

# Nunnery Wood Primary School



8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The next couple of weeks will be very busy with a visit from a NASA Astronaut, the Year 1 & 2 Art Attack morning, the School Book Fair and several other educational visits, so please keep up to date via the school's website – [www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk](http://www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk).

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

A massive thank you to all the members of the FNWPS who are working tremendously hard to organise the Christmas Fayre on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 3.30pm-5.30pm. Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November is a non-uniform day and children will be asked for a donation (bottle/chocolates). Look out for the FNWPS letter over the next couple of weeks.

## **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 but I have had several emails and phone calls since returning this week regarding the parking situation. 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. Thank you.

I must also ask that if you are bringing your children to school after the close of registration (8.40am), **YOU MUST** bring them to the school office and sign them in yourself. Please do not allow your child to walk up the driveway unaccompanied. Parking on site is **not allowed without** prior permission. This week a member of staff's car has been damaged because of a parent parking onsite, inappropriately and without permission, resulting in a delivery van driver trying to turn his vehicle around in a very small space on the school carpark. We have also had instances of people 'speeding' up the driveway and around the pond. Therefore, your co-operation and consideration would be much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who do take the time to park safely and considerately and assure you that we are doing all we can to keep your children safe.

## **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 on our database informing them of a school closure. Therefore, it is vital that the school has your current mobile telephone number.
2. 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.
3. 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. This is not particularly helpful because there can be a long delay between the school phoning the information into 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.
4. School closures are also publicised on the County Council website: <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk>

Always assume the school is open unless you are informed otherwise by the methods above.

**Headteacher: Mrs Rachel Higgins**

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## **YEAR 3**

Please can you donate any clean, empty small baked bean cans as Year 3 are making mini Christmas cakes this term? Many Thanks.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Congratulations to the School Council for organising our CHILDREN IN NEED day. We had a great day dressed in odd socks and crazy hats, raising a lot of money for a very worthwhile cause. A big thank you to Mrs. Wheeler for organising a visit from Pudsey, too; the children loved giving him a cuddle or a 'high five'.



## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Further to my Autumn 1 newsletter I am delighted to be able to tell you that our new website should go live next week! Mr. Bridgewater will text you to confirm the exact date. We have been working hard with our website developers to ensure a smooth transition but please bear with us over the first few weeks as we may encounter some teething problems. Fingers crossed everything will go smoothly and parents and carers will find it easier to navigate. If you do have any problems, please let us know so we can sort them out.

## **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. Thomas, our Attendance and Welfare Co-ordinator who may contact you 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. If we do not receive a response and confirmation of the reason for the child's absence for a number of days and we cannot get hold of anyone on the emergency contact list to explain the reason for absence we may have to contact the Police, as they could be deemed a missing child.

We have also had instances of parents/carers informing 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.

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. I hope that you will continue to support us with this. Many Thanks.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

I am writing to advise you that Mrs. Larne Dorman has made the difficult decision to resign from her teaching post, on the grounds of ill-health. She has been a valued member of staff for over ten years. I am sure you would want to join me in wishing her well for the future.

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<b>AUTUMN 2</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.50pm
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Malvern Assembly 8.55am
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
15 <sup>th</sup> November	NASA Astronaut Visit TBC £2 approx.
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Aspen Class Assembly 8.55am
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 1/2 Art Attack
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Enterprise Day
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents 5.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYs and KS1 Visit to the Pantomime £12 approx
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Nativity 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Nativity 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYs Nativity 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm at St Martin's Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December	EYs & KS1 Party Day and Aspens Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Party Day and Aspens Christmas Lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term
<b>SPRING 1 2018</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Spruce Class Assembly 8.55am
17 <sup>th</sup> January	EYs Look & Learn 8.40am-9.15am - every other Thursday from this date
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Maple Class Assembly 8.55am
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Young Voices
31 <sup>st</sup> January	SEND Drop In 8.15am
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Lime Class Assembly 8.55am
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Morning 8.50am-10.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> February	FNWPS Valentines Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Break Up For Half Term
<b>SPRING 2</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children Return to School
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.50pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Go Wild Week
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Visit to The Hive £4.50 approx.
20 <sup>th</sup> March	FNWPS Cinema Treat Night 5.15pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Willow Class Assembly 8.55am

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<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Lilac Class Assembly 8.55am
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 3 Production 2pm and 5.30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last Day of Term
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First Day of Summer Term
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 4 Viking Visitor £TBC
<b>SUMMER 1</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Day Holiday
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Chestnut Class Assembly 8.55am
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	FNWPS Family Night Event
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Oak Class Assembly 8.55am
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Break Up For Half Term
<b>SUMMER 2</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mulberry Class Assembly 8.55am
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Phonics Assessment Week
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Opportunities Week
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reserve Sports Day
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FNWPS Summer Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Cherry Class Assembly 8.55am
<b>8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition Days
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Friends Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 4 Enterprise Event
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 8.55am
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Summer Term for Children
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED