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

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well. Psalm 139 v14

### SATS

Our Year Six completed their SATS tests last week; I am pleased to say that they all did their best and were calm throughout. You may have read recent news articles about how challenging certain papers were but rest assured, we managed them all with the same calm approach as ever! Thank you to the team who invigilated, organised and helped out with Mrs Cox's special breakfasts each day. The class continues to have a full curriculum and learning over a range of subjects continues as ever. We are looking forward to some excellent transition events for them as well. Well done and thank you to the families who supported them so well throughout.

### Special Challenges

Please could all Year 2 Parents and Carers adopt our approach of calling 'SATS' special challenges? We want our children to see these challenges positively and make every effort to make them feel special (not worrying). We do that in a number of ways. Most impactful in our opinion is that we take the children with their teacher in smaller groups. This does make organising timetables challenging and so we ask that you do not take any appointments or time off school if at all possible during this time.

### Choir Club - Dorking Halls

On Monday, the choir took part in a special concert at Dorking Halls where they performed a number of special songs. Mrs Cordey is very proud by how beautifully they performed. Performance is a very important part of our Arts Curriculum and we would like to thank our Parents and Carers for their support and in particular to those who were able to help us with lifts to and from the event. Thank you to Mrs Cordey, Miss Murray and Mrs Boyle who gave up their time in the evening.

### Collective Worship

This week we had a wonderful Collective Worship from Year 1 who shared their learning across a varied curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Matthews, Mrs Vaughey and Mrs Fowler who have worked so hard and seen some wonderful development across the year.

### Eco Schools Green Flag Award Celebrations

I am immensely proud to announce that thanks to the work of Mrs Matthews and our Eco Team, our school has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. To achieve an Eco-Schools Green Flag schools, our school worked on three of the Eco-Schools Ten Topics. These topics have been chosen to combat a variety of global issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and plastic pollution. The topics we chose were: School Grounds, Litter and Biodiversity. Each school that achieves the Green Flag award will have a tree planted on their behalf by the team at JUST ONE Tree, supporting our planet's biodiversity and extracting carbon from the atmosphere.

### Top tip from the Eco team

Turn growing your own veggies into a family hobby. Ditch supermarket packaging and transport costs and dig a little veggie patch, or get yourself on the list for an allotment. Turn growing fruit and vegetables into a family hobby and you're winning all round.

### Biodiversity and Sustainability Week

We have moved Biodiversity and Sustainability week to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking for Parents and Carers to begin to bring in recycled materials, which will contribute towards creating a Kings and Queens themed 'Trashion Show'. Please do read your child's Homework letter for specific details.

### Reception (drop off arrangements)

Our lovely Reception class have been coming in beautifully this year and most are now ready to come straight into class in the same way as Y1-6 do. From Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, we would like Parents and Carers to leave their children at (or near) the gate. We can adjust for any child who isn't quite ready but we usually find that by this stage of the year, the children are glad to go in independently.

### Transition Afternoon

On the afternoon of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, we will be welcoming Parents, Carers and children who will be starting with us in Reception in September 2023. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces, as well as some new faces. The new reception children will spend time between 2.00-3.00pm in their new classroom with their new teacher. This is also an opportunity for Reception and Years 1 to 5 to 'move up' to their classroom for the next academic year and to spend time with their new class teacher.

### Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's

Year 5 have been given the fantastic opportunity to be taught a series of specialist science lessons at St Bede's School in Redhill. These sessions will run on the following Friday mornings:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Children will need to be dropped off at the main gates at St Bede's between 9.15am - 9.20am, where a Nutfield Church Staff member will be waiting for them. After the lesson, the children will then be brought back to school on the train in time for lunch. We will walk to Redhill train station and get the train to Nutfield and walk back to school. The children will need to be in full school uniform. There are two Year 5 non-uniform days on the 9<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> June as they are missing the opportunity to have non-uniform days on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

### Year 6 Leavers' Service – Southwark

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we are pleased to announce that Year 6 will be attending the Diocese of Southwark Leaver's Service at Southwark cathedral.

