomed two more Island Primary schools to see good practice across our school. They commented on the excellent behaviour of the children and their attitude to their learning. They were also very complimentary of the teaching team and how they really knew the children and tailored their teaching to help the children learn.

Governor News

Next week the Governing Body will be sending home a letter from the Governing Body to welcome any interest in becoming a school Governor. It really is a wonderful role and a perfect opportunity to be part of the school's direction for the young people.

Please look out for the letter coming home with your child.

Development Days so far.....



— ~~Monday 3rd September 2018~~

— ~~Friday 23rd November 2018~~

— ~~Friday 21st December 2018~~

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

(We have 1 more day to confirm)

Ensuring safe arrival to school

A reminder that children should arrive no earlier than 8:30am on site. They are not supervised until 8:45am and remain the responsibility of the parent even if they walk to school.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our new Spring Term 2 Club Form was sent out today to all children in Years 1-6.

We have a fantastic selection of clubs for all the children including Magic and Flying Machines with Huxley, Skateboarding with John Cattle and our popular Dance Club is back with Mary Bowdery. Zoe is here too with her fantastic art clubs for both KS1 and KS2 where the children make some really beautiful pieces. Miss Guy is continuing with Animal Welfare Club on Wednesdays. Sports Clubs this term with Miss Moseley and Mr Ballard include Fitness for Girls, Hockey, Table Tennis and Mixed Football for all years.

Please return the booking form by Tues 29th January.

Payments for clubs will need to be paid in full by Tuesday 12th February 2019.

Thank you.

HELPING HANDS

Cake Sales

The annual cake sales will be starting on the 1st Feb. 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 £1.00. Donations of homemade and shop bought cakes are very gratefully accepted. If you are particularly keen on baking please feel free to bring in cakes for any other sale - not just the one for your child's year group!!



Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st February 2019 – Year 5 and 6 cake sales

Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 3 and 4 cake sales

Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 1 and 2 cake sales

Friday 22nd March 2019 – EYFS cake sale

NEXT MEETING – Monday 4th February, 9am meet by the office.

NEXT MEETING - Monday 04.02.19

Email HelpingHands@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

**ParentPay is our only
method of making
payments to school.**



We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay for example:

- **School Dinners**
- **Enrichment Clubs**
- **School Trips**

Login details have been sent by text to those who have not activated accounts yet. Please ensure your account is activated as soon as possible.

Thank you.

CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE PRESENTS...
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SPIT-SPOT!

MARY POPPINS JR.



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01983 537070

ADMIT ONE

6th, 7th, 8th February
CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM HALL
6.30pm £8 (ADULT) £5 (CHILD)

1st Newport (The Old Guard)
Scout Group

Saturday 2nd February 2019

JUMBLE SALE

2pm—4pm

Scout HQ
Woodbine Close
Off St Johns Road, Newport

All welcome

Bargains Galore

50p Entrance.

National Storytelling Week

Friday 1st February

2.50-3.10pm

Parents are welcome to come in and hear the end of day stories in Years 2-5!



Year 1 Mayflower

Theatre Trip

Children are off to the Mayflower Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast on Friday 1st Feb 2019.

Children will need a packed lunch, drink, a warm coat and hat and their inhaler if required.

All payments of £15.00 should have been received via Parentpay. If you haven't yet made payment please do so by Monday 28th January 2019.



Year 4 Brading Roman Trip

Children will need a packed lunch, drink, a warm coat and hat and their inhaler if required.

All payments of £8.00 should have been received via Parentpay if you haven't yet made payment please do so by Mon 28th Jan 2019.

VALENTINES DAY MENU

Wed 14th Feb 2019

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Or

Quorn Spaghetti Bolognaise served with Carrots and Peas
Valentine Chocolate Cookies

£1.95 for Years 3-6 unless entitled to Free School Meals

CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU

Tuesday 5th Feb 2019

Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice or Quorn Chow Mein Noodles served with Broccoli and Roasted Peppers

Mandarin and Cinnamon Upside Down Cake

£1.95 for Years 3-6 unless entitled to Free School Meals