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NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to the new term

Welcome back to the new term which promises a range of really wonderful events. Summer term is hot, please be reassured we have plans in place for hot weather. Our values this term are Dignity and Joy. This half term, our focus is 'Joy'. We hope that you join us for the many and varied events over the next few weeks.

INSET days

The Governors joined the Teachers and I last week, as part of their monitoring and development of our curriculum. Governors worked in partnership with Teachers who take responsibility for various strands (groups of subjects) across the curriculum. I am very grateful to all involved for their commitment, talent and support which ensures our children continue to receive the very best provision.

In addition to the curriculum session with Governors, the staff team and some Governors undertook training for our cycle of safeguarding training and development last week. Safeguarding is central to our work in line with our vision for all to flourish. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of staff has a high priority.

Biodiversity and Sustainability Week

The start of the new term, following our 2 INSET days was a real joy as the children worked in groups to design their Kings' and Queens' costumes. The days' efforts culminated in a 'Trashion Show' in the hall with the school. The feedback from children from the event was excellent. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for leading the week and to all who contributed various recycled materials. All your efforts were very much appreciated. Photos of the week will be on the website soon. As the next year approaches we will be planning for our Eco work to be further embedded alongside the Diocese and Local Authority.

Year 3 and 4 Rounders

Well done to our Year 3 and 4's who attended last week's Rounders Tournament. Mrs Cordey and Mrs Rutter were both pleased with the children who did very well. The support and encouragement of the Parents and Carers who were able to attend, was also noted. Thank you to everyone who enables our children to access these important events. Our sporting activities continue throughout the term culminating in our Sports Day. For more information about Sports Day and the organisational details please see Mr Bowen's Sports Day letter attached.

Year 6 residential September 2022

Year 6 (our current Year 5's) will be visiting High Ashurst and Thames Young Mariners on 18th-22nd September 2023. A Parent and Carer meeting has been held in the Year 6 classroom on Wednesday this week. The slides from this can be found on the website.

Year R Collective Worship

I couldn't be more proud of our lovely EYFS class who performed their first Collective Worship this week. They all spoke clearly and were really brave in front of the whole school and many of the Parents and Carers and Grandparents who visited. The rest of the school and our adults all had lots of words of encouragement for them. Their progress across the year has been impressive. We are all looking forward to seeing them all grow in the coming years. Thank you to the parents especially, who have done such a wonderful job supporting the school in so many ways. Your children are doing really well and are a delight to have in the school. Do ask Mrs Brooks if you have any questions about transition in to Year 1. Our team work very closely and so I am confident that they are not only 'ready for more' but will also flourish next year.

Phonics

Our Year 1's will be undertaking their statutory phonics check this month. Mrs Mathews and the Year 1 team have been very encouraged by their recent assessments and we are looking forward to seeing how they do. If you have any questions about these phonics checks, do feel free to ask.

Book Bags

Thank you to those of you in Years R, 1 and 2 for your feedback regarding book bags and space in school. I am taking a view now that we all do our best to limit our rucksacks and consider ways in which we can work with the new system. Your comments on the quality of book bags have been noted. Please could you do what you can to work with our request and if on review next term the situation as pertains to the issues I shared has not improved we will try to find a better way.

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who have arranged for the whole school to have a visit from a Theatre Company on the 27th June to see a performance of 'The Jungle Book'. Having a summer term treat for all the children is a lovely idea. Thank you to our Angels and anyone else involved in suggesting the idea. We are delighted to have one that celebrates the Arts and gives the children a really special time.

PTFA Summer Garden Party

The PTFA are excited to see you all at the PTFA garden party on Saturday 24th June from 12 - 3pm on the school field. Please bring your friends and family as everyone is welcome. We will have a bouncy castle, maypole dancing, judo taster sessions, cakes, a BBQ, a licenced bar with Pimms and the usual fun and games plus our amazing rainbow hamper raffle. Please join us for our biggest fundraiser of the school year. The event will mainly be cash based so make sure you have your pennies with you. The schedule of events is as follows:

- 12:00 Gates Open
- 12:30 Maypole dancing
- 13:00 Judo club set up
- 13:15 Judo demonstration
- 13:35 Judo taster session
- 14:30 Raffle draw

Year 2 Cake Sale

The Year 2 Cake sale which unfortunately didn't happen earlier on in the year, has a new date. The sale will be held on Friday 23rd June.

Sports day

Sports Day will take place on Friday 30th June, weather permitting. The children will take part in a series of events, organised by Mr Bowen, in their school teams. The school gates will be open from 12.45pm and will promptly close at 1.00pm. With the main events starting at 1.20pm within the school grounds. We aim to finish and calculate the afternoon's winning team at 3pm, ready for the usual 3:15pm dismissal on the front playground.

A physical copy with a more detailed breakdown on the afternoon's events is attached. This information will guide you in preparing for the afternoon and direct you in the best possible way to follow your child's movements during Sports Day. Good luck to St George's, St Andrew's, St David's and St Patrick's teams!

Reports

Reports are due to go out on Friday 30th June. For those of you in Year R or Year One or are new to the school we wanted to let you know that the reports will come out as follows:

Year R: The Reception Baseline report which was completed in the first few weeks in Reception and the end of year school report.

Year 1: The phonics check score as an additional letter or 'top sheet' and an end of year school report.

Year 2: The teacher assessments for the KS1 SATS as an additional letter or 'top sheet' and an end of year school report.

Year 3: End of year report

Year 4: The Multiplication Score on a letter or 'top sheet' and an end of year school report.

Year 5: End of year report

Year 6: End of year report (SATS results should be out by then. If they are they will be included as a 'top sheet'). If for any reason there is a delay, we will send on to you as soon as we receive them.

Well done Mrs Brooks and team and Welcome back Mrs Benjamin

Mrs Brooks has worked as Acting Deputy Head for the past year having interviewed for and being successfully appointed for the role. She has been an invaluable support whilst Mrs Benjamin (our Deputy Head) has been away on maternity leave. We are delighted to have seen Mrs Brooks step in to the role and watch her achieve so much. A 'Well done' too goes to the many members of staff who have taken on additional roles in her absence and who have, in so many ways demonstrated excellent team work and positivity. Specific roles such as Assessment Lead and SENCO have been taken up by Miss Mitchell and Mrs Cordey respectively. Well done to them.

Congratulations to Mrs Cordey

Following on from the development work we have been doing with our Key SEND Governor Mrs Hargreaves McCallum and within the broader inclusion team, I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Cordey has applied for and been accepted on the National Award for Special Educational Needs. This postgraduate programme will be completed by us both over the coming year. It is heartening to see that in a small school so many practitioners are involved in all aspects of SEND and inclusion.

Goodbye Mrs Summers and Mrs Cox

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Summers who ends her time with us following the return of Mrs Benjamin. Mrs Summers will be missed by us all. We would like to thank her for her hard work, dedication and gentleness. We wish her all the very best in her new school. They are blessed to have her!

Mrs Cox is retiring after 8 years of working in the school. She has been instrumental in improving the quality of education across the school in Maths but has also been an inspirational teacher for our oldest children. Alongside a talented group of staff she has been an enormously creative, fun loving and energetic colleague.

We will miss her. In happier news, I have already persuaded her to come back in September for the Year 6 residential and our Year 4 visits to High Ashurst.

Teacher / TA Staffing – 2023/24

Please see information below for details of your child's class teachers and TAs from September.

Year R - Mrs Brooks / Mrs Kendall

Year 1 – Mrs Matthews / Mrs Vaughey / Mrs Fowler

Year 2 – Miss Mitchell / Miss Murray

Year 3 – Mrs Cordey / Mrs Russell / Miss Lindsay

Year 4 – Mrs Rutter / Mrs Nadeem

Year 5 – Mrs Benjamin / Mr Peluso

Year 6 – Mr Bowen / Mrs Ross

PPA (teachers' preparation time)

Mrs Kendall - PPA Year R

Miss Murray - PPA Years 1 & 2

Mrs Boyle - PPA Years 3 & 6

Mr Peluso - PPA Years 4 & 5

Hop A Thon

Our annual Hop-A-Thon will be taking place on Thursday 29th June. In previous years we raised over £1500 pounds, which went directly to the upkeep of the farm. As with the last two previous years 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.

'Meet the Teacher' meetings

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher in the first few weeks of next year. Dates for this will be in the next newsletter. Reception (2023/2024) - parents and carers have been invited to come in on June 30th and 7th July. Both meetings will start at 2pm and are held in the school hall.

We hope you all have a restful and happy weekend and look forward to seeing you at the Garden Party soon.

Miss Imogen Woods
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Sparkfish Think Space	W/C 19 th June
Year 2 Class Collective Worship	Wednesday 21 st June
Year 1 Visit to RHS Gardens, Wisley	Thursday 22 nd June
Year 3 and 4 Indian Dance Workshop	Thursday 22 nd June
Year 6 Leavers' Service Southwark	Friday 23 rd June
Year 2 Cake Sale	Friday 23 rd June
PTFA Summer Garden Party	Saturday 24 th June
PTFA Theatre Visit	Tuesday 27 th June
Welcome to EYFS Meeting – Reception September 2023	Wednesday 28 th June – 2.00-3.00pm
Trinity Farm Blessing and Hop A Thon	Thursday 29 th June (9.30am blessing)
Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's	Friday 30 th June
Sports Day	Friday 30 th June
Reports to Parents and Carers	Friday 30 th June
Reserve Sports Day	Monday 3 rd July
District Sports Field	Monday 3 rd July
Art Exhibition	Tuesday 4 th July – 3.30pm -5.00pm
Art Exhibition	Wednesday 5 th July – 1.30pm-5.00pm
Open Evening	Wednesday 5 th July – 3.15pm-5.00pm
'Transition' Day	Thursday 6 th July
Welcome to School Meeting – Reception September 2023	Thursday 6 th July – 2.00-3.00pm
Music Concert	Thursday 6 th July 2023 – 6.00pm -7.00pm
District Sports Track	Monday 10 th July
Year 5 Science Lessons at St Bede's	Friday 14 th July
Year R Cake Sale	Friday 14 th July
Year 6 Production – dress rehearsal	Friday 14 th July 2023 – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Year 6 Production	Monday 17 th July 2023 – 6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 18 th July 2023 – 6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Wednesday 19 th July
Leavers' Service Christchurch	Friday 21 st July – 9.30am
INSET DAYS 2023/24	Friday 1 st September 2023
	Monday 4 th September 2023
	Friday 28 th June 2024
	Monday 22 nd July 2024
	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024