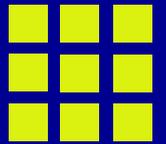


# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 8th April 2022



Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP  
www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk 01983 522984 Head teacher: Mrs E. Dyer BA Hons QTS, NPOH



Dear Families of Nine Acres,

What a great start to the week! Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed 'Spy Camp' on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who supported the adventure for the children, especially our incredible #Team Nine Acres staffing team!

It certainly is Spring Time and it was such a joy to see the Blackbird's nest outside Bamburgh's Year 3 classroom window with 3 chicks in! Of course the little Blackbird family will now be very much part of our Nine Acres family! (Take a look at our Facebook page for the video).

Over the Easter break it is National Primary School offer day (Tuesday 19th April) and we can't wait to find out who has chosen Nine Acres as their school of choice for their child. We will be in contact with them all straight after Easter to welcome them to our special community. We continue to show new families around each week and we are filling up fast across the school. If you know of any families who have yet to apply, I know you will all recommend Nine Acres as the place to be!

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the busyness of this term. The staff at Nine Acres have battled through the many COVID related absences ensuring that we were all there for your children as best we could be. They all deserve a very well earned rest and to spend time with their families and friends. Thank you for your kindness at those challenging times. I have everything crossed for a smoother Summer Term full of opportunity and dedication to what we love most at Nine Acres and that's a love of learning!

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing everybody back to school on Monday 25th April with their most magnificent sunny smiles!

Mrs Dyer



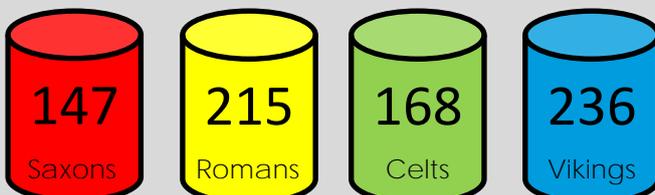
## IMPORTANT WEEKEND CONTACT DETAILS

emergency@nineacrespri.co.uk  
office@nineacrespri.co.uk

Should you wish to contact us at the weekend or throughout any holiday period regarding a positive COVID-19 case, please email BOTH of the above email addresses.

### House Points

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



## Mental Health at Nine Acres

### 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 'Mental Wellbeing'. Here is a link from our website to support you as a family regarding 'CAHMS'.

<https://www.iow.nhs.uk/our-services/mental-health-services/CAMHS/camhs.htm>



# Diary Dates 2021/2022



Mon 11th April - Fri 22nd April 2022 - EASTER BREAK.

**NEW** Tues 26th April 2022 - Arundel Class Swimming Lessons begin - Please see separate box for more details.

Thurs 5th May 2022 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Sun 8th May 2022 - Walk the Wight.

W/C Mon 9th May 2022 - Year 6 SATS.

W/C Mon 16th May 2022 - Year 2 SATS.

Fri 27th May 2022 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**NEW** W/C 6th June 2022 - Phonics Screening for Year 1

Week Commencing 13th June 2022 - Year 4 Multiplication Check.

Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June 2022 - HALF TERM.

Fri 17th June 2022 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**NEW** Tues 28th June 2022 - EYFS and KS1 Sports Day

**NEW** Wed 29th June 2022 - KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 30th June - Fri 1st July 2022 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Wed 20th July 2022 - Year 5 & 6 Mayflower Trip - School of Rock.

Fri 22nd July 2022 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

Mon 25th July - Mon 29th August 2022 - SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

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

# Development Days

Monday 31st August 2021

Friday 12th November 2021

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022



## TRIP PAYMENT DEADLINES

We are very excited to be organising lots of school trips for our children.

Please see below the payment deadlines for trips, if you have not yet made the deposit

**payment for your child's trip please contact the office.**

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip - May 2022

Deposit was due by Fri 19th Nov 2021, and full payment was due by Fri 25th March 2022.

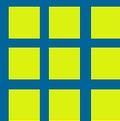
Year 6 Chessington Trip - June/July 2022

Deposit was due by Sun 31st Oct 2021, with the full payment due by Fri 3rd June 2022.

Year 5 & 6 Mayflower Trip - School of Rock - July 2022 - Additional payment due by Fri 6th May 2022.



# PE DAYS



Week Commencing Monday 25th April 2022



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



## PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Monday

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday

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

# 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. Record your reading on the GO READ app.



# Nine Acres Community Primary School



## Explorer Awards

### Corfe

Lily - Science



### Kendal

Mithrann - PSHE



### Biggleswade

Cory - PSHE

### Warwick

Elana - Science



### Balmoral

Aleena - PSHE

### Durham

Whole Class - Great Explorers!!

### Windsor

Youchen - Music



### York

Whole Class - Great Explorers!!

