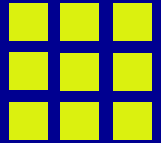


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 6th October 2023



Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP
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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

This week we welcomed authors and story tellers; Nicholas Allan, Jack Challoner and a performance from Pippi Longstocking to Nine Acres as part of the IW Literary Festival. What a privilege to be inspired by real life authors!

Today, we also held our Nine Acres 'Pop Up Poetry' event to mark National Poetry Day. The children could choose a poetry session led by different adults across the school. The children loved venturing round the school, spending time with some of their previous teachers, support staff, siblings and different ages as well joining in with familiar poems. It just reminded us of how important those relationships between our children and adults are and for our children they sat, listened, reminisced and huddled together to enjoy a poem or two.

On the theme of Literacy, I am delighted to see so many of our families purchasing the new reading rulers for home reading. Thank you for your wonderful support. Let us know how you get on or if you need any advice in using them. The children are keen to use them and have told us they make a difference! We have placed an order for more stock which will be coming soon!

On Wednesday evening, the Governing Body met to review the Head of School applications from our Year 6 pupils. We had over 20 applications and this is what the Governors wished to share "....

It was wonderful to see that so many pupils wanted to be 'Head of School', made the effort to write an application, and got someone to provide a reference. A panel of School Governors read every single one of the twenty-eight applications and thought carefully about how the applicants would approach the role.

We were delighted by the passion shown in what they wrote and their obvious love of learning at Nine Acres. The applications showed how deeply our School Values are embedded in the way pupils look at the world and work within the school. Some were exceptional, showing ability far above what we would have expected, but the final recommendation to Mrs Dyer was based on how well the applicants persuaded us that they would become a great Head of School, be a role model for others and an ambassador for the school.

Congratulations to Heart who was appointed Head of School, and Jayden and Devlin who were appointed the Deputy Heads of School. The children will take up their posts and begin their duties straight after Half Term.

Finally, some reminders, well opportunities really.... Our Space Week - design a rocket competition closes on Thursday 12th October, School Individual Photographs are on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October (a text will be sent so you know your child's day), our Pumpkin Parade is Friday 20th October on the front playground (the theme is films and it's £1.00 entry) and we are looking forward to our Family Halloween Disco on Thursday 19th October which I believe is now sold out!

Gosh what a busy few weeks ahead! Thank you for your continued support!!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Dyer



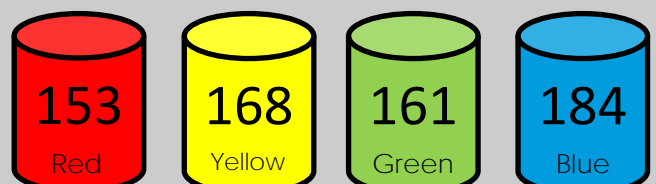
Development Days

— Friday 1st September 2023 — DEVELOPMENT DAY —
Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
1 more Development Day to be allocated.



House Points Totals

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



Diary Dates 2023/2024



OCTOBER 2023

Mon 16th & Tues 17th October 2023 - Individuals School Photographs. (Class Days to be confirmed).

NEW Fri 20th Oct 2023 - Halloween Pumpkin Competition.

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 3rd Nov 2023 - OCTOBER HALF TERM.

NOVEMBER 2023

Tues 7th Nov 2023 - Flu Immunisations.

Wed 8th Nov 2023 - Year 1 Cinema Trip.

NEW Mon 13th Nov 2023 - Year 4 Brading Roman Villa Trip.

Fri 17th Nov 2023 - Year 2 Cinema Trip.

NEW Wed 22nd Nov 2023 - Year 2 Carisbrooke Castle Trip.

Wed 22nd Nov 2023 - Year 3/4 Cinema Trip.

Thurs 23rd Nov 2023 - Year 5/6 Cinema Trip.

Thurs 30th Nov 2023 - Year 1 Trip to The Mayflower Theatre to see Stick Man.

DECEMBER 2023

Fri 1st Dec 2023 - Mufti Day for the Christmas Fayre.

Fri 8th Dec 2023 - Christmas Fayre.

Tues 12th Dec 2023 - EYFS Nativity - Afternoon Performance.

Wed 13th Dec 2023 - EYFS Nativity - Morning Performance.

Wed 13th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Afternoon Performance.

Thurs 14th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Morning Performance.

Tues 19th Dec 2023 - Early Closing at 1.00pm

Wed 20th Dec - Mon 1st Jan 2024 - Christmas Holidays.

JANUARY 2024

Tues 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024 - February Half Term.

MARCH 2024

Thurs 7th March 2024 - WORLD BOOK DAY.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 29th March 2024 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

APRIL 2024

Mon 1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed to pupils.

Continued

Diary Dates 2023/2024 Continued

APRIL 2024

Mon 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter Holidays.

