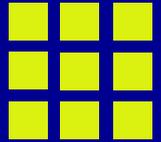


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 4th December 2020



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#EXCELLENCE2020

Dear Families,

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children went off on their educational visits this week! We are known for our wonderful experiences here at Nine Acres that enrich the children's learning and with the current situation we didn't want our children to miss out. With thanks to your contributions over the year to Helping Hands events we were able to fund a virtual reality session for each of the children in these year groups. We went back in time to the Stone Age, visited the colosseum in Rome and climbed up to Everest's summit!

Today, we held our first virtual assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity for all the children to see each other in their classes. There was lots of waving and smiles and it was so exciting to be able to use technology in this way to come together and so nice for me to see all the children at once! Habibah (Year 6) was able to talk to all the children about why she had been awarded a gold token to use in the book vending machine! She put it simply..... **'Children if you work hard and put the effort in you get rewarded not just with a token but also with a future'**. Habibah has told us she would like to go on to study medicine in her future - we can't wait to see how she will change the world around her as a result of her drive and ambition.

It is Year 4/5/6 Parents' Evening phone calls next week. You should have received your appointment time so please do check. The staff in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have enjoyed chatting to you about all the fantastic progress your child has made and how we can work together to further support their areas of need.

We are still having many enquires about joining the school in September 2021 as parents of 4/5 year olds are choosing a school for their child. Please do continue to spread the word about Nine Acres and our **OUTSTANDING** provision. We are more than happy to chat to individual families so they can get a feel for our unique school.

Next week, we are set to enjoy our 'Mental Elf Challenge' on **Friday 11th December** as we continue to develop our awareness of looking after our own Mental Health along with the contributions for the Christmas Hampers. I am looking forward to seeing the whole school come together in the new virtual way!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Dyer



STEM Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in our STEM challenge to 'design a tractor for the future' -

I was really amazed by the response. Congratulations to the amazing winners, Arwen, Saswin, Shelby, Seth, Shannon and Abigail whose designs are now on display. Look out for the new challenge, coming soon...

With thanks
Mrs Sim



K I D S E L F C O S T U M E S I N S T O C K

Christmas Costumes



The Island's biggest Fancy Dress Shop
Master of Disguise
6-7 Watchbell Lane
Newport
PO30 5XU
tel: 01983 520200



Virtual Reality Sessions - Feedback from Year 6

*Thank you very much for inviting Joe, this VR experience was really interesting because it made me engaged in the Mayans. There is a game called Pok-a-tok and it is basically like basket ball but if you loose you get sacrificed - **Ella***

*Thank you for sending joe all this way for the spectacular VR experience. It was helpful: we are doing Mayans as a topic soon - **Colby***

*I liked this because this will help me when we learn about the Mayans and the Borneo rainforests. This has also given me experience of WW1 & WW2 - **Jaia***

*It was really fun because we got to visit things like the Borneo rainforest, repaired trenches and more. It will help me in my learning when we learn about The Mayans - **Billy***

Diary Dates 2020/2021



Fri 11th Dec 2020 - Christmas Elf Day.

Fri 18th Dec 2020 - Christmas Dinner Day

for all year groups.

Tues 22nd Dec 2020 - Early closing at 12.45-1.00pm

- EYFS/Year 2/Year 4 - Finish at 12.45pm.
- Year 1/Year 3/Year 5 & Year 6 - Finish at 1.00pm.

Tues 22nd Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021 - END OF TERM.

Mon 4th Jan 2021 - First day of Spring Term.

Tues 9th Feb 2021 - Safer Internet Day.

Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021 - HALF TERM.

Week beginning 22nd March 2021 - Parents' Evening.

Thurs 4th Mar 2021 - World Book Day.

Fri 5th Mar - Sun 14th Mar 2021 - British Science Week.

Fri 12th Mar 2021 - World Maths Day.

Fri 26th Mar - Fri 9th April 2021 - Easter Holidays.

Mon 12th April 2021 - First day of Summer Term.

W/B Mon 10th May 2021 - KS2 SATs Week.

W/B Mon 17th May 2021 - KS1 SATs Week.

Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021 - HALF TERM.

Mon 21st Jun 2021 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Thurs 1st July 2021 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 2nd July 2021 - KS2 Sports Day.

Thurs 22nd July 2021 - Last day of the Summer Term.

Fri 23rd July 2021 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

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

UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

EYFS - Year 4

Autumn/Spring Term

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

Autumn/Spring Term

Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo

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

Summer Term

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

Christmas Elf Day

Next **Friday 11th December** is Elf Day. All children should come to school dressed as an elf and bring in the following donations for the raffle.

EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 - Chocolate

Year 3 & 4 - Snacks and Nibbles

Year 5 - Cakes & Mince Pies

Year 6 - Toiletries



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



Tuesday 22nd December 2020

School will be closing early on Tues 22nd Dec. Due to Covid and staggered times:

EYFS/Year 2/Year 4 - Leaving at **12:45pm**

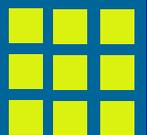
Year 1/Year 3/Year 5/Year 6 - Leaving at

1:00pm

If you need childcare beyond this time as you cannot collect your child please let the office know by 11th December – places will be limited.

EYFS - Monday
YEAR 1 - Wednesday
YEAR 2 - Friday
YEAR 3 - Monday
YEAR 4 - Thursday
YEAR 5 - Wednesday
YEAR 6 - Tuesday

PE DAYS



All children should come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit and footwear for PE lessons.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday.

Please remove all earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied back.

Both menus below have been updated to show the new Tuesday menu choice

School Dinner Menus for Autumn Term 2 2020 - Years 1-6

The price from September 2020 is £2.15 per day

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Nine Acres Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Balls	Cheese and Potato Whirl	Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Option 2	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Balls	Cheese and Potato Whirl	Vegetarian Sausage Hot Dog with Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Crudities	Carrot Sticks	Peas & Sweetcorn	Yellow Pepper Sticks	Cucumber Sticks	Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks Pepper Sticks
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Iced Lemon Sponge Or Fresh Fruit	Banana & Chocolate Biscuits	Water Melon	Shortbread Biscuit Or Fruit

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

School Dinner Menu for EYFS - Autumn Term 2 2020

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Nine Acres Early Years

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Balls	Cheese and Potato Whirl	Sausage & Mash With Gravy	Fish Fingers & Chips
	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Balls	Cheese and Potato Whirl	Vegetarian Sausages & Mash with Gravy	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas & Sweetcorn	Peas	Carrots	Peas Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Iced Lemon Sponge Or Fruit	Banana & Chocolate Biscuits	Water Melon	Shortbread Biscuit or Fruit

EYFS 2021

To book a tour of the school for the new EYFS Intake – September 2020
please call 522984 or email
office@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

Tours are available Any Day, Any Time

Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.

Dates: **27/11/2020 - 03/12/2020**

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	100%	0
Yarmouth:	98.26%	2
Biggleswade	98.67%	1
Corfe:	98.33%	1
Balmoral:	97.27%	0
Windsor:	100%	0
Arundel:	98.40%	1
Bamburgh:	95.96%	0
Kendal:	97.25%	0
Warwick	99.63%	1
Edinburgh	99.60%	1
Stirling:	97.37%	0
Durham:	100%	1
York:	99.31%	2

Whole school attendance this week is: **98.56%**

Well done Carisbrooke & Windsor!!

Development Days so far.....

~~Monday 2nd September 2020~~

~~Monday 2nd November 2020~~

Monday 21st June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021



Little Acres Childcare Centre

Little Acres Childcare Centre will be closing on Friday 18th December and will be shut over the Christmas period. They will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021 for Breakfast club only. They have a training day for staff on the 4th January so the nursery and the after school club will not be open.

House Points

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



ParentPay is our only method of making payments.



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 as soon as possible.

Reading at Home

It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS – Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week. Their reading record should be signed by a parent/carer each week and these are checked in the classroom on a Thursday.



Enrichment Clubs Spring Term 2021

We have extended the payment date for the Spring Term Enrichment Clubs to be paid. The new deadline for payments is **2nd Jan 2021**. Payments are set to reducing balances on Parentpay so you are able to make several payments to cover the cost of your child's club.

There are still places available in most clubs so please let the office know if you would like your child to join a club.

Text notifications have been sent this week to confirm club choices.

Dinner Menu for Thursday 17th, Friday 18th, Monday 21st & 22nd December

The menu for Thurs 17th, Fri 18th, Mon 21st & Tues 22nd December is the following:

Thursday 17th December 2020 - Fish & Chips

Friday 18th December 2020 - Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 21st December - Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges

Tuesday 22nd December - Hot Dog with chips

**** Desserts in the last week of term are subject to change ****



Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays
2020 – 2021

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2020/21

SEPTEMBER 2020		OCTOBER 2020		NOVEMBER 2020	
M	31	M	5	M	2*
T	1*	T	6	T	3
W	2	W	7	W	4
T	3	T	1	T	5
F	4	F	2	F	6
S	5	S	3	S	7
S	6	S	4	S	1

DECEMBER 2020		JANUARY 2021		FEBRUARY 2021	
M	7	M	4*	M	1
T	1	T	5	T	2
W	2	W	6	W	3
T	3	T	7	T	4
F	4	F	1	F	5
S	5	S	2	S	6
S	6	S	3	S	7

MARCH 2021		APRIL 2021		MAY 2021	
M	1	M	5	M	3
T	2	T	6	T	4
W	3	W	7	W	5
T	4	T	1	T	6
F	5	F	2	F	7
S	6	S	3	S	1
S	7	S	4	S	2

JUNE 2021		JULY 2021		AUGUST 2021	
M	7*	M	5	M	2
T	1	T	6	T	3
W	2	W	7	W	4
T	3	T	1	T	5
F	4	F	2	F	6
S	5	S	3	S	7
S	6	S	4	S	1

School Car Park

Our school car park is for staff and visitors to the school only. It has been noted that there have been children who are unsupervised and therefore a potential safety risk, we would kindly request that parents/carers do not use this car park at any time.