### Arundel

Jack - Arts

### Edinburgh

Sophie - Religious Education



### Bamburgh

Sofie - History

### Stirling

Sadie - Arts



### Isle of Wight School Terms and Holidays 2021 - 2022

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2021/22

SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021	NOVEMBER 2021
M 6 13 20 27	M 4 11 18 25	M 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 15 22 29
T 31 <sup>st</sup> 7 14 21 28	T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30
W 1 8 15 22 29	W 6 13 20 27	W 3 10 17 24
T 2 9 16 23 30	T 7 14 21 28	T 4 11 18 25
F 3 10 17 24	F 1 8 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 29	F 5 12 19 26
S 4 11 18 25	S 2 9 16 23 30	S 6 13 20 27
S 5 12 19 26	S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 14 21 28
DECEMBER 2021	JANUARY 2022	FEBRUARY 2022
M 6 13 20 27	M 3 10 17 24 31	M 7 14 21 28 <sup>th</sup>
T 7 14 21 28	T 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 18 25	T 1 8 15 22
W 1 8 15 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29	W 5 12 19 26	W 2 9 16 23
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F 3 10 17 24 31	F 7 14 21 28	F 4 11 18 <sup>th</sup> 25
S 4 11 18 25	S 1 8 15 22 29	S 5 12 19 26
S 5 12 19 26	S 2 9 16 23 30	S 6 13 20 27
MARCH 2022	APRIL 2022	MAY 2022
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JUNE 2022	JULY 2022	AUGUST 2022
M 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 20 27	M 4 11 18 25	M 1 8 15 22 29
T 7 14 21 28	T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30
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# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 96.00%.  
Dates: 01/04/2022 - 07/04/2022

Attendance Lates

Carisbrooke:	96.67%	2
Yarmouth:	93.33%	0
Biggleswade	96.92%	5
Corfe	89.23%	1
Balmoral:	97.67%	2
Windsor:	96.67%	2
Arundel:	96.67%	5
Bamburgh:	90.30%	0
Kendal:	91.18%	1
Warwick:	97.04%	2
Durham:	94.33%	0
York:	95.56%	2
Edinburgh:	91.20%	1
Stirling:	94.17%	2

Well done BALMORAL CLASS  
Whole school attendance this week is: 94.46%

# SCHOOL DINNERS

## PRICE INCREASE

As from Monday 25th April, the price of a school dinner per day will be £2.20. The cost for a weeks dinners will be £11.00.



**NINE ACRES COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Articulate Passionate Persuasive Positively influence the world around us

We are a **GOOD** school with an **OUTSTANDING** Early Years Provision



Come and see how learning extends beyond our school, where each child holds a real belief that they can achieve!

### OPEN DAY, ANY DAY!

We are already taking bookings for individual tours of our unique school

Call now to book your exclusive tour!

01983 522984

[www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk](http://www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk)

# Helping Hands PTA

## Asda Green Tokens!!

Wow – what a week and what an amazing team! Thank you so much for voting – we have jumped into first place!! Please can I ask everyone to keep up the amazing effort and encourage everyone we know to vote for us!! Remember, we can vote once a week on every device we have!?!?!?

The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. We can vote by visiting [www.asda.com/greentokens](http://www.asda.com/greentokens)

and selecting Newport IOW from the drop-down box.

Go team  
Nine Acres!



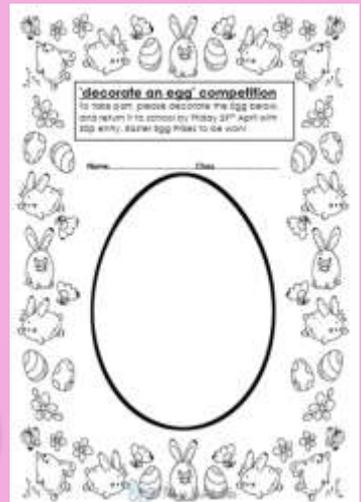
## FOODBANK VOUCHERS

We are pleased to announce that we can now provide families with vouchers to the Island's Food Banks.



Many families are struggling more than ever with rising household costs and we want to be able to support you however we can. Food Banks support many families across the country and are not just a source of food in a crisis – they can provide a listening ear and signpost you to other agencies who may be able to help if you need it. 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. If you would like some more information or are in need of a voucher, please speak to Mr Thomas.

# Helping Hands PTA



## EASTER ACTIVITY - 'DECORATE AN EGG' COMPETITION

All children have been sent home with an egg template for our 'decorate an egg' competition. If your child would like to take part, please decorate the egg, and return it to school office by Friday 29th April with 50p entry.



