



# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 15th December 2023



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Dear Families of Nine Acres,



A last few reminders that Monday AND Tuesday are Christmas mufti days for all pupils!

Monday will be Christmas Dinner Day and Tuesday we have a special visitor from the North Pole!

We finish for all children at 1.00pm on Tuesday.

As this is the last newsletter of 2023 I wish to THANK the outstanding staffing team of Nine Acres Primary who make the impossible possible, in their determination, dedication and inspiration.

Thank you to all our children who make us laugh, smile and proud everyday with their achievements be their big or small.

Thank you to our community for your kindness, support and care for us. You keep us 'Striving for Excellence' for your child, for their future.

Finally, thank you to all those 'extra' people who volunteer, visit, support, help out, enrich and inspire and do those extra little things that matter to help us go that 1%extra in all we do.

On behalf of the Governing Body and myself we wish you a wonderful festive break with family and friends and we look forward to welcoming our school community back on Wednesday 3rd January 2024! #adventureswithyou

Mrs Dyer



## Development Days

—Friday 1st September 2023 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—

Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

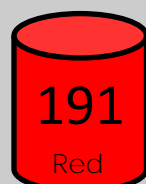
Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

1 more Development Day to be allocated.



### House Points Totals

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



# Ch r i s t m a s a t N i n e A c r e s

## Christmas Dinner Day:

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Monday 18th December. All children have been signed up for a Christmas Dinner unless you have told us otherwise (there will be no jacket potato option on the day).

## Christmas Jumper Day/Party Wear:

We welcome our community to come in their Christmas Jumpers/Christmas wear on Monday 18th December and also Tuesday 19th December. We have a special visitor taking time out of his busy schedule visiting on Tuesday!



## End of day procedures

If someone different to usual will be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please notify the school office by 2.30pm. You can notify the office by calling 522984 or by emailing [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk)

## 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.



## Early Closing - 19th December 2023

On Tuesday 19th December, school will finish at 1.00pm. If we have received permission for your child to walk home from school (Years 4-6) they will be released at 1.00pm unless you tell us otherwise. Please email or ring the school office on 522984 to let us know if your child will be collected.

## School Dinner Tuesday 19th December 2023

The menu for Tuesday 19th December 2023 will be Hot Dogs or Vegetarian Hot Dogs with wedges.

Christmas Shortbread

No jacket potatoes on this day.

## Christmas Dinner

Monday 18th December 2023

Our Christmas Dinner this year will be held on Monday 18th December and all children will need to bring a water bottle into school. If you have told us that your child will not be having a Christmas Dinner, please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch. There will be no other option on this day, just Christmas Dinner.



## PE for All Year Groups

There will be no PE sessions on Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December. PE will begin on Monday 8th January when we return after Christmas. All children are expected to arrive in their nine Acres PE kit on their selected day.

Thank you for supporting this!!

## Return to school Date

Reminder that Tuesday 2nd January 2024 is a Development Day and school is closed to pupils and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

# Diary Dates 2023/2024



## DECEMBER 2023

Mon 18th Dec 2023 - Christmas Dinner Day.

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

Fri 5th Jan 2024 - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

Thurs 25th Jan 2024 - EYFS Trip to Amazon World.

## 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.

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

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.

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## JULY 2024

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

Fri 5th July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day.

Fri 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

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# Diary Dates 2023/2024 Continued

## JULY 2024 Continued

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.*

# Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment clubs have now finished for Autumn term. Please ensure you have made payment for the Spring Term clubs on ParentPay.





## CHRISTMAS BARN

Sun 10th & 17th &  
Tuesday 19th  
December  
10.30am - 3pm

**KIDZONE**  
Track down the 10 snowmen to claim your chocolate  
Make a tree decoration £4  
Please book this activity on our website before 8.30am of the day

**RECYCLOGICAL**  
17th Christmas Tree display by local children

10th - Mulled apple juice, mince pies and Carols  
12.30 for 1pm

**MORE INFO'**  
[www.naturezones.org.uk](http://www.naturezones.org.uk)  
BLACKWATER





# PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 8th January 2024

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

## PE Days for each Year Group

- EYFS - Monday
- 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.



# HELPING HANDS PTA



## Christmas Market - Update

Wow – what an amazing time. I think I can safely say this was our best Christmas Market/Fayre ever! The raffle raised an extra £670 from last year collecting a total of £1675. The overall total went from - £2076.35 in 2022 (the first time ever a fayre passed the £2000 barrier) to £2874.26 money to be banked!!! All money to be spent on improving the experiences and opportunities of the children of Nine Acres Primary School.

This incredible result wouldn't have been possible without the amazing energy, hardwork and support of the Helping Hands team, school staff, families and wider community – in other words ... all you wonderful people - thank you!!

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in the raffle. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank again all the local businesses who supported our raffle by donating such fantastic prizes. Thank you...

Currys, Waitrose, Carisbrooke Co-op, Brighstone Village shop, Tapnell Farm, Blackgang Chine, The Works, The Entertainer, Love Running, The Leather and Suede Shop, Yate's Brewery, Dunelm Mill, Café Isola and Medina Leisure Centre.

