

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

Prospectus 2023-2024



Nine Acres Community Primary School

South View, Newport,
Isle of Wight PO30 1QP



**"Children in early years make excellent progress.
Leaders are highly ambitious and provide
children with an outstanding start to their
education". Ofsted September 2017**



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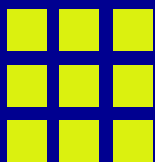
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Headteacher: Mrs E. Dyer BA Hons QTS, NPQH

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'Striving for Excellence'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nine Acres Primary is a school with a 'can do' attitude and this is at the heart of our philosophy. We are committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning and our aim is for all children to develop an enquiring mind, a desire for knowledge, high personal expectation and understanding and respect for others.

Every decision within school is made by considering what is in the best interests of the children. By doing this, the children lie at the heart of everything we do.

With our motto 'Striving for Excellence' we place a strong emphasis on challenging and supporting every child to aspire and achieve. With the combination of academic rigour and supportive pastoral systems we help pupils to achieve beyond their expectations and develop a strong sense of responsibility for themselves, their peers and the wider world.

We hope this enclosed information provides you with an insight into our school.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions or queries. Parents are welcomed as partners in their child's education and working together with you is vital as we strive for excellence.

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Mrs E Dyer
Headteacher
BA Hons QTS, NPQH



STAFFING STRUCTURE 2023-2024

Strategic Leadership Team

Headteacher – Mrs E Dyer
Assistant Headteacher/SENCO - Miss R Paddon
School Business Manager – Mrs S Brame

CURRENT CLASS ORGANISATION

<u>Early Years Foundation Stage</u>	
<u>EYFS</u> Mrs A Shaw	<u>EYFS</u> Mrs H Edgington
<u>Key Stage 1</u>	
<u>Year 1</u> Miss K Clark	<u>Year 1</u> Mrs T Gosset Mrs S May
<u>Year 2</u> Miss E Hayward	<u>Year 2</u> Mrs C Gould
<u>Key Stage 2</u>	
<u>Year 3</u> Ms A Troy	<u>Year 3</u> Miss M White Mrs C Tingle
<u>Year 4</u> Mrs M Spencer	<u>Year 4</u> Miss E Bekesi
<u>Year 5</u> Mrs G Barbour Miss S Pitts	<u>Year 5</u> Miss B Boxell
<u>Year 6</u> Miss R McDonald Miss C Moseley	<u>Year 6</u> Miss T Rowe

Administration Team

Miss C Buckett - Office Manager
Mrs L Teague - Finance Assistant

Child and Family Services

Mrs K Hussey - Family Liaison Officer
Miss M Colenutt– Attendance and Behaviour Worker
Mrs L Wiltshire - ELSA
Mrs S Winter - ELSA
Mr G Mason - Forest Schools Lead

Current Learning Support Staff

<u>Foundation Stage Support Staff</u>	<u>Key Stage 1 Support Staff</u>	
Miss K Guy - LSA	Miss K Gardiner –LSA	Mrs R Young- LSA
Mrs L Wiltshire - LSA	Miss M Chandler– LSA	Mrs R Frampton-LSA
Miss M Wood– LSA		
<u>Key Stage 2 Support Staff</u>		
Mrs J Hewison– LSA	Mrs A Barnes-LSA	Mrs L White– LSA
Mrs L Chandler - LSA	Mr R Carr - LSA	Mrs C Hodgson
Mrs S Winter - LSA	Mrs R Sibbick – LSA	Mrs L Smith– LSA
<u>Other Staff Members</u>		
Mrs C Culpin HLTA/ Languages	Mrs L Mayes– Art and DT Lead	Mrs B Mackrill - Art Teacher
Miss C Moseley - Sports Enrichment Officer / Mr J Toulson- Assistant Sports Enrichment Officer		
<u>Speech and Language / SEN</u> - Mrs L Chandler - LSA		

LSA – Learning Support Assistant HLTA – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

<u>School Cleaners</u>	<u>School Cook</u>	<u>Lunchtime Assistants</u>	<u>School Nursing Team</u>	<u>Site Manager</u>
Top Mops Contractor	Miss E Curling	Mrs H Grant	Tel: 0300 123 5224	Mr P Worrell
		Mrs C Cox		
		Mrs L Smith		

<u>Our Governing Body</u>		
Chair of Governors – Adam Hinkley		
Vice Chair - Ian Townsend		
Elizabeth Dyer	Laura Carson	Lesley Smith
Lisa Vis	Stewart Barbour	Rachel Paddon
Jo Glasbey	George Rowing	Carol Wildon
Clerk – Mr Richard Crossley		

Our Vision

We are a school in which everyone is '**Striving for Excellence**'. We aim to create an environment where curiosity is encouraged, inquiry welcomed and excitement in learning is fostered. We want to enhance the life of every child, equipping them with the skills and ability to make sense of the world thus creating a community that has values and attitudes that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

We encourage high self-esteem, aspiration, expectation and respect in all our pupils. We recognise that all are different, but each is special. The pupils will leave Nine Acres with good skills in English, communication and Mathematics which they can apply across all areas of the curriculum. They are ready to face the challenges of secondary education with enthusiasm.

Our aims are:

- To set and promote the highest standards of teaching, learning, progress and achievement
- To promote equality and appreciation of diversity
- To promote and achieve the highest standards of learning behaviour
- To develop independence and creativity
- To provide a healthy, safe and happy environment
- To develop positive links with families and the local wider community.



THE SCHOOL DAY

Years EYFS/1/2/3 doors open at 8.40am
Years 4/5/6 doors open at 8.30 am

Close of registration at 9.00 am

Break time

Whole school: 10.45 – 11.00 am

Lunchtime

EYFS: 12.00–1.00pm

Years 1 & 2: 12.10–1.00pm

Years 3/4/5/6: 12.30–1.15pm

End of Day

3.00pm - EYFS

3.10pm -Rest of the school



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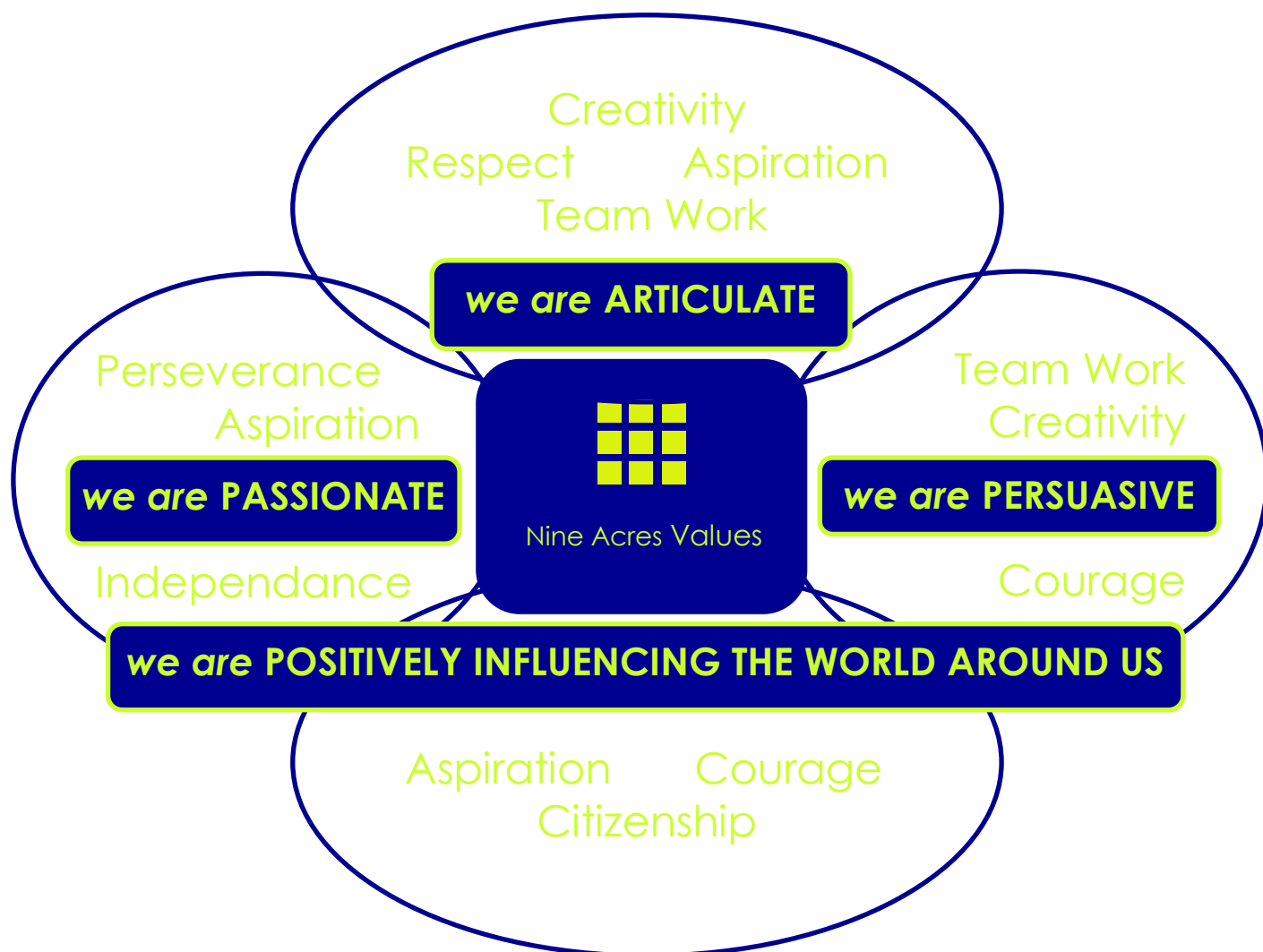
LEARNING AT NINE ACRES

