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## NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!  
Psalm 133:1

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Harvest

It was lovely to see so many of you at today's Harvest Service. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate various items to our chosen charity. This giving is part of our Termly 'Love Projects'. We hope that by giving to others the children are able to think of how they can help to support and improve the lives of those around them.

### Extra PE and Sporting opportunities

As you know, PE is a very important part of our Well Being curriculum. We are currently offering each class an extra morning of PE. Pete, our sports coach, is layering that extra time with some much valued CPD for our TA team to support their own PE teaching and playtime responsibilities.

### High Ashurst – Year 4

Many thanks to Mrs Rutter and the team for taking our Year 4's to High Ashurst. I was delighted to hear how much they enjoyed this extra PE time.

#### Some quotes from the children were:

'My favourite activity at High Ashurst was the 'low ropes' because it involved team work and was really fun!'

Bessie

'I really enjoyed the climbing wall because I kept beating my target so I was really proud of myself.'

Ruby

'My favourite activity was the high ropes because I really enjoyed doing the catwalk - I felt like a bird in the air!'

Malo

'The archery was really good because you had to persevere to hit the target.'

Henry

'Doing the woodland skills was great because it was fun building the dens and working as a team.'

Betsie-Bea

### Mercer's Lake – Year 5

Well done to Miss Mitchell and team who spent three days completing water-based activities on the lake. The weather was much colder than previous years but we were very pleased to see how so many of the children stayed so positive. This is what the children have written about their experience:

*'Last week, Year 5 went to Mercer's Lake in Merstham. It was the best 3 days of our school year so far. We learnt how to windsurf, stand up paddleboard, how to sail and how to kayak. It was a fantastic trip, all of us learnt new skills and it was really fun. We liked stand up paddle boarding because the instructors allowed us to jump in, showed us new skills and we got to go to the other end of the lake and back. Windsurfing was fun because when it was windy we could go very fast, we fell in a lot (especially when swapping boards) and we had races. Windsurfing is a complicated sport to learn, but it was fun. In sailing, we worked in teams to be able to complete the little jobs so that we could sail but we could also relax if we worked in big enough groups. We learnt how to kayak and we played lots of fun and exciting games that involved climbing in and out of the kayaks without getting wet. It was very challenging. We ended the week with raft building, we had to build a raft out of poles, barrels and rope. The barrels were filled with air and made our rafts float. We then had to come and rescue Miss Mitchell and Mrs Boyle from the evil pirates who stole them and took them to the middle of the lake.'*

## Charity Ambassador's Book Sale

I met with our school's Charity Ambassador, Chloe (Y6) last week to discuss how we can support charities more. We talked about highlighting some of the charitable work children do outside the school. Over the next few months she will be interviewing different children, who have raised funds for local and national charities. Chloe would like to hold a book sale in order to extend our fundraising for Stripey Stalk. If you have any good quality books you could save for her, she would be very grateful. The sale won't be until January 6<sup>th</sup>; we will let you know when we are asking for books to come to school.

## Teams

The children's Teams have been meeting over the past few weeks and have made a strong start. Minutes of their meetings are up on the website and are displayed in the school. This year promises to be an interesting one as we explore a range of new themes.

### **Our Teams are:**

Eco Team – led by Mrs Matthews

Faith Team – led by Mrs Brooks

Anto-Bullying Team – led by Mr Peluso

Pupil Parliament – led by Miss Woods

In addition to this, Year 5 will act as our Equality Ambassadors. I will meet with them termly at an 'Ambassadors' Summit' to explore themes such as equality, representation and whether our school is as welcoming as it can be.

One key theme for the Teams this year is Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. This focus area will help us explore equality, how we treat people in our school and whether everyone, whoever they are, whatever they believe in and whoever they live with is welcome.

We will refer to the work being done this year, as the 'Welcome Project'.

## Operation Christmas Child

As part of our 'Love Project' for the Autumn term we are asking families to support Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian international relief organisation. After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "go and do likewise." This is the mission of Samaritan's Purse – to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse aims to provide children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster or famine with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. This year, in conjunction with Christ Church, we have provided each class with five Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. We are asking for children to bring in a couple of items suitable for boys or girls between the ages of 5 and 9 to fill these boxes. Please find a list of gift suggestions below or alternatively look on the Samaritan's Purse website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

All items need to be brought into school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Gift Suggestions:**

**Toys:** dolls, stuffed animal or toy, small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or recorder), small foam football or tennis ball, finger puppets, slinky, etch A Sketch, skipping rope, play-doh, small puzzles, costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewellery, plastic toys and toy figures, yo-yo, small frisbee, small kite.

