



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome back everyone! I hope you are all safe and well.

The children have returned to school looking very smart and keen to share their summer adventures. Once again, the staff and I are really looking forward to the year ahead and we are hoping that 2024-25 will be another exciting year. During the summer break several outside projects were completed including a soakaway which will improve access to South gate (via Hazewood Close) on those days when we have torrential rain.

A warm welcome to our new families and children who have joined us across the school. It has been lovely to meet all our new reception children and their parents.

SEPTEMBER 2024 - MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS DATES:

These meetings are an opportunity for parents/carers to meet the staff and find out about the routines and expectations of the new school year group. These meetings will be held in one of the year group classrooms. There will a year group presentation from the teachers as well as an opportunity to visit the classrooms and ask questions. Please enter school via the main entrance.

- Wednesday 11th September YEAR 6 Meet the Teacher event 5pm
- Thursday 12th September YEAR 4 Meet the Teacher event 5pm
- Wednesday 18th September YEAR 2 Meet the Teacher event 5pm
- Thursday 19th September YEAR 5 Meet the Teacher event 5pm

STAFFING UPDATE

- Welcome to Miss Libby Stant, Mrs Holly Wilson and Miss Emilie Benson.
- Welcome to our new CEO Miss Sian Williams.
- As many of you will know, Miss Cother retired at the end of the Summer term. On Thursday 26th September we are going to acknowledge all of her hard work and dedication to Nunnery Wood Primary. In an assembly for her (pupils only) where the children will present Miss Cother with a gift. Some parents have already asked if they could give something towards a gift, so a non-compulsory donation page will be set up on Arbor where parents can contribute. Further details to follow next week.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

You will usually find myself and Mr Bidwell on the playground at the start of the day - even in wet weather! So, if you have any questions or queries please ask.

At Nunnery Wood Primary School, we are extremely fortunate to have incredibly supportive and friendly parents and we are proud that we are community school that supports the needs of all children. We are proud of our open-door policy and of being considered a listening school.

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We are keen to answer any questions or solve any worries promptly to support your child so please, in the first instance, speak to your child's class teacher. Teachers are happy to answer any small queries, however if you need to talk more fully to them please contact the school office to make an appointment.