Our focus at Nine Acres is learning. This applies to everyone; Pupils, Staff, Parents, Governors and our school community.

You are never too old to learn and you can never learn enough!

With our young learners, we want to equip them with all of the skills needed to live and work in a modern technological, multi cultural world through a learning programme that is relevant, meaningful and exciting. We want to capture their minds so that they want to carry on learning forever.

This learning is undertaken within an atmosphere where certain values are at the heart of how we all work and learn together.



So what do we do and how do we do it?

Our curriculum covers all of the legal requirements of the National Curriculum and all of the subjects that you would expect to see. Learning is all about making connections.

All of the learning is supported by lots of educational visits and visitors to bring the learning to life and make it real. Studying Castles from a book is one thing, but a trip to the Castle is much more memorable and meaningful!

It also helps us to provide the children with lots of 'WOW' moments to link their learning.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will you assess my child's progress?

Teachers at Nine Acres will constantly be assessing your child's learning. This may take the form of day to day observations and questioning or a more formal task at the end of a unit of learning.

How will I be told about my child's progress?

You will find out about your child's progress during a termly learning conference. Here you will be able to share information about the progress your child has made as well as their targets for the next term.

Throughout the year we'll let you know which topics your children will be learning about, look out for our half termly curriculum leaflets.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Our children go on many interesting and educational visits during their time at Nine Acres. We also enrich their learning by giving them opportunities to exhibit their work to you in a variety of different ways. We have a range of community visitors who come to support learning, for example, fire-fighters, health-workers and story-tellers. Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in a challenging and team-building residential trip. We also offer a range of after-school clubs for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children such as:

Magic club, Gardening Club, Skateboarding, Art club, Makaton club, Football club, and much more!

If you have any skills that you think could support our curriculum please talk to your child's class teacher as you would be very welcome in school.



Attendance & Punctuality at School

Attendance at school plays a significant part in how well your children succeed at school and the chances they have in adult life. It is a requirement that parents/carers let us know on each day of any absence and why your child is not at school so please inform us as soon as possible.

A telephone call to the school office is sufficient (522984). In conjunction with the Local Education Authority (LEA) we operate a system whereby if we do not get a message from you we will try to contact you by text and/or phone. Regular lateness is also monitored. As with attendance, punctuality is most important, it can be very disruptive for your child to arrive late into lessons. If we are concerned in any way about your child's attendance it may be necessary to report to the Education Welfare Service (EWS) for further investigation.

Holiday Requests

If a leave of absence is required during term time and is unavoidable due to extenuating circumstances, please complete a leave of absence request which can be requested from the office. If you choose to take your child on holiday during term time, this will be marked on your child's attendance record as unauthorised and as a result, you may incur a fixed penalty fine of £60.00 per parent per child.

We would like to stress the importance of children being in school everyday, but especially during the months of April and May as Years 2 through to 6, participate in SATs testing. Term and holiday dates are detailed separately. In addition there are five extra days per year set aside for the professional development of staff - (Development Days).