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 as soon as possible.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to 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)

## **Year 3 Arundel Swimming Lessons**

Year 3 swimming lessons will begin for Arundel Class on Tuesday 26th April 2022. The children will leave on the coach at 12.00pm. prompt. All children are required to wear a swimming costume/swim shorts to school, and bring a pair of goggles, a named towel and a plastic bag for wet items and should come to school dressed in PE kit. Children with verruca's will need to wear a verruca sock and children with long hair should have it tied up or wear a swimming cap.

All children need a packed lunch and a healthy snack on swimming days. A water bottle is also required.

### Arundel Swimming Dates

Tues 26th April 2022 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tues 3rd May 2022 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tues 10th May 2022 - NO SWIMMING

Tues 17th May 2022 - NO SWIMMING

Tues 24th May - 1.00-2.00pm

Tues 7th June 2022 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tues 14th June 2022 - 1.00-2.00pm

Bamburgh Class will begin swimming lessons on Tuesday 21st June 2022

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

### 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

### 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

### UNIFORM SUPPLIER

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.



### STAFF CAR PARK

Please refrain from parking in the staff car park. This car park is for staff and agreed visitors to the school.

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



# Nine Acres Governing Body Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2022 Spring Term Nine Acres Governing Body's newsletter. This term we, the Governing Body, have been working continually to support Nine Acres, the staff and the children and our commitment to the long term education of your children is unwavering. We meet on a monthly basis in order to review and give feedback to the Head.

The role of the Governors is strategic, and our job is to hold the Headteacher and Senior Leaders to account for the progress of your children. We also help to set the vision for the school. We ensure the funding is spent appropriately and, lastly, and most vitally, help support a robust safeguarding culture in the school. We have received regular updates from Senior Management as well as team leaders. This allows us to monitor the progress of the pupils and oversee how the curriculum is delivered.

We have continued to enjoy the visits from your children at the start of our meetings in order that they can give us feedback on how they, the students feel about life at Nine Acres. This term we had the pleasure of Year 3 and Year 5 children. These are important meetings for us. Getting to know the children who we support is a chance to really find out what the school is achieving and in turn how we can help the School reach its goals.

At most of our meetings, we have a subject presentation from one of the subject leaders. One presentation this term was from Mrs Shaw and Mrs Tingle on the choosing of a new phonics program. The board got to see the process the teachers went through in order to make sure that it was appropriate and within budget. We were impressed with the depth of analysis and research undertaken by Mrs Tingle and Mrs Shaw.

During our last meeting we broke up into groups and toured the school on a Learning Walk, looking at classrooms and all areas of the school. A Learning Walk is an important and fun part of our governing duties. Our feedback to the Head was very positive, most noted was how much student work was on show, and how each classroom had interesting and informative displays, all curated to help support learning. We were informed by Mrs Broome that a Music corridor is next on the list.

Training is an ongoing process and all of the Governors have access to online CPD training courses, either through the Hampshire Governor Services which offers direct Governor Training or the online learning platform Educare. George, who leads on Finance has taken several seminars including 'Understanding Finance in Maintained School', and 'Understanding Data in Primary School'. Both Laura and Miss Paddon attended an Ofsted Training Programme to make sure that all Governors are aware of the new Ofsted framework. From new Governor Induction training or refresher training on Safeguarding, each of our Governors make it a priority to be well trained and equipped with the skills needed to support the school.

The Governing board has been kept informed throughout the period that Mrs Dyer has been attending and supporting Holy Cross School, and the general consensus is that Nine Acres continues to improve even with some resources being dedicated to Holy Cross. We believe that is due to the strong leadership team at Nine Acres that is able to operate even when Mrs Dyer, Mrs Broome or Miss Paddon are off site.

This term we have been active in visiting the school and touching base with subject leaders. Carole has been regularly listening to readers in EYFS, been on a field trip with Y6 and met with Miss Bekesi in regards to History and Geography. Adam, who is the lead on Safeguarding, has had several meetings with Mrs Brame on staffing and has also spent time with the Site Manager checking the School security. Ian, the Vice Chair, has had meetings in regards to the new Ofsted framework. It is our role as Governors to understand how the school operates and how it works within the Ofsted framework. George, the finance Governor, has been reviewing the new Education White Paper produced by the Government, this paper outlines the Government aims over the next 10 years. It is important that we, as a Governing Board, understand any future changes that may affect the way Nine Acres is run or funded. As well as my regular meetings with Mrs Dyer, I also attended a feedback session from our LLP - Leading Learning Partner - from the Local Authority. The termly appraisal from the Local Authority is a chance for the School to have feedback on its current strengths and weaknesses.

Since January our Governing board has had three meetings, all in school, where we have the chance to see in person how the school operates. We hope this gives you a glimpse of how we are working behind the scenes to help the Headteacher and Staff deliver the best possible education for your child.

We wish you all a Happy Easter.

Best Wishes,

Chris Douglass

Chair