

Nunnery Wood Primary School



Newsletter Autumn 4

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Congratulations to all the children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years who performed amazingly last week. It was lovely to see the children on the stage. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported these performances. The children were the stars of the productions with their singing, dancing and acting.

Well done to Year 5 for organising the Christmas Carol Service which was enjoyed by everyone.

It was lovely to see Miss Cother at the dress rehearsal of the Year 1 production. The Year 1 children were very excited to see her and Miss Cother enjoyed reading them a Christmas story.

Message from Miss Cother

Hello everyone! I just wanted to send a huge thank you for all the lovely messages and support that I have received since my diagnosis. It has been lovely to see some of you and have a chat when I'm out and about. A special thanks to all of you who work in our wonderful hospital, particularly oncology and gynaecology departments whatever your role, you do a fantastic job. It's been lovely to see some familiar faces whilst I've been having my treatment.

My treatment has been going well and I'm coming to the end of my chemotherapy soon before moving on to the next stage of my treatment plan.

Sending you all lots of good wishes for the upcoming holiday, for those of you celebrating I hope you have a very happy and peaceful Christmas. See you in 2024!

Reception Intake September 2024

Please note if you have children starting in Reception class in September 2024, the closing date for Primary School Applications is Monday 15th January 2024.

Tuesday 19th December EYFS & KS1 Pantomime Trip - The Swan Theatre:

Children will return at approximately 4.30pm. Please do not drive up the school driveway and park safely. There will be 4 coaches that will require access so please park responsibly.

Wednesday 20th December

Party Day for KEY STAGE 1 & EYFS children- Party clothes can be worn for the day

Parents of children in Oak, Willow, Cherry, Chestnut, Apple and Aspen (All these children are entitled to UFSM) should have ordered a Christmas Lunch by midday today.

For those parents who usually provide their child with a packed lunch you can either book the Christmas lunch for them or provide them with their own special Christmas packed lunch.

On this day children who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) in key Stage 2- (Years 3,4,5,6) please book the sandwich option or bring a home packed lunch.

All children in Key Stage 2 to wear school uniform.

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Thursday 21st December

Party Day for KEY STAGE 2 children - Party clothes can be worn for the day

Parents of children in Spruce, Sycamore, Lilac, Lime, Maple, Mulberry, Hazel and Holly can make a one-off order for a Christmas Lunch costing £2.40 via the Aspens portal - you will need an account to do this. All FSM children will be able to order a Christmas Lunch.

Parents of children in Oak, Willow, Cherry, Chestnut, Apple and Aspen (these children are entitled to UFSM) should have ordered the sandwich option or provide their child with own packed lunch for this day.

All children in Key Stage 1 and EYFS to wear school uniform.

Water bottle

We are a healthy school and children have access to water throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who provides a water bottle for their child. Unfortunately, we have noticed that these bottles are increasing in size and shape resulting in difficulties in the classroom with storage as well as spillages. **The recommended size for primary aged children is approximately 500ml.** During the day children are able to refill their water bottles should they drink it all. After Christmas please can you support us by ensuring that your child has an appropriately sized and shaped bottle.



Christmas Jumper Day

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY On Friday 22nd December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We know times are tough and you have already been so supportive of our other fundraising events this year, so please remember that donations are optional (it is having tons of fun that is mandatory!) Any amount you can spare makes a difference.

Please donate through our Just giving page <u>https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-higgins-</u> <u>1701699629322?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Frachel-higgins-</u> <u>1701699629322&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share</u>

We look forward to seeing all the children and staff in their Christmas jumpers.

Food Vouchers

The school holiday food vouchers for children who are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) have been ordered and will be sent to you on Friday 22nd December. For each child who is registered you will receive a voucher for £30. Please remember that this voucher will be sent from Edenred. This is for children registered for Free School Meals and does not cover all children in EYFS and KS1 who are in receipt of the governments Universal Free School Meal initiative.

If you believe your child is eligible to receive free school meals or you would like some more information about the criteria and how to apply then please follow the link below.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meals

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HANDi App - Don't let bugs play on your mind

If your child is unwell, use the HANDi App to check their symptoms and get instant, NHS-approved medical advice. HANDi is designed to help you know what to do when your child is unwell - whether that's looking after them at home, taking them to see a GP, using the NHS 111 service, or visiting an urgent care service.

Developed and approved by local Paediatric Consultants, the HANDi App provides expert advice on how best to manage the most common childhood illnesses, including:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- High temperature
- 'Chesty baby' illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma and croup
- 'Chesty child' illnesses such as wheezing and asthma
- Abdominal pain
- Common newborn problems.

The app is free, and can be downloaded to any Apple or Android smartphone or tablet. Please see attached poster.

Staffing Update

• As some of you may know, Mrs Jackson will be leaving us at the end of this week. Ms Patten has been appointed to teach Apple Class and will take over from Mrs Jackson in January. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Jackson all the very best in her retirement.

BACK TO SCHOOL JANUARY 2024

Children will be return to school on Tuesday 9th January as the school is closed on Monday 8th January for a Teacher Training Day.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone

a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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