Safeguarding

As a school we have a responsibility to safeguard children. The Children's Act 1989 & 2004 places a duty of care on us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. We feel by working in partnership with you as parents/carers works best, thus enabling us to offer you help and support. If we have any concerns about the safety of your child we will follow our child protection policies and procedures. We have a legal duty to report any child protection concerns to children's services and a duty to share concerns about your child with other agencies involved in any investigation. We as a school will support and advise you to co-operate with all agencies involved during any investigation. Also part of our safeguarding procedures all persons applying to work or volunteer within a school are subject to a series of rigorous checks. These include a full enhanced Disclosure Barring Service (DBS), and the right / eligibility to work within the UK. Our safeguarding (child protection) policy can be viewed on our website.

Health & Safety

To ensure safety at the beginning and end of the school day, parents are requested to use the gates at the front of the school and on the lane adjacent to the school.

These gates are opened in the morning at 8.25 am and at 2.55 pm at the end of the day.

All external doors are kept shut and are operated by a key code system. Parents/carers are restricted entry between 8.30am and 3.10 pm unless accompanied by a member of staff.

The car park is a permit holder, staff only car park, not for dropping off and picking up. There are a small number of parents who have requested a permit for parking in our school car park. Permits for free short stay parking at Chapel Street are available from the school office.

Nine Acres has a No Smoking Policy. Please do not smoke in or around the school grounds.

Please do not bring dogs into the playground, as some children are frightened of them. Dogs fouling the playground is also a health & safety hazard.

All children cycling to school should wear a cycle helmet.

Contact Details

Our admin team keep a record of your details and telephone numbers, allowing us to contact you should the need arise. Please keep us informed of any changes to your details thus allowing us to contact you quickly if your child is ill or has had an accident in school. At Nine Acres we use

Text

Messaging & Email Service which you are automatically signed up for when your child starts school. Should you wish to opt out of this invaluable service please inform us in writing to the school office.

Medicines & Medical Information

Parents/Carers who wish prescribed medicines to be administered to their child at Nine Acres must fill in the appropriate permission form at the school office. Medicines or tablets should be given to Mrs Smith, Mrs Barnes or Mrs Chandler at the school office where they are kept in the locked medical cabinet.

Only prescribed medicines in the original container can be administered. These will not be accepted if they are not in an original container. Dose and time to administer medicines must match the printed pharmaceutical label from your doctor. However, if your child is well enough to be in school, and just requires a dose of Calpol during the school day, you are more than welcome to come into school to administer this yourself.

Please inform the school if your child has a serious recurring medical problem.

Hospital & Clinic Appointments

Please come to the school office if you need to take your child for an appointment. A member of the admin team will then collect your child from their classroom. On your return from an appointment, please report to the school office where again a member of the admin team will take your child back to their classroom. We require medical evidence of every appointment your child attends. This can be an appointment card/letter or a prescription.

Medical Checks & Head lice

The school nurse checks hearing, eye sight, height and weight at selected stages. All children will receive a full medical examination during their first year at school. You will be informed of this in writing. Please check your child's hair regularly. If you are worried, please contact Harriet Keyworth - School Nurse (Tel: 821388). Please inform the office so that the appropriate messages can be distributed to the class.

School Dinners

School dinners are provided by Chartwells at the cost of £2.60 per day. School dinners can be paid for via our online payment system, ParentPay. If you are unable to access a computer or a smart device you can opt to pay via cash at your local Paypoint store. Please speak to the office to set this up. Those who are entitled are in receipt of certain benefits which would entitle them to Free School Meals (FSM) should apply through County Hall. Forms are also available at Nine Acres via the school office. Applications are completely confidential. This is not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals, which is an entitlement for all children in EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2.

Packed Lunches

Children may bring a healthy packed lunch to school. Please do not bring in any food containing peanuts as we do have some children with specific nut allergies. No fizzy drinks are allowed and containers must not be glass, but should be clearly named. Please try to include a piece of fruit and food that is nutritious.

Parent Pay



Parent Pay is our online payment service which allows parents to pay for school dinners, trips and after school clubs easily and efficiently. When you join Nine Acres you will be provided with a login which you will need to activate. Only one account will be created per child unless requested otherwise. Parent's who are separated can also have their own accounts which enables you to see all payment items relating to your children. If you have more than one child at Nine Acres you can also merge these accounts so that you can see all payment items for all your children easily.

