



Nunnery Wood Primary School



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2

Friday 19th May 2023

What a busy half-term!

The weather is improving slowly. The children are always delighted when they can play on the school fields. Fingers crossed the good weather will continue over the next couple of months.

Y6 SATs

Congratulations to all our Year 6s who have completed their end of Key Stage 2 assessments last week. I am sure our families will have read in the media that these SATs have been recognised as being amongst the most challenging of recent years. However, our pupils have been a credit to themselves and their families, demonstrating perseverance, resilience, and determination: characteristics that will stand them in great stead as they move into their High School education.



CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

We are beginning to consider new classes for September 2023. This year we will be regrouping children in Early Years (Oak and Willow), in Year 2 (Apple and Aspen) and in Year 4 (Lime and Lilac). For parents new to the school, this process happens annually.

We recognise that mixing the classes may cause some unrest for a few children who will be supported; however, it is important for children to develop resilience in facing challenges and doing this in a safe and supportive school environment is more ideal. Throughout their lives, children will have to be in situations which are out of their comfort zones and work with people that they do not know, hence this reshuffle works as an excellent preparation technique. By altering the classes, it widens the group of individuals that children are used to working with, which increases children's opportunities for social interaction.

We would like to reassure you that, when deciding upon the mix, the school will consider individual children's needs. Where possible, friendship groups will be considered; however, the school cannot guarantee that children will be in the same class as their friends. The school always strives to ensure that children feel comfortable and safe, so the school will ensure that there are familiar faces in their new class. As you are aware there is a year group team, and the year groups work together across the classes throughout the year as well as have their playtimes/lunchtimes as a year group.

For your reference, the classes will be mixed from the start of the next academic year (September 2023), and we will write to you again with confirmation of which class your child has been placed in.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.**
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Thank you to everyone for supporting us.

As you are aware, we have high expectations for every pupil's attendance at school. We are committed to improving achievement through attendance and we continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils.

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If a child's attendance continues to be poor, we will invite parents/carers to attend an Attendance Improvement Meeting.

We would like to remind you that leave of absence is not **an entitlement**. Pupils will only be given permission for leave if there are exceptional circumstances. It is your responsibility to advise us if your child is absent from school and you will be contacted if we have not been informed why your child is absent as this is part of our safeguarding procedures.

Over the last half-term, whilst we have noticed attendance has improved, there are far too many children arriving **late** to school. We appreciate that there will sometimes be exceptional circumstances, but it is essential that children are on time as it impacts on their learning. Please ensure that your child/children arrive on time.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We believe that school uniform helps to create a sense of community within our school. Please ensure that your child attends school appropriately dressed. We ask that parents ensure all items are clearly named.

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Sweatshirts/cardigans in the school colour (bottle green) with or without the school logo.
- White shirts or polo shirts may be worn underneath the sweatshirts or on their own in warmer weather.
- Black or grey skirts, pinafores, trousers, or shorts. In warmer weather, dark green striped or checked dresses are an acceptable option. Skirts should be appropriate length for school.
- Sensible black shoes with either white, green, or black socks or tights are acceptable. The wearing of trainers or pumps is discouraged. We discourage the wearing of shoes with heels of a height that may compromise children's safety on the playground and may decide to ask a child to change into their P.E. pumps or stay off the playground if these are worn to school.
- P.E. uniform consists of a white T shirt and black or navy shorts, with a pair of black slip-on pumps for certain activities. For safety reasons, we ask that T shirts are long enough to tuck into shorts and that shorts are not too baggy. Children also need outdoor P.E. kit – trainers rather than pumps, plus jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or a tracksuit. All children must have a P.E. bag in which to keep their kit.

If for any reason your child has to attend school with trainers or the wrong uniform due to unforeseen circumstance, please write a note to the class teacher, stating the reason. A child not wearing the appropriate school uniform should only be for short-term measure. We are here to help and support.

TRIPS

There are a number of exciting trips and opportunities planned over the next half term for children in a range of year groups. In order to run the trips, it is important that we have a good adult to child ratio. If your child is going on a trip and you are able to support by attending and accompanying the group, please contact your child's class teacher when you receive the trip information.



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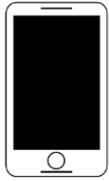
FSM Vouchers

Edenred vouchers will be ordered for children who are in receipt of Free School Meals for the upcoming half term. **This does not apply to children who are in Key Stage 1 and Early Years who are receiving a Universal Free School Meal.**

If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal then please apply using the following link:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

We have recently sent out this and more information in a letter regarding pupil premium and free school meals.



CHILDREN'S MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We are happy for children in Years 5 and 6 to bring a mobile phone to school especially if they are walking to and from school on their own. In line with our policy, all children must switch their mobile phone off when they arrive on school site. All Year 5 and 6 classrooms have a basket for mobile phones to be placed in as soon as the children arrive in class. This is then stored securely in school until the end of the day when children will have their phone returned to them. Children can switch their phones on again once they have left school site.

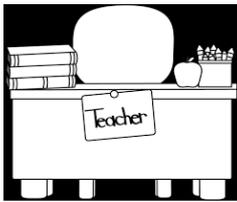
If a child chooses not to hand their phone in and keeps it in their bag or is found using their phone in the school day, the phone will be confiscated by school staff and stored in the office. Parents/Carers will be informed and the parents will need to come to school to collect the phone.



TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Please can we remind all families to ensure that children are travelling safely to and from school and showing consideration for others. In the minutes before the gates open, pathways and roads are very busy and we all need to ensure that we are being considerate of other users. If your child is arriving by scooter or bike, can we politely remind you that all equipment should be dismounted when on school site and pushed safely to the storage area on KS2 playground. At the end of the day children (and adults) should stay off their bikes and scooters until they have left school premises.

Thank you for your continued support.



STAFFING

Welcome back to Mrs Marshall who has returned from parental leave. Up until the end of summer term, Mrs. Marshall will be teaching across the school.

Mx Green will be leaving at the end of this half-term to take up a teaching position in New York. We wish them all the success in their exciting new role.



Finally, school closes for Half Term on 26th May at 3.15pm

School reopens on 6th June at 8.35am.

Monday 5th June is a staff training day therefore closed to pupils.

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