We hope you all have a Happy Holiday and we'll see you in 2024!!

## Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 8.45am, gathering in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk) or leave a message for us at the school office.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*Helping Hands*

## Children's COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments

### Children's COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments – Children's Outpatient Department, North Hospital

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Ages 5-11, Ages 12-15 and Ages 16-17 in the Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's (NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub). Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

Appointments must be booked in advance, we are unable to offer walk-ins. After the 15 December the NBS booking system will not be available until the Spring and so please book appointments by calling 0300 561 0018

Please note that Children are eligible if:

- they have an immunosuppressed disorder
- or have close family contact with someone who has an immunosuppressed disorder
- or have not had any COVID vaccination in the past.

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer XBB.1.5 vaccines.

Upcoming Children's Vaccination Clinic times (more to follow in January):

- ♦ Monday 18 Dec 2023, 08:00 – 12:30pm
- ♦ Monday 22 Jan 2023, 08:00 – 11:00am

# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Barbour who has been awarded the National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership. We are proud of you!

#teamnineacres

We wish you a very Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year

From all the Staff, Governors and

Children of Nine Acres Primary School



## EYFS TOURS for SEPTEMBER 2024

Call 522984 now to book your  
exclusive 2024 tour!

[01983 522984](tel:01983522984)

## 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.



## UNIFORM REMINDER

When you chose Nine Acres Primary for your child you also chose to adhere to the Nine Acres uniform policy.

Therefore, a reminder:

- All children must wear black school shoes not trainers or boots or ankle boots in school.
- All children must have the expected PE uniform for school to take part in their lessons. This should only be worn on PE days.
- PE hoodies are for PE only. Children must have a Nine Acres jumper for other days.
- Children in Year 5 and Year 6 must wear a tie as part their smart uniform.

We know times are hard but this is an important part of our culture of excellence. So, if you are having financial worries and would like support to ensure your child is meeting these expectations please do not hesitate to contact us so we can support you and your child.

*Please ensure that you have met all uniform expectations by Wednesday 3rd January 2024. We will be having a uniform check on Friday 5th January 2024.*

# 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



# Autumn/Winter School Dinner Menu

<u>Wednesday 3rd January 2024</u>	<u>Thursday 4th January 2024</u>	<u>Friday 5th January 2024</u>
Cheese and Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges	Chicken & Vegetable Korma served with Vegetable Rice	Breaded Fish fingers served with chips
Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla	Vegetable Cottage Pie	Crispy Quorn Dippers served with Chips
Maple Apple & Cinnamon Bake	Banana & Carrot Cake	Strawberry Frozen Yogurt

**Chartwells** **WEEK 1** W/C 30/10, 30/11, 12/12, 04/01, 29/01, 24/02/23

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizzas served with Potato Wedges	Chilli Beef Burger served with Potato Wedges	Beef Turkey served with Roast Potatoes and Beans	Beef Bulgogian served with Roast Potatoes and Beans and Herb Salad	Breaded Fish Fingers served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATOES</b>	Hot Fried Vegetable Burger	Vegetarian Burger served with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Curry with Roast Potatoes and Beans	Tomato Pasting with Roast Potatoes and Beans	Crispy Quorn Dippers served with Chips
<b>DESSERT</b>	Jacket Potatoes served with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes served with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Roast Vegetables	Jacket Potatoes served with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes served with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes served with a choice of hot and cold fillings
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
	Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Original Fudge	Banana Cake	Vanilla Ice Cream

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY** (except 04/01, 12/12, 29/01, 04/02, 11/02, 18/02, 25/02, 04/03)

Vegetarian Dily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutrilite's Choice

Week Commencing  
Monday 8th  
January 2024  
Week 1

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is **£2.60** per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is **£13.00**.





# Educational Visits



Friday 5th January 2024

Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 27th November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 11th December 2023

Thursday 25th January 2024

EYFS Amazon World Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Friday 15th December 2023

Full payment due by Monday 8th January 2024



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. Barcodes letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop are available on request at the office.



Keep checking this box for further trips being announced in the coming months. Lots of exciting opportunities to look forward too!!

## 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](http://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2)

## 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/super-movers/pshe-super-mood-movers-wellbeing/zpxc3j6>

# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.

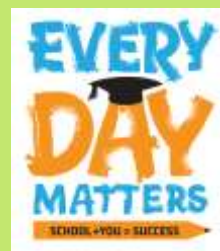
Dates: 08/12/2023 - 14/12/2023

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	98.33%	0
Yarmouth:	97.67%	3
Biggleswade	93.33%	5
Corfe	95.36%	0
Balmoral:	94.67%	2
Windsor:	93.10%	1
Arundel:	87.50%	0
Bamburgh:	97.00%	5
Kendal:	95.00%	0
Warwick:	98.33%	2
Edinburgh:	95.86%	2
Stirling:	96.67%	0
Durham:	93.08%	2
York:	95.86%	2

Well done Carisbrooke & Warwick CLASS!!

Whole school attendance this week is: 95.18%

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.



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.

**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!