In the event that you are not able to access the internet via a computer or smart device (iPad, iPhone, Android phone, tablet) there is an option to still pay cash at a local Pay Point store. If you wish to make payment to school via this route please speak to the office who will issue you with a barcode.

Go Read Reading Log



At Nine Acres we use a digital platform called 'Go Read' which allows parents and other family members to record their child's reading online. This system rewards the children by awarding gems once a book is complete. Children are encouraged to read three times a week and at the end of the week children's reads are calculated and the winning class are awarded with an 'Extra PE session' with our Sports Coaches and all children in the class will be awarded bonus gems on Go Read!

Children in KS2 are also given their own login so that they are able to log their independent reading either at home or at school using the their classroom iPads. We believe this gives the children the responsibility and independence to allow them to further their love for reading as they grow.

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

-Dr. Seuss

School Uniform

We want our children to look smart, ready for learning and proud to be a part of Nine Acres. We want all children to adhere to our uniform policy especially with shoes. All children must wear sensible black school shoes, rather than training shoes, fashionable shoes or knee length boots. Our uniform is provided by 'Kids and Co' in Ryde, where you can place orders in store or alternatively uniform can be ordered online at www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk. Please refer to the uniform order form for a guide to the prices of uniform. For a child's health and safety the removal of earrings is required during any physical activity. If desired, ear piercing should take place in the summer holidays to allow them to heal and be removed.

When your child starts at Nine Acres it is expected that they have these uniform items. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

- Nine Acres Logo Jumper or Cardigan
- Nine Acres Logo Polo Shirt
(Blue for EYFS and White for Y1,2, 3 &4)
- White buttoned shirt with tie (Y5 and Y6 only)
- Grey trousers or Grey Skirt or Grey Shorts
- Grey socks (boys) and White socks (girls)
- Grey tights (optional)
- Black shoes (no boots or trainers)
- Blue summer dress (optional)



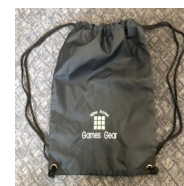
PE Kit

- Blue Shorts (available from most supermarkets)
- Nine Acres logo hoody
- Blue tracksuit bottoms (optional in winter)
- Nine Acres logo green PE shirt
- Trainers



Accessories

- Nine Acres logo Book Bag (EYFS only)
- Nine Acres logo PE Bag (optional)



Data Protection

We collect information about your child and family relevant for the purpose of providing you support information & advice. We keep both written & electronic records in accordance with the latest legislation, GDPR (General Data Protection Rules).

At times it may be necessary for us to share information with professionals and other agencies.

A full copy of our Privacy Notice is available on request.



Permissions

At Nine Acres Primary School we use information in a number of different ways and we require your consent for some of the ways that we use this personal data. We sometimes take photographs of pupils. We use these photos to help us to give people an idea of what life in our school is like, for example in the newsletter, on the school website and our Facebook and Twitter pages. A permission consent form will be given to you to complete when joining Nine Acres. With regards to photographs, parents/carers are allowed to take photos of events and you will be notified accordingly e.g. sports day, productions etc. Please be sensitive to other people and do not publish photos of other children on any social network site. On some occasions the press need photographs for articles. Subject to your agreement on your permission form, your child may feature in press articles, locally and nationally.

School Trips are an important part of school life and to ensure that we meet the needs of your child you are required to complete a EV3 permission form every academic year, which covers trips and sports fixtures on the island.

Only children in Y4, 5 & 6 will be allowed to walk home on their own providing you have completed the appropriate permission form.

Home / School Agreement

We want to form a partnership in learning between the school and all of the parents. We never stop learning, and learning with your child helps you to develop new skills and demonstrates to your child how important learning for life is.

Some of the ways you can help are:

- Talk to your child about their day at school.
- Encourage questions rather than attempt to provide the answers - help the children find books/resources from which they can find the answers.
- Encourage originality – help children make their own toys/books etc. using paper, wood, clay and other materials which may be available.
- Encourage them to try out new ways of doing things – help them realise that we can learn through mistakes and not to be frightened to try (take a risk!).
- Find time as a family to talk together.
- Come in to the school and learn together in the classroom. (There are lots of opportunities throughout the year).
- Join in with the family learning activities.



We welcome offers of help, for a range of activities from helping with needlework and accompanying children on visits, to helping with school events. Whilst we welcome volunteers into the school all of these are subject to a full and enhanced DBS check.

Communication

A regular newsletter will keep you informed of all of our many events. Newsletters are emailed to you every week on a Friday. Spare printed copies are available at the school office and all correspondence is available on our school website. In addition to our newsletter, a curriculum leaflets are displayed on the school website once a term, this is designed to inform you of all forthcoming events.

We update our Facebook page daily to celebrate and share learning journeys, events, school trips and special visitors. Follow our page to experience learning opportunities at Nine Acres.

Meetings and Parents Evenings are arranged throughout the year but should any concerns arise or your wish to check your child's progress throughout the year please feel free to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher.

We would like to encourage parents to use our school website where you can to access a variety of information including newsletters, forms, on-going and forthcoming events.

Details of our website & email contact details are below:

Website - www.nineacrespri.sch.iow.uk
Email Contact - office@nineacrespri.co.uk



Complaints Procedure

If you have any concerns or worries about your child or any of our school procedures, in the first instance please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher. Should you wish to speak to Mrs Dyer our Headteacher, appointments can be made through the school office. The Governing Body has adopted a General Complaints Procedure. The intention is that this procedure will:

- Allow problems to be resolved by informal means
- Be simple to use and understand
- Be non-adversarial
- Provide confidentiality
- Allow problems to be handled swiftly
- Address all the points at issue
- Inform future practice so that the problem is unlikely to occur

Full details of the procedure may be obtained from the school office or Clerk to the Governing Body.





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Breakfast, Afterschool and Holiday Club



Breakfast Club 7.45am-8.45am includes breakfast
Afterschool club 3.00pm-4.00pm and 3.00pm-6.00pm (snack is included for all children)

(Children are taken into school for their allocated start time and collected at 3.00pm. Children attending school clubs that finish at 4.10pm can join us when their club has finished)

Holiday Club 7.45.00am- 6.00pm - various sessions available
All sessions have to be pre booked - places are limited so it is important not to delay in booking your place

For more details, please contact us on:

Telephone: 532358

Email: littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com



LITTLE ACRES CHILDCARE CENTRE LTD

Variety of
sessions
available
from £10.50



Each half term holiday we
have themed weeks, some
themes we have done are:

*Vehicles (Boat races, vehicle
visits, car wash)*

*Festival (face painting, LA got
talent)*

*Physical (Army boot camp, Yoga
lesson)*

*Arts and crafts (Slime, clay
models, cooking)*

HOLIDAY CLUB -
OPEN 7.45AM-6PM

Qualified staff,
OFSTED registered
and insured

For more details
contact us or pop in
and speak to a
member of staff

Childcare vouchers



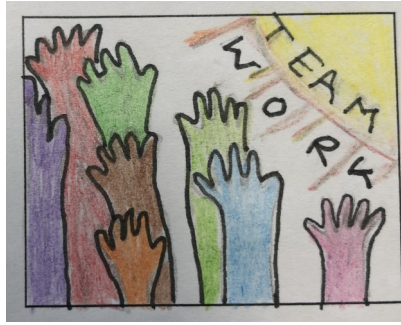
What's on offer?

Cooking
Crafts
Outside play
Ds consoles
Games
Puzzles
Hamma Beads



Contact us on 532358 or email us on
littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com

Our Parent Teacher Association



Our Parent/teacher Association is called **Helping Hands**.

Why do we have a PTA?

It is an integral part of the school community. Just in the last few years we have raised thousands of pounds which have been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities. However, Helping Hands is about much more than simply fundraising – it also exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

How we raise money

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are: Pumpkin Carving competition, Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre, Valentine Disco and Summer Fayre.

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent although, we work very closely with the School to provide items that would benefit our children the most. Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money only on things that will benefit the children directly. Some of the items we have recently funded for the school are new reading books, gazebos, art trolley, PE equipment, musical instruments, a contribution towards the back playground (equipment and markings) as well as every year, providing a chance for every child to visit Santa and receive a Christmas present and a Celebration for our Year 6 children when they are leaving.

More communications from us can be found weekly in the school newsletter and every parent is welcome to join us at our monthly meetings.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Our Chair is : Mrs Clare Sim

Our treasurer is : Ms Kayleigh Gardiner

Disclaimer

It should be noted that the information contained in this publication relates to school year 2023/2024 and is correct at the time of printing. However the details may be subject to change during the school year.

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