### Hop A Thon

Our annual Hop A Thon will be taking place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Last year we raised over £1500 pounds, which went directly to the upkeep of the farm. As with last year, we are encouraging children to dress up as rabbits, chickens or any other animal that takes their fancy. Our hope is that each child will be able to raise at least £10 of sponsorship money, so please start looking for sponsors if you haven't already done so. The Annual Hop a Thon is always a big event, which children look forward to as well. It is not only a fun event, which brings the school together but also helps the children to understand the economic realities of looking after pets and general animal husbandry. Sponsorship forms will be going home with Homework letters on the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We will send one Sponsorship form out per child. However, if you prefer, please use one form per family. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Infants (Years R, 1 and 2)

Due to space limitations in our cloakrooms and the way we have decided to organise our classroom routines, across the infant classes, we are asking that all children in Years R, 1 and 2 do not bring rucksacks to school. They should bring in only their bottle, book bag and PE bag. We would appreciate it if Parents and Carers could put this into place as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year 2 Parents and Carers

In preparation for transition to Year 3, please be aware that we will not be allowing rucksacks to school. So that you are aware, in your Meet the Teacher meeting in September, you will be asked to supply your child/children with a transparent pencil case and a range of suitable equipment.

### Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Please could all children in Key Stage 2 come to school with clear pencil cases and suitable equipment. We do not allow toys or mascots in school.

## Homework - a consultation

Having considered a range of views around Homework over the past few years, I would like to ask for our Parents and Carers to share their views. Research around Homework and its impact on academic progress gives varied responses, our own consultation completed 5 years ago now resulted in Parents and Carers voting in a significant majority to keep it.

The staff team and I would like:

- 1- Homework to be manageable for all families.
- 2 – Homework not to add to the already long day our children are having. This can lead to families feeling under pressure at the cost of family harmony.
- 3- To explore ways of using less paper.
- 4- Parents and Carers to feel more confident and think supporting times tables, spelling and perhaps topic based activities may be preferred.

There are many benefits to Homework:

The staff team and I believe that

- 1 - Communicating what we are learning on a weekly basis through our class newsletters, although time consuming, has high value. We believe Parents and Carers can easily follow what their child has been learning and in many cases make sure they are using the same strategies as their child.
- 2 - Learning to build up Homework time and getting it in on time prepares children for secondary school life.
- 3 - We see impact, in particular around Phonics, Spellings and Times Tables.

This being the case, we will soon be seeking your views about Homework using a Parent Mail questionnaire. The Homework questionnaire will include questions around the 3 areas below:

- 1 - Continuing to produce the weekly Homework letters, publishing them as we usually do but not sending them in homework books.
- 2- Setting weekly tasks online using our Google Classrooms and Purple Mash tools. These weekly tasks, will as they do now focus on Phonics, Reading and Maths.
- 3- Setting occasional curriculum focussed tasks. These will usually involve art-based projects over a half term such e.g. making Tudor houses or Easter Gardens.

We will use these views to add to our own discussions and will let you know our plans towards the end of the academic year. Please note there will be an option to write comments after each question and at the end of the questionnaire itself.

## School Meals

Thank you to all those Parents and Carers who make their school dinner payments promptly. It really does save the office staff time if you pay on a Monday morning (paying weekly or by paying for the half term). If you do not have an online account set up for your child please contact the school office on [info@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk) and they will send you details of how to set an account up. The cost is £13.50 per week or £83.70 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the summer term. We look forward to receiving your payments.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday. Do enjoy your time together with your families.

Imogen Woods  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Rounders Tournament Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
PTFA Non Uniform Day - bottles for the Summer Garden Party	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
INSET Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Biodiversity and Sustainability Week	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Rounders Tournament Year 3 and 4	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Cake Sale	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Year R Class Collective Worship	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 (2022/23) residential meeting	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm – 4pm (Y6 classroom)
PTFA Non Uniform Day - wear trainers for sweets for the Summer Garden Party	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Sparkfish Think Space	W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Class Collective Worship	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Year 1 Visit to RHS Gardens, Wisley	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 3 and 4 Indian Dance Workshop	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 6 Leavers Service Southwark	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
PTFA Summer Garden Party	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
PTFA Theatre Visit	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Welcome to EYFS Meeting – Reception September 2023	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2.00-3.00pm
Trinity Farm Blessing and Hop A Thon	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (9.30am blessing)
Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Reports to Parents and Carers	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Reserve Sports Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
District Sports Field	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Art Exhibition	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – 3.30pm -5.00pm
Art Exhibition	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm-5.00pm
Open Evening	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – 3.15pm-5.00pm
'Move Up' Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Welcome to School Meeting – Reception September 2023	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – 2.00-3.00pm
Music Concert	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 6.00pm -7.00pm
District Sports Track	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Year R Cake Sale	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Production – dress rehearsal	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Year 6 Production	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers' Service Christchurch	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – 9.30am
INSET DAYS 2023/24	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024