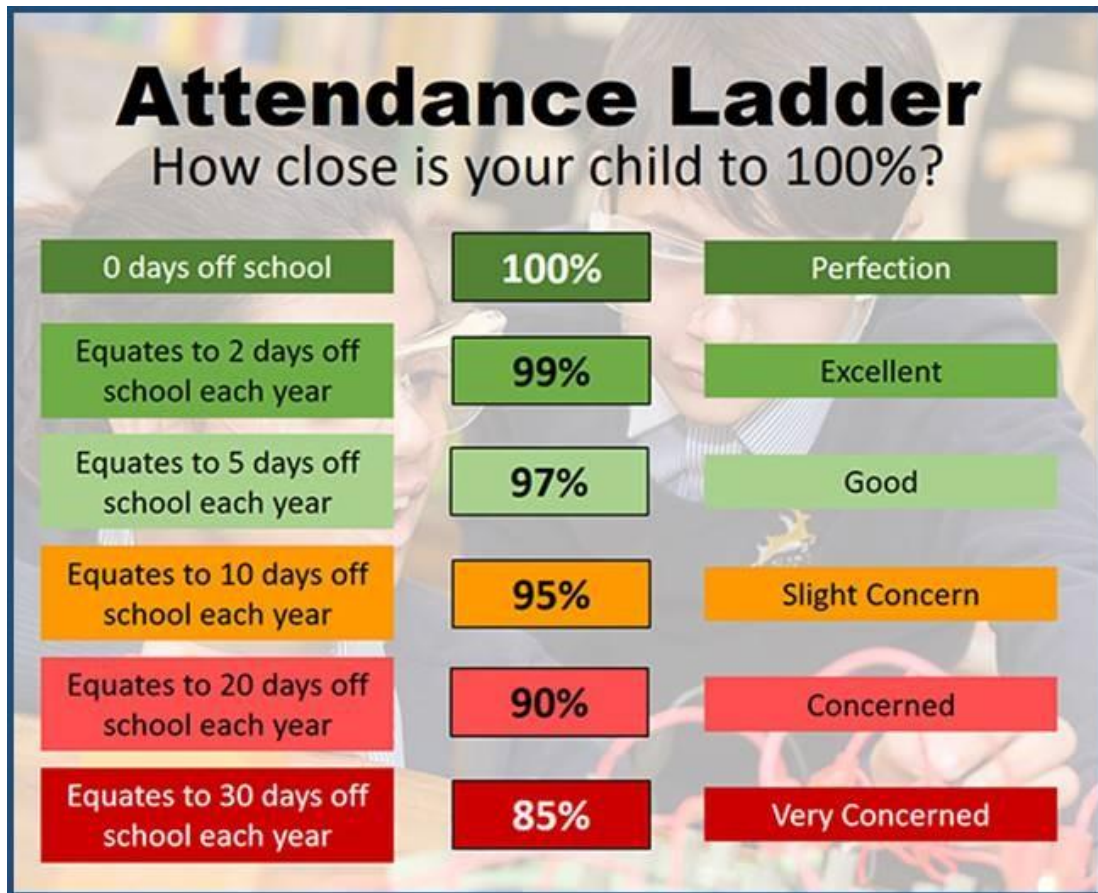


SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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. 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 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.

May we respectfully remind you we also monitor lateness and early collections as it is essential children are in school for the whole day.



The school gates will close by 8.45am.

Around 8.40am it should only be Oak and Willow parents arriving and the rest of the parents should be leaving after dropping their children off.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children return looking smart in their school uniform. The year 6 children are very proud to wear their hoodies.

As you are all aware we believe that school uniform helps to create a sense of community within our school. Please ensure that your child attends school appropriately dressed even during hot weather. 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 knee 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 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.
- We actively encourage children not to wear earrings. If earrings are worn they should be small studs and children will be asked to remove them if it a P.E. or games lesson.
- If, for any reason, your child has to attend school with trainers, a skirt which is not knee length or the wrong uniform due to unforeseen circumstance, please discuss with your class teacher or write a note to the class teacher, stating the reason. A child not wearing the appropriate school uniform should only be a short-term measure. We are here to help and support.



ANNUAL REMINDER - NO NUTS POLICY

As you are all aware we have several members of our school who suffer from a severe nut allergy.

May I respectfully remind you that our school endeavours to have a "No Nuts Policy." This means that the items such as list below should **not** be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Nutella bars
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Chocolate Spread (We are aware that not all chocolate spreads contain nuts, however, due to the fact many do we ask this product is not in school in any form).

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Please support us as we have several members of our school community who are allergic and require medical support if they encounter these products. Your child will not be allowed to consume these products if they are found in school.

SNACKS

All children need to bring a bottle of water to school. Please ensure the water bottle is appropriately sized approximately 500ml. There is no room to store large bottles and children can always refill their bottles during the day

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have fruit supplied by the government fruit scheme. Children in Key Stage 2- (Year 3) upwards can bring a small, **healthy** snack for break time.



FIRST AID/MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Parents with children that may require inhalers and Epi-Pens must ensure that this medication is returned to school and that it is in date. If your child's health needs have changed during the summer holidays, please contact Mrs. Lindsey Salisbury so that we can update their care plan or put one in place.

We have recently received further guidance and reviewed our policy of Medicines in Schools. Schools can only administer prescription medicines (antibiotics) to a child when they have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. **All medication must only be administered to a child under the age of 16 where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent or carer.**

Written permission by the parent/carers must clearly state what time, dosage and storage instructions. It is the responsibility of parent/carers that the medication is handed into school via the office and collected at the end of the school day via the office. **Medication should not be sent in to school via the child.**

Obviously, children should only be in school if they are well enough to do so which is likely to be at the end of the course of medication.



YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! ASPIRE TO BE ASSEMBLIES

A big thank you to the parents who have supported us by leading an aspire to be assembly last year. The children have enjoyed finding out about becoming a plumber, design technician to name a few.

We want to continue to inspire children by inviting parents into school to share what they did to become a dentist for example, what subjects they enjoyed, qualifications are required and what it is like to be (a dentist). We know amongst our school community we have plumbers, doctors, scientists, taxi drivers, hairdressers, beauticians, gardeners, carers, nurses, computer analysts, retail assistants... the list is endless. If you are interested in supporting us and are willing to talk to the children, please contact the school office. The assembly will last no longer than 20 minutes and either myself or Mrs Wheeler will help facilitate the assembly. We are flexible with days – Monday, Tuesday or Thursday as we appreciate parents have work commitments. Please contact a member of school team if you are willing to help us. We look forward to hearing from you.



MESSAGE FROM TIM JENNINGS:

I would love to introduce you to our Bike Bus.

A Bike Bus is a brilliant way to support and encourage primary-school children to cycle to school, giving them the experience of cycling on roads, with the safety of being directed by adults and surrounded by others cycling.

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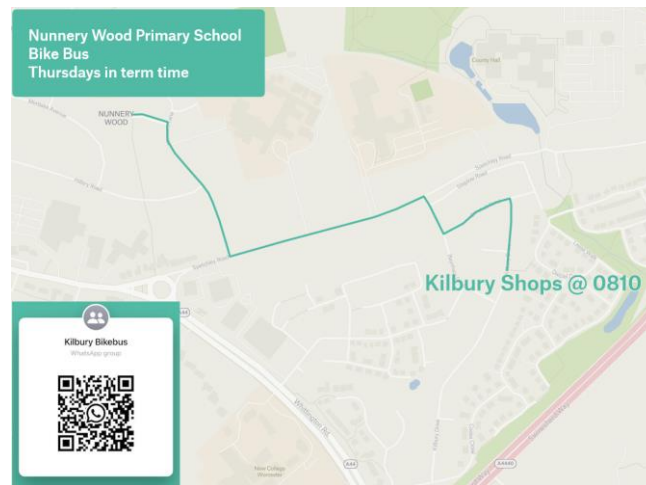


The bus travels as one group and to the speed of the slowest rider. Traffic is stopped at junctions to make way safely for the bus.

A Bike Bus has a range of benefits as active travel and access to regular fresh air and exercise are hugely beneficial to mental health, air quality and the environment.

We currently run the Bike Bus once a week on Thursdays. Meeting time is 8:10 with prompt departure at 8:20.

If you would like to join but do not have a bike then please take a look at Bike Worcester's fantastic recycling scheme at <https://bikeworcester.org.uk/recycling/>. Adult and child bikes are available. If you cannot see anything suitable let us know and we may be able to help.



You can join our WhatsApp group and ask any questions you might have via the QR code in the route image above or <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HaDip0BdXRLFSeGvXL4dEE>

Please do get in touch even if our current route and/or day does not work for you as more routes can be established if we have the people to ride them.

- **Parents have responsibility for their children** and must attend and supervise those participating at all times. Parents can run along or scoot with the group if they have no bike.
- **Bikes in good order** - please make sure that your bikes and your children's bikes are in good working order before attending a bike bus; brakes, especially, should be tested and working. Helmets are advised.
- **This is a one-way bike bus** as there are clubs and different finishing times after school. Please contact us if you have any query or worry about cycling back from school.
- **Scooters and rollers are also welcome!**

We look forward to meeting you!

Tim (parent of two children in school)

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

May I respectfully remind you that Nunnery Wood Primary continues to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire Children First and West Mercia Police called Operation Encompass. Police and the county council will inform the Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school if a child has experienced any domestic incident. Information sharing between professional agencies enables school staff to provide emotional and practical support to the children who are experiencing domestic abuse.

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DATES FOR DIARIES

Along with this newsletter please also find attached a 'Dates for Autumn Term' document with some key dates of events happening across the school this term. There will be more information sent to you with specific arrangements etc where applicable.

Finally, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD FOR SEPTEMBER 2024?

Tour dates are on the school website –

<https://www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=1&nid=8>

Please contact us to book a place on a tour to see us at work.

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