

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy start of the new academic year. It is already October!



FUNDING

As many of you are aware there is a national funding crisis in all schools across the country. All schools now face an increasing struggle to manage an ever changing budget effectively, to support the pupils within their schools.

At Nunnery Wood Primary School, the children are our first priority; their education, progress, happiness and confidence is the reason we are all here. NWPS is a community school that supports a wide range of children. There are some children with specific learning difficulties that require additional support throughout their education and, in the past, additional funding from the local authority has been made available. However, as some of you may be aware, this funding is being cut leaving many schools with additional costs that stretch the purse strings even further. Increasing costs for energy, water, business rates, school supplies etc. must also be met by the school's budget along with salary costs.

Schools face challenging times ahead; as a parent myself, I know how demanding it can be to find the money for a trip, school lunches, uniform etc. but please remember your co-operation with this has a huge impact on the school community as a whole. We do not make a profit from money received in school and any shortfall on trips etc. has to be met from the school's budget so we really do appreciate your financial support which enables us to use our school budget for the purpose it is given.

With your continued support, with all of us working together, plus the backing of The Villages' Multi Academy Trust we will strive to maintain the standards in education that every child should expect to receive.

FRIENDS OF NUNNERY WOOD PRIMARY (FNWPS)

The FNWPS are an amazing group of parent volunteers who help raise valuable and much needed additional funds for the school through various events. This term the FNWPS are organising a school disco and a Christmas fayre. They are a small friendly group of parents who work tremendously hard to support your children. If you would like to know more about what the FNWPS do, please get in touch by contacting the school office.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Congratulations and well done to everyone!

Another fantastic morning of coffee and cakes! Congratulations to Holly and Hazel who made some amazing cakes. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, it was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and this year there was a parent's choice prize. All the children were winners! With parental support the children all put a tremendous amount of effort into making some marvellous cakes.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Children will be having individual and/or sibling school photographs on 4th October. Please ensure they wear their winter uniform for this if you have it. We will endeavour to ensure that your children look presentable pre-photo.

HARVEST FESTIVAL- Worcester Foodbank donations

Friday 5th October at 8.55am

All Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to join us in the school hall. As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are asking for donations of non-perishable items for our display which will be donated to Worcester Foodbank after our celebrations. These items can be brought into school any day this week. Many thanks.

PARKING

I know that we have asked parents on many occasions not to block residents' access to their homes and not to park on the pavements. I appreciate it is always challenging to park by any school. However, many parents are still ignoring this request and it is becoming very challenging for parents and children to walk safely on the pavements. **Please think before you park.** Can I also remind you that when collecting from school clubs parents should not be parking on site. Thank you.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Unfortunately we had to cancel a school visit last week. This was due to insufficient contributions being made by parents. We are hoping this will not be a regular occurrence but can I remind you that any school visit has to be economically viable. Staff will make sure that deadlines for payment are included on future letters. Thank you for your continued support.

PAYMENTS4SCHOOLS

Thank you to those of you who have are using this system to pay for your child's trips online. This system has been in place for four years. In order to use the system you will need your child's unique reference number. If you have lost this it is available from the school office along with details of how to use the online payment system.

TERM TIME HOLIDAY

Please note that parents and carers have no automatic right for their children to be absent from school for annual holidays. I am only permitted to grant leave of absence under exceptional circumstances. There are very limited circumstances that are deemed to be exceptional. Please put any request for leave of absence in writing. Mrs Thomas, our Attendance and Welfare Co-ordinator may contact you to discuss the circumstances surrounding your request. I will then decide whether to grant the leave of absence.

SERVICE CHILDREN IN EDUCATION

Are you a parent serving in the regular Armed Forces or on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service? If so then your child will be eligible for the Service Pupil Premium. This is a small yearly grant given to the school that can be used to provide pastoral support for your child. If you think that this applies to you then please speak to Mr Bridgewater for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / EDUCATIONAL VISIT CALENDAR

Please find below a list of visits planned and some important dates this term. We hope you find it useful. These are also available on our website. Further details will follow via class teachers who are currently busy organising educational visits to support the children's curriculum. **Any costs are approximate.**

Autumn 1	
1 st October	Year 4 Waitrose Visit
3 rd October	King's School Quiz
4 th October	Year 6 Malvern Residential Meeting 5.30pm
4 th October	Individual School Photographs
4 th October	Reception Home Learning Workshop for Parents 3.30-4.15pm
5 th October	SEND Drop in Session 8.15am
5 th October	EYs and KS1 Harvest Assembly 8.55am Parents Invited
12 th October	Apple Class Assembly 8.55am
18 th October	Year 1 Look & Learn Session 8.40am
19 th October	Sycamore Class Assembly 8.55am
24 th October	Year 6 Malvern Residential - 24 th , 25 th , 26 th
25 th October	Year 2 Visit to Waitrose
25 th October	FNWPS Autumn Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
26 th October	Break Up For Half Term
AUTUMN 2	
5 th November	Children Return to School
7 th November	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
8 th November	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.50pm
8 th November	Remembrance Assembly
9 th November	Year 6 Malvern Assembly 8.55am
12 th November	Anti-bullying Week
15 th November	NASA Astronaut Visit TBC £2 approx.
16 th November	Aspen Class Assembly 8.55am
19 th November	Book Fair
22 nd November	Year 1/2 Art Attack
30 th November	Friends Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm
30 th November	Year 3 Enterprise Day
5 th December	Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents 5.30pm
7 th December	EYs and KS1 Visit to the Pantomime £12 approx
12 th December	Year 1 Nativity 2pm
13 th December	Year 2 Nativity 2pm
14 th December	EYs Nativity 2pm
17 th December	Flu Vaccinations
18 th December	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm at St Martin's Church
19 th December	EYs & KS1 Party Day and Aspens Christmas Lunch
20 th December	KS2 Party Day and Aspens Christmas Lunch
21 st December	Last Day of Term
SPRING 1 2018	
7 th January	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
11 th January	Spruce Class Assembly 8.55am

17 th January	EYs Look & Learn 8.40am-9.15am - every other Thursday from this date
18 th January	Maple Class Assembly 8.55am
23 rd January	Young Voices
31 st January	SEND Drop In 8.15am
5 th February	Safer Internet Day
5 th February	Chinese New Year
8 th February	Lime Class Assembly 8.55am
14 th February	Open Morning 8.50am-10.30am
14 th February	FNWPS Valentines Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
15 th February	Break Up For Half Term
SPRING 2	
25 th February	Children Return to School
27 th February	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
28 th February	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.50pm
4 th March	Go Wild Week
7 th March	World Book Day
7 th March	Year 2 Visit to The Hive £4.50 approx.
20 th March	FNWPS Cinema Treat Night 5.15pm
22 nd March	Willow Class Assembly 8.55am
29 th March	Lilac Class Assembly 8.55am
11 th April	Year 3 Production 2pm and 5.30pm
12 th April	Last Day of Term
29 th April	First Day of Summer Term
29 th April	Year 4 Viking Visitor £TBC
SUMMER 1	
6 th May	May Day Holiday
10 th May	Chestnut Class Assembly 8.55am
13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
17 th May	FNWPS Family Night Event
24 th May	Oak Class Assembly 8.55am
24 th May	Break Up For Half Term
SUMMER 2	
3 rd June	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
7 th June	Mulberry Class Assembly 8.55am
17 th June	Phonics Assessment Week
19 th June	Sports Day
24 th June	Opportunities Week
26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
4 th July	FNWPS Summer Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
5 th July	Cherry Class Assembly 8.55am
8 th and 9 th July	Transition Days
11 th July	Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
12 th July	Friends Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm
12 th July	Year 4 Enterprise Event
18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 8.55am
19 th July	Last Day of Summer Term for Children
22 nd July	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

