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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,

### Well done Year 2

Our Year 2's have had an incredibly busy year and shared some of their learning last week in their Class Collective Worship. We were all very proud to see the learning they have done. Mrs Cordey will continue to be their class teacher next year as you know and will be joined by Miss Lindsay. Miss Murray will be staying in Year 2. The class has done wonderfully this year and have made significant progress across the whole curriculum.

### Year 1 - trip to Wisley

I was delighted to hear that the Year 1 trip to Wisley was a success last week. Thank you so much to our parent volunteers and of course Mrs Fowler and Mrs Matthews who supported by planning and volunteering. Thank you to all who contributed towards the trip. Your contributions are welcomed and do make a big difference to our ability to offer these visits.

### Year 2 – trip to Tower Bridge

On Wednesday, Year 2 went all the way to London. They travelled by train to visit the world-famous Tower Bridge. This visit links to their key reading books this half term: 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' and 'A Walk In London'. They had a fabulous time spotting the famous buildings and monuments along the river. The children were very well behaved and we were impressed that they managed such a big day. Thank you to Mrs Cordey and the team and the parent volunteers, who helped us on the day.

### Summer Garden Party

A huge thank you to those involved in organising, setting up and down and indeed to those of you who supported more broadly on the day. A huge amount of work was done behind the scenes throughout the year to make it such a success. The total amount raised is still being confirmed. I will let you know in my next newsletter. Our particular thanks go to the PTFA Treasurer Mrs Saklatvala and the Class Fundraisers for their efforts. This year, we have run events without a Chair but hope to make sure one is in place for September. If you are interested in becoming Chair of the PTFA, please do speak to Mrs Saklatvala, any of the Class Fundraisers, Mrs Benjamin or me. There will be a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the Hall and should end at 7pm.

### Lockdown Drill

This week, we practised our whole school lockdown procedure. We have a new system, which worked very well. All children were taken to the hall, lined up and registered in 3 minutes and 14 seconds. The atmosphere was calm and I was pleased to see our very youngest children taking this first-time practise so well. For your awareness, we do not share the more serious reasons schools may have to lockdown but simply say we are practising so that Miss Woods can get us all in one place quickly.

### Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

As part of Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education we hold annual, 'Relationship and Sex' lessons, where we teach the children about a range of aspects including living, growing, relationships and family. We refer to these lessons to the children as 'Relationship Lessons'. These lessons will take place in the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July. We follow the Discovery Education scheme of work. This focuses on suitable content which progresses through the year groups at an age appropriate level. Lessons are delivered in class by your child's class teacher. Please see the letter attached with further information.

## Finances

The school is working hard to think about how to increase income over the coming years. We benefit from the PTFA group and their fundraising efforts and through parental contributions through School Fund. However, given the financial landscape for schools nationally, we are looking for ways in which we can make more income which increase the school's central budget overall. At a recent Governors' meeting, we explored some of the ways we could do this. It was decided that we would invite interested parents and carers to a special meeting to share our ideas and explore ways parents and carers may want to get involved. We are planning on holding a meeting in October or November. By that time, we will know more about where we are with the PTFA and this will, in turn, inform the school's next steps.

## Homework

The teachers and I reviewed your comments from the Parent and Carer consultation around Homework. Thank you to all who contributed to this. We had a range of responses and no particular preferred option stood out. Most Parents and Carers preferred to have more online homeworks. Many KS2 Parents and Carers thought homeworks that were easier to do without support such as 'Times Tables Rockstars' and/or online tasks using our Google Classrooms, would be easier. It is highly likely we will be using these 'classrooms' again in September. Passwords have been given out when we used them for our online classes during the pandemic. If you have misplaced your child's password, please don't worry as your child's teacher will share them with you at your 'Meet The Teacher' meeting in September. There was a mixed response regarding the use of a physical Homework book. We will look again at this and let you know our plans going forward in the next newsletter. There were some Parents and Carers who expressed that homework could be very challenging due to their family's other commitments, the need for the children to rest and, for some, for whom Homework time could be very challenging. We understand these views and would like to support you if this is the case. The best time to discuss a more bespoke arrangement or indeed an 'opt out approach', would be at your child's Meet the Teacher meeting.

## Reports

Your child's report will be issued next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please do take the opportunity to discuss the report with your child's teacher at our Open Evening which takes place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (3.15pm – 5pm).

## Top tip from the Eco team

Have an hour a day free from electricity use for a week. Rather than watching T.V or playing a games console, you could spend an hour in the garden, play a board game or read a book.

## Strikes

You may have heard that the NEU has announced national strikes on 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. I am not expecting there to be a need for any of the classes to be closed but will contact you on each morning via Parentmail if this is the case.

## Autumn Term 2023 Clubs

Details of internal (teacher led) clubs will be published in my first newsletter in September. Our external club leaders and coaches will contact you in due course in the usual manner.

## Sun hats and sun cream

Now that this wonderful, warm summer weather is upon us, please could we ask that all children have a named sun hat in school. They may also bring in named sun cream if they are able to apply it themselves.

There is so much to look forward to over the next few weeks, do come in and see us over the various events on offer. The Art Exhibition which is held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, is not to be missed! Please do come along and feel free to invite any Grandparents/Aunts/Uncles or family friends along too. I always enjoy seeing the children sharing their Art.

Have a restful weekend everyone, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Miss Woods

## DIARY DATES

Reserve Sports Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Art Exhibition	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – 3.30pm -5.00pm
Reports to Parents and Carers	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Art Exhibition	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm-5.00pm
Open Evening	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – 3.15pm-5.00pm
District Sports Field	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
'Transition' Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Welcome to School Meeting – Reception September 2023	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – 2.00pm-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 DAY	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
INSET DAY	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Year R – Group 1 start	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Year R – Group 2 start	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1 – Meet the Teacher	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Hall
Year R – Group 3 start	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2 – Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Hall
Year 5 – Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Classroom
Year 6 – Meet the Teacher	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm - 4.15pm - Classroom
Year 3 – Meet the Teacher	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Classroom
Year R – Full time	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Year R – Meet the Teacher	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Hall
Year 4 – Meet the Teacher/Activity Days	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Classroom
PTFA AGM	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September – 6.30pm – 7.30pm – Hall
INSET DAY	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024