Parking permits for the Chapel Street car park are available from the school office.

Spelling Champions

Biggleswade:	Lily
Corfe:	Ella C
Balmoral:	Ruby
Windsor:	Jensen
Arundel:	Mason
Bamburgh:	Mason
Kendal:	Imogen
Warwick:	Evie
Edinburgh:	Sydney
Stirling:	Lexi
Year 6:	Aiden

REMINDER - FACE COVERINGS

Following updated Government guidance, a face covering is now required when entering our school building. Please ensure you adhere to this requirement & use a face covering when dropping anything to the office.



Breakfast for Children

Our school has signed up to receive free, healthy breakfast food as part of the Covid response offer, under the National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP).

As part of this government-funded programme, we are able to send home packs of bagels, cereal or porridge to families who may need some support at the moment. If you would like to know more or ask for a pack, please contact the office and ask for Mrs Hussey.

We are here to help all of our families, especially in these challenging times!

The benefits of a healthy breakfast include children being settled and ready to learn at the start of the day.

#fuelforlearning
#schoolbreakfast
#healthybreakfast



Building stronger families



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

Christmas at Mountbatten



Dear Schools,

We would like to thank you very much indeed for your support of Mountbatten during this very challenging year! It has been a strange one for us all, least of all our Island children, who have shown amazing resilience and adaptability (as have their teachers and school staff!!)

We have created a 'Letter from Father Christmas' fundraiser that celebrates just that, asking parents or teachers to let **the man** himself know what children have coped with well this year or what they are proud of. All funds raised go to help care for Island patients and their families. As some of you may know, we provide **Children's Services** and **bereavement** sessions and will be running our **Schools Project** again, once we are able.

Please would pass this link onto your parents and any teachers who may want to create a letter for their class <https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/letter-from-father-christmas> .

For other ways to give this Christmas, visit <https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/Listing/Category/christmas-2020> .

Thank you once again for all your support, kindness and thoughts throughout 2020. It really, truly does make a difference.

Everyone at Mountbatten wishes you all the very best as we head into this festive season.



Community Events Fundraiser & Schools Walk the Wight Coordinator

Helping Hands

Nine Acres Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Email Address: HelpingHands@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk



Helping Hands are pleased to announce there will be a visit from a very special person on Monday 21st December and this year it will be even more magical! Ho! Ho! Ho!



Raffle update

Thank you to everyone who has donated something for the Christmas raffle, the prizes are looking great – but it would be wonderful if we could make this the biggest raffle ever! The tickets are selling very well – which is brilliant!! If you would like more tickets to sell to family and friends please ask for more at the office. Please if you have extra tickets at home that you don't need, please can you return them to school asap so they can be put aside for 72 hours before being sold on.



Dinosaur Isle

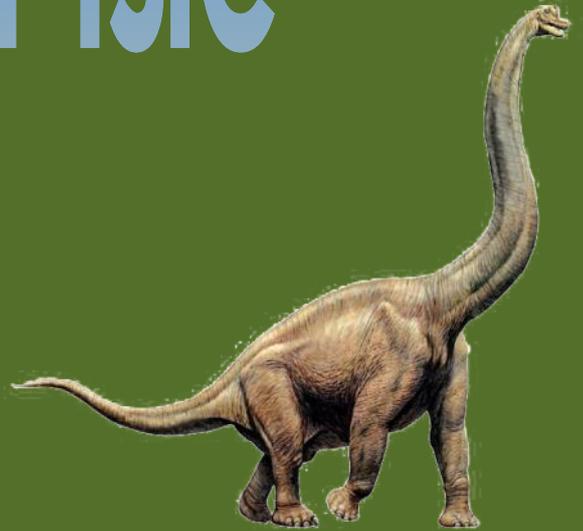
Here at Dinosaur Isle we know it's been a year when many children have missed out on their school trips.

We are going to be open Friday & Saturday for the 3 weekends before Christmas (4th & 5th, 11th & 12th and 18th & 19th December)

We would like to offer all primary & pre school children entry for £1.00 when accompanied by a full paying adult. Just let us know the name of the school when paying.

Due to Covid restrictions we would ask that anyone wishing to come to book first please.

Email: dinosaur@iow.gov.uk or message on our Facebook page.



Monday 21st **December 2020**

All children are required to bring in a carrier bag on this day.



Year 5 - Dressed for the Alps Day

Year 5 are spending the day in the Alps as part of their Geography focus on mountains on **Monday 21st December**.

They will be creating travel brochures to visit the Alps, designing and making ski lifts and enjoying hot chocolate. We are hoping to get some snow too!

Children to come to school dressed for the Alps.

