



Nunnery Wood Primary School



AUTUMN 5 NEWSLETTER 2021

It has been a very busy start to the new academic year and, already, it's October half-term!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you all for supporting our coffee morning, filled with tea, coffee and cakes! Congratulations to Holly and Hazel who made some amazing cakes. We raised over £420 for this fabulous cause.

USE OF DRIVEWAY

May I respectfully remind you that the use of the drive is for exceptional circumstances as we are trying to support our families who require access due their family circumstances or a disability. If you are dropping off or collecting, during the school hours, please **do not** drive or park onsite unless you have permission. This is to ensure that we have access at all times for emergencies, deliveries and visitors.

FRIENDS OF NUNNERY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL (FNWPS)

The FNWPS are an amazing group of parent volunteers who help raise valuable funds for the school, through various events. They are a small friendly group of parents who work tremendously hard to support all our children. The group is currently looking to recruit new members please keep an eye on your parent pay. More information will be sent soon.

STAFFING UPDATE

- Sadly, Miss Allan will not be returning for the foreseeable future, due to ill-health;
- Congratulations to Miss. Kitching who is finally getting married this half-term following numerous postponements due to the pandemic. After half-term she will be **Mrs. Marshall**;
- Mrs. Cottrill continues to praise the medical team for the superb treatment she is receiving during her battle against cancer. She regularly communicates with staff about how she misses the children and her job. She is eager to return as soon as she can.

SEVERE WEATHER

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. There are a number of factors that are taken into consideration but ultimately it is the safety of the children which is paramount and having the appropriate staff ratios is essential.

In the event of severe weather, especially significant falls of snow, there are four sources of information for parents to find out about whether the school will be closed.

1. Text messages will be sent to all parents via 'ParentPay' informing them of a school closure. It is vital that the school has your current mobile telephone number;
2. You will also receive an email via 'Parentpay';
3. The school website will be updated in the event of a school closure due to bad weather. The information will be displayed in the scrolling message on the homepage;
4. Parents can listen to the local radio stations, BBC Hereford and Worcester (104.0 FM) and Free Radio (102.0 FM), who announce all the schools that have closed. Please note there can be a long delay between the school informing the station and them announcing it. However, we will continue to announce any closures through this method in case you do not have access to the website;
5. School closures are also publicised on the County Council website: **www.worcestershire.gov.uk**

ALWAYS ASSUME THE SCHOOL IS OPEN UNLESS YOU ARE INFORMED BY THE METHODS ABOVE.

ONSITE FLOODING

As you are aware certain areas of our site are prone to flooding in extreme weather/heavy rainfall. To support the access for all we have reviewed our procedures and where possible will not close South Gate (KS2 Playground). There are times when it is only passable in appropriate footwear such as wellies.

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On these occasions we will notify parents as soon as possible that South Gate is flooded and appropriate footwear is required. If you have not got the appropriate footwear and the water is too deep you will have to enter site via North Gate (Early Years/KS1). Thanks for your continued support.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – HALF TERM

We will again be ordering Edenred vouchers for the children who are on our Free School Meal register for half term. They will be ordered for Monday 25th October- the email with the voucher will be sent directly from Edenred. Please note these vouchers are for children on our Free School Meal register and are not inclusive of all children on Universal Free School Meals in Key Stage 1 and Early Years.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Please note that parents and carers have no automatic right for their children to be absent from school for family holidays within term time. I am only permitted to grant leave of absence under exceptional circumstances. There are very limited circumstances that are deemed to be exceptional.

Please request any leave of absence in writing marked for the attention of Mrs. Louise Thomas, our Attendance and Welfare Co-ordinator, who may you contact to discuss the circumstances surrounding your request.

As you are aware, if we do not receive an explanation for a child's absence on a daily basis, we either text or phone the child's parents/carers.

We have also had instances this term when parents/carers have informed us that their child is ill when they have actually been on holiday. We promote honesty and trust at this school and would not expect a child to be asked to lie about the reason for their absence. This puts the child in a very difficult position and can cast doubt on other things we are told by that child and/or their parent/carer in the future. Please advise us if you are on holiday so that we do not spend valuable time trying to contact you. As a school we are following our duty of care by ensuring that we know why a child is not in school. I do appreciate that the vast majority of parents do not take family holidays in term time, and follow the regulations and policies of the Government and school as well as informing us if it is a family holiday, but we have noticed a significant increase since we returned in September. I hope that you will continue to support us with this.

Enjoy your half-term next week. School re-opens on Tuesday, 2nd November at 8.35am

Kind Regards,

Mrs Higgins and the Nunnery Wood staff

VACANCIES

- We are seeking a highly skilled, enthusiastic and well-motivated teaching assistant to join our friendly and hardworking team. Working under the supervision of the class teacher, you will be responsible for supporting the pupils in the Early Years unit as well as working with small groups, providing 1 to 1 support for key children, delivering structured interventions within the Early Years unit and providing some lunchtime cover for children in Reception.
- This temporary post is full time (term time only) 8.30am-3.15pm with 30 minutes lunch break.
- We are seeking to appoint a new member of our lunchtime supervisor team. Part-time and permanent, the hours of work are either 11.45am to 12.45pm or 12pm to 1pm.

Both posts are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check and reference check.

Nunnery Wood Primary School is committed to Equal Opportunities and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils. Application forms are available on our school website.

(Diary Dates below...)

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****Please remember to check ParentPay daily for important class letters and messages from your teachers.****



<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR 2021</u>	
Autumn 1 2021	
Friday 22nd October	Autumn 1 term ends
Autumn 2 2021	
Mon 1st November	Staff Training Day
Tues 2nd November	School re-opens to pupils (Year 5 Victorian Day)
Weds 3rd November	Pupil Photos (not whole class)
Weds 10th November	KS2 Cinema Trip / Aspen Class Gallery Trip
Thurs 11th November	Apple Class Gallery Trip
Weds 17th November	Year 6 Residential Trip (3 days)
Spring 1 2022	
Tues 4th January	Teacher Training Day
Weds 5th January	School re-opens to pupils
Fri 18th February	Spring 1 term ends

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