**Hygiene Items:** comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, flannel, bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or flannel to make use of the space), non-liquid lip balm, solar powered torch, compact mirror.

**School Supplies:** pencils, small manual pencil sharpener, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, pencil case, crayons, felt pens, colouring pads, colouring books, picture book, notebooks, glue stick (Do not include liquid glue), small adhesive tape, watercolour paint set (Finger paint palette, paint brushes, paper), chalkboard and chalk, geometry set, pre-printed stamps.

**Other:** hat/scarf/mittens, sunglasses, small bag/purse, hair bows or clips, friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread), make-it-yourself craft items or kit, binoculars, a personal note and photo.

**Please do not include:** Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

### **NHS Level 4 Award**

Well done to Mrs Matthews and her Eco Team who have been achieved the Level 4 RHS award. To achieve this level they had to be able to evidence that they could:

- Use tools like a professional gardener to dig, rake and sow
- Know how to protect our plants against the weather, pests and diseases
- Plan seasonally to harvest produce throughout the year
- Know how to use the produce from our garden
- Raise funds to buy seeds, plants and equipment for our garden

Thank you to everyone who has helped and continues to support our outdoor learning. With Eco Team and our new Young Farmers club, I am sure the school and its fantastic grounds are in very good hands. Mrs Matthews already has her eye on the Level 5 award; I look forward to letting you all know how they get on!

### **Wildlife Aid Foundation talk to Year 3**

Year 3 were fortunate to have a talk from this amazing charity linked to their learning in the Wellbeing curriculum. It covered information about the Wildlife Aid Foundation and the animals rescued, some information about hedgehogs (what they eat and how to help protect them), examples of hedgehogs rescued. Then it was explained that through Wildlife Aid's foundation iDot initiative (meaning "I Do One Thing") they can #DoOneThing each day to help protect wildlife.

### **Height and Weight Checks for Children in Year 6**

Each year in England, school children in Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The school nursing team from Children and Family Health Surrey will be visiting us on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November to measure the children. To carry out these checks the team need to have your consent, which is captured electronically. E-consent is quick and easy and can be completed on any device i.e., mobile phone, tablet, or computer. Please see the attached letter, which gives you more details of the screening, and how to give your consent.

### **Annual Flu Vaccination**

Just a reminder that the Surrey Children and Family Health immunisation team will be visiting school on 19<sup>th</sup> October to offer the nasal flu vaccine. All children from Reception to Year 6 are eligible to receive the vaccine at school. Parents and Carers must give consent directly to the immunisation team for their child to be vaccinated. The portal to submit consent, is now open and will close on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon. A link to the portal is contained in the attached letter.

### **Winter and Menu for School Meals**

Our kitchen team are now providing the Winter menu which has just been released by catering company, Twelve 15. This menu is attached so that you can see what the children who have school lunches will be eating each day.

### **Harvest Festival at the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Church Hill, Nutfield - Sunday 16th October 2022 at 11.00am**

The church of St Peter and St Paul, Nutfield welcome you to join them for a family service with traditional Harvest hymns. Donations of non-perishable goods, as well as supermarket gift vouchers, are most welcome and will go to the food bank at St Matthew's Church, Redhill. Decorating of the church for Harvest will take place on Saturday 15th October from 9.30am onwards. All are welcome.

### **Family Learning Parent Bulletin**

The Family Learning Parent bulletin is a great resource to sign up to and often has good quality, free courses you can sign up to. To sign up for this please click on the link: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Courses are still available, starting in October and November. The adult courses have plenty of courses to help support you and your family. Please click on the hyperlinks for the available courses and workshops below.

Helping your child manage anxiety

Exploring behaviour strategies

Developing children's self-esteem

Building children's resilience

Cooking and baking

English for parents/carers as an additional language

Hoping you all have a good weekend and enjoy all the Autumn leaves!

Imogen Woods  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Autumn Term	
Harvest Service at Christ Church	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October - 9.30am
Year 3 - Swimming	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
'Flu vaccination – whole school	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Buddy Collective Worship (YR and Y6)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November– 9.05am
Year 6 Heights and Weights Screening	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Service	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November - 11.00am
Year One Phonics evening	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm – 4.15pm - Hall
Year 2 SATS meeting	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm – 4.15pm -Hall
School Photographer – Individual photos	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
SSA Parent and Carer Evenings	W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Year 2 Sparkfish Christmas Journey	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am
Inset Day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent and Carer Evenings	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent and Carer Evenings	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent and Carer Evenings	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
St. Andrew's Day	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – blue shirt
Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Nativity Performance	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December– 2.00pm-3.00pm
Nativity Performance	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December – 12.00pm
Christmas Service at Christ Church	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am
Charity Ambassador's Book Sale	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January - 3.15pm