NEW Thurs 25th April 2024 - Year 4 KidZania Trip.

MAY 2024

Mon 6th May 2024 - Bank holiday - School closed.

Week commencing 13th May 2024 - KS2 SATS.

Week commencing 20th May 2024 - KS1 SATS.

Mon 27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024 - May Half Term.

JUNE 2024

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

Fri 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 24th June & Tues 25th June 2024 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

JULY 2024

Thurs 4th July 2024 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 5th July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day.

Fri 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 31st Aug 2024 - Summer Holidays.

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

HELPING HANDS
FANCY DRESS DISCO
Thursday 19th October 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Nine Acres Primary School Hall
Tickets on sale
Monday
In school office
£2.00 per person - **everyone** needs a ticket regardless of age!
All children must be accompanied by responsible adult.
This is a cash only event.
Parentkind Member Association



OCTOBER HALF TERM HALLOWEEN POTTERY

Join us for our Halloween Pottery Workshop where kids can unleash their creativity by crafting eerie and enchanting Halloween models. Let their imaginations run wild as they sculpt, paint, and wheel throw their very own creepy creations. Don't miss out on the ghostly fun this half-term!

MONDAY 23RD & 30TH OCTOBER
10AM - 12PM | 2PM - 4PM



**£25 PER
PERSON**

For more information or to book visit:
www.isleofwightpottery.com



PE DAYS

Week Commencing Mon 9th October 2023

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

PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Monday = (Starting in November 2023)

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday

Please ensure your child has a Nine Acres PE kit and sensible 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.

Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook?



Scan the QR code to see our page on Facebook!!



SCAN ME

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 Years 1-6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



Open Door Policy

We have an open door policy but expect families to support teachers and work with us as a team; please remember that teachers need to prepare classrooms and the best lessons for your children especially in the mornings, so please only go to the teacher if your message is essential. There does seem to be a lot of families needing teachers daily - but for non essential conversations such as who is collecting them, they've lost a jumper, they need a new homework sheet etc. please speak to our office team who will pass the message on allowing the teacher to settle ALL the children ready for learning.

Nine Acres Community Primary School



Biggleswade

Annabella - Science

Corfe

Reggie - Geography



Balmoral

Esther - Geography

Windsor

Katie - Science

Arundel

Oliver - Science

Bamburgh

Rosh - Music



Explorer Awards



Kendal

Zoe - Science

Warwick

Anna - PSHE

Edinburgh

Dakota - Geography

Stirling

Eliza - Science

Durham

Mason - Science

York

Jack - PSHE



Well done everyone!!

Cinema Trips

As part of National Schools Film Week we have secured films for Years 1-6 at Cineworld Cinema in Newport. Please see below for details of what your child will be watching and the date they will be attending.

All children will walk to the cinema on their chosen day and will need a waterproof coat for this trip.

Year 1 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 8th
November 2023 to watch
The Smeds and the
Smooos & Superworm.



Year 2 Cinema Trip

Friday 17th
November 2023 to
watch Paddington.



Year 3/4 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 22nd
November 2023 to
watch Early Man.



Year 5/6 Cinema Trip

Thursday 23rd
November 2023 to
watch Epic Tales.



EYFS TOURS for SEPTEMBER 2024

Call now to book your exclusive
2024 tour!

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**'Pupils make exceptional
progress in this
compassionate and
determined school'
OFSTED 2023**



Secondary Applications

Secondary school application letters have been sent by email to families of children in Year 6. The application process is open for making your child's application for Secondary School for September 2024. *Deadline for applications is midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2023.*

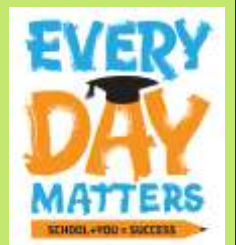
School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.
Dates: 29/09/2023 - 05/10/2023

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	97.33%	0
Yarmouth:	99.00%	1
Biggleswade	97.67%	5
Corfe	99.26%	0
Balmoral:	92.00%	1
Windsor:	98.97%	0
Arundel:	94.64%	0
Bamburgh:	91.67%	7
Kendal:	96.67%	0
Warwick:	97.33%	0
Edinburgh:	96.21%	0
Stirling:	95.30%	0
Durham:	92.69%	0
York:	93.00%	0

Well done CORFE CLASS!
Whole school attendance this
week is: 95.84%

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.



Mr Toulson's Sports Bags

Each week, a child from every class is selected 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.



Please send in your sports photos to: office@nineacrespri.co.uk

Helping Hands - Nine Acres Community Primary PTA



Pumpkins to be collected after school on Friday 20th October. Any pumpkins not collected will be donated to the Owl and Monkey Haven.

The Decorated Pumpkin Parade is back... and this year the theme is –

Films!

Judging will take place on Friday 20th October.

£1 entry

Pumpkins **clearly marked with child's class and name** can be placed on the grass area in the front playground before school on Friday 20th October.

Prizes to be won!

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.



Individual Photographs

Our school photographers will be in all day on Monday 16th October & Tuesday 17th October 2023 to take individual photographs of the children.

Please see the timetable for each classes allocation day.



<u>Monday 16th October 2023</u>	<u>Tuesday 17th October 2023</u>
Arundel	Yarmouth
Bamburgh	Carisbrooke
Kendal	Corfe
Warwick	Biggleswade
Stirling	Balmoral
Durham	Windsor
York	Edinburgh

Our Mental Health Mission Statement

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 being active to improve mental health'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/pshe-super-mood-movers-wellbeing/zpxc3j6>

Water Bottles and Coats

We ask that only water is supplied on a day to day basis in your child's water bottle. This is the healthiest option. As the weather is now changing, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat.

School Dinner Menu

Week Commencing
Monday 9th
October - Week 1



WEEK 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAKING	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Roasted Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Tomato Pasta Served with two vegetables	Vegetarian Sausages Served with Roasted Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Pie Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato - Cheese, Beans and Tuna - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 only				
<i>All main meals are served with fresh vegetables</i>					
DESSERT	Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit	Hot Chocolate Sponges with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Slice with Fruit	Crispy Crackle Bar

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price has increased from September 2023 to £2.60 per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is £13.00.

HELPING HANDS PTA



Dates for your calendar from Helping Hands

(Nine Acres Parent Teacher Association)

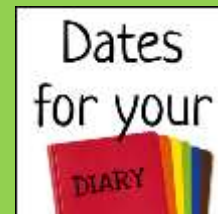
Halloween Family Disco - Thursday 19th October, 5.30- 7.30pm.

Tickets for the Halloween Disco have sold out. As it is a family event, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Each ticket costs £2.00 and everyone attending needs a ticket regardless of age.

Decorated Pumpkin Parade

We will be having our fourth annual Decorated Pumpkin Parade this year and the theme this year will be – 'Films'. We cannot wait to see! Judging will take place on Friday 20th October. As in previous years, pumpkins, clearly marked with child's name and class, can be placed on the grass area in the front playground before school on Friday 20th October. Prizes to be won! £1.00 entry.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 10th November, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk or leave a message for us at the school office.



- ◆ Friday 20th Oct 2023 - Pumpkin Parade.
- ◆ Friday 1st Dec 2023 - Christmas Fayre Mufti day.
- ◆ Friday 8th Dec 2023 - Christmas Fayre.
- ◆ Tuesday 19th Dec 2023 - Santa Delivery
- ◆ Thursday 8th Feb 2024 - Valentine (children only) Disco.
- ◆ Thursday 20th June 2024 - Summer Festival Fayre.

We look forward to seeing you!

Helping Hands



Welcome to Freddie who has joined us at Nine Acres. We wish him all the best on his journey!!

World Space Week 2023

World Space Week 2023 is coming up (4th – 10th October). This year's theme is 'Space and Entrepreneurship' and to celebrate, Nine Acres is tasking children to design their own rocket to explore space. It could be a picture, made of cardboard, be a Lego model or even a cake! It's completely up to you and we can't wait to see what you come up with.

Your design must:

- Have your name and class on.
- Be handed in by 12th October 2023 to the office.

There will be prizes for: Most eye catching, most realistic and most imaginative. We can't wait to see what the children create!



WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS
Westover Farm, Callours, PO30 4W

Pumpkin Patch

Different varieties, sizes and colours of pumpkins and squashes set over several acres of beautiful West Wight countryside.

Pick your own pumpkins

Opening Days:
Oct 7 & 8
Oct 14 & 15
Oct 21 & 22
Oct 25 to 31

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Flu Immunisations

Our Flu Immunisations are due to be held on Tuesday 7th Nov 2023 during the school day. More details will be out soon.



We are a nut free school!!

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a no nut school. Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.



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

Autumn/Spring/Summer 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/Summer 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

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



Educational Visits



Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Year 2 Carisbrooke Castle Trip.

No payment required.

Thursday 30th November 2023

Year 1 Stick Man at the Mayflower
Mast Theatre.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday 4th September 2023

Full payment due by Monday 6th November 2023



Thursday 25th April 2024

Year 4 KidZania London Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 4th March 2024

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 3rd June 2024



Please ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcode letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop are available on request at the office.

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.



End of School Day

Please may we remind you that the end of the school day is 3.00pm for EYFS and 3.10pm for the rest of the school.

Please ensure you are prompt when collecting your child. If your child attends a pre-booked enrichment club after school then the collection time is 4.10pm. If you are unable to collect at these times, please ensure you have made alternative arrangements for your child as there are no adults to supervise them. Little Acres - 532358.

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!

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

Or

We have forms to complete in the office.