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

“Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,  
who gives to all generously and without criticising,  
and it will be given to him.” James 1:5

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 5 Trip to St Bede's School

We were very excited to receive an invitation from St Bede's school to watch some of their students perform their own adaptation of 'The Little Mermaid'. Year 5 were chosen to go and congregated excitedly on Tuesday morning at the front entrance of St Bede's. Thank you to the Year 5 parents for facilitating this. What a fantastic opportunity, not just to enjoy a trip to the theatre but also to enable the children to experience a taste of some of the fantastic opportunities that secondary education can offer. The cast were phenomenal! Year 5 were treated to amazing singing and acting from some very talented students (including some Nutfield Church alumni). The fabulous school orchestra accompanied the performance, led by music teacher, Mr James Wood, who has visited us here at Nutfield Church several times in the past with his Jazz or Samba bands. The backdrops and props had all been created by the students in the Art department. Year 5 were particularly impressed with the use of glow in the dark paint! Overall, our children had a wonderful morning and found the visit thoroughly inspiring. Mrs Rutter, who alongside Mrs Cordey, is leading the charge for us gaining the Artsmark award is working hard to raise the profile of Drama and the Arts within our curriculum and we hope to further develop our links with St Bede's and others in the coming months.

### Year 6 Collective Worship – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

This week, the Parents of Year 6 visited school for their children's final class Collective Worship. Year 6 shared their learning across all areas of their curriculum to prove to the whole audience that they are not 'The Weakest Link'. It was clear to see the hard work Year 6 have been putting in, and we are so proud of them. The other year groups at the school loved witnessing the eldest of their peers sing and perform to them. It was so pleasing to see the pride on the faces of all the children of Year 6 as they shared their many achievements and they looked cool doing it in their backwards caps and sunglasses. To end their Collective Worship the children ended by singing Pharrell Williams' song 'Happy'. Being happy is a key factor to our learning; the Year 6 children hope they left everyone smiling. This is the first of many class Collective Worship this term. Next, we will be welcoming the school and the Parents and Carers of Year 3; this Collective Worship will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9:05am.

### Tin a Week update

Our 'Love Project' this term focuses on supporting families who are in need. We recognise that times can be tough for families and the children have once again nominated Love Works as their Spring Term charity. We are asking each family to bring in one tin a week until the end of half term. These tins will then be collected by Love Works during the first week back after half term. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the appeal so far. As of Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January the totals for each class stood at:

Reception: 40 tins

Year 1: 26 tins

Year 2: 21 tins

Year 3: 36 tins

Year 4: 41 tins

Year 5: 20 tins

Year 6: 33 tins

### **Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call**

As part of our spring term Love Project, we are once again supporting the Southwark Diocese Lent Call. The Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and the Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. To support the Lent Call we are asking children to raise money through either giving something up or taking something up for the 40 days of Lent. We are encouraging children to collect sponsorship money for each day they manage this. This year Lent begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please find a sponsorship form attached. Year 4 will be going to Southwark Cathedral on the 30<sup>th</sup> April as part of the Lent Call; further information will be sent out in March.

### **Trinity Farm Volunteers**

Thank you so much to the volunteers who continue to support Trinity Farm and look after the animals during the weekends and school holiday times. Our children love visiting the animals as part of their Wellbeing curriculum and we have a fantastic team of Year 6 'Farm Managers' who diligently oversee the care of the animals during school hours. Mrs Benjamin oversees the rotas for volunteers to come and look after the animals at the weekend and over the school holidays. Attached to this newsletter is the rota for weekends this term and February half term holiday. If you are already a volunteer, are able to commit time and haven't already responded with your availability, please do let us know if you are available to help. If you have never volunteered before but would be interested in supporting the farm, please do get in touch via the school office. Thank you very much to those families who are regularly visiting the animals. We really do appreciate all your help.

### **Thank you**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Phil Lloyd who has raised a phenomenal £683.90 through his Christmas Competition which was advertised in the Nutfield Link. Our thanks to our community many of whom contributed to this event. We would also like to thank the dozens of past Parents, Carers and friends from years past. This was the 40th fundraising event Phil has done and so it seems timely that he ends it with such a special school. Thank you, Mr Lloyd for thinking of us and for your past years' service as one of our Governors when your children were younger.

### **Allergy aware**

Thank you to everyone who takes such care to make sure that we have no nuts in school. Like most schools, we are a nut free school; please do not include any products including nuts in packed lunches.

### **Top tip from the Eco team**

One great eco friendly New Year's resolution for 2024 could be to download an app that helps you donate - or find - food in your local area which might otherwise be wasted. You get to help the planet and find a bargain!

<https://www.toogoodtogo.com/en-gb> enables cafes and restaurants to sell uneaten meals at reduced rates.

<https://olioapp.com/en/> connects neighbours and local retailers so surplus food can be share.

<https://kitche.co/the-app/> which helps you keep track of what's going out of date in your fridge and comes up with recipe suggestions based on what you have in stock.

### **Would you like to be a teacher?**

I am pleased to be promoting an information event for anyone interested in training to be a teacher next year or in the future. The event will be led by our SCITT partners at South Farnham.

We are fortunate enough to have worked with the SCITT for some years and would recommend the programme highly. If you would like to find out more, please read the flyer attached.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Woods

## DIARY DATES

Year 3 Collective Worship	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January – 9.05am
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 4)	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Year 4 Collective Worship	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February - 9.05am
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 5)	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
KS2 SATS meeting	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm – 4.15pm (Y6 classroom)
PTFA Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 6)	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
PTFA KS1 Disco (Yrs R-2)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – 16.00pm-17.00pm
PTFA KS2 Disco (Yrs 3-6)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – 17.15pm-18.15pm
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr R)	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
St. David's Day – yellow shirt	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 3 - Swimming	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 Collective Worship	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 6)	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Springs Dance Company (Yr 5)	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.00am-3.00pm
Year 2 Collective Worship	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 1)	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
PTFA Year 4 Cake Sale	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – 15.15pm-15.45pm
St. Patrick's Day – green shirt	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March (Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March)
SSA Parent and Carer Evenings	W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 2)	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Concert	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 6.00pm-7.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Easter Service Christ Church	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – 3.15pm-4.00pm
PTFA Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 3)	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 3.15pm-4.15pm (Yr 4 classroom)
PTFA Year 3 Cake Sale	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – 3.15pm-4.45pm
St. George's day – red shirt	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 4)	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call Thanksgiving Service	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 5)	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr R)	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Key Stage 2 tests	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 1)	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
PTFA Year 2 Cake Sale	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – 3.15pm-4.45pm
School Photographer - Group	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
PTFA Cinema Night	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – 3.15pm-5.30pm
Primary Music Festival	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 1 Collective Worship	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – 9.05am
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 6)	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
PTFA Non-Uniform Day – Sweets For Summer Garden Party	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June-Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Phonics Screening Check	W/C Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 (2024/25) Residential meeting	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm – 4pm (Yr 6 classroom)
PTFA Year 1 Cake Sale	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June- 3.15pm-4.45pm
Year 5 – Activity Days - Aqua Sports	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 2)	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June

Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 3)	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
PTFA Wear Own Shoes Day – Bottles for Summer Garden Party	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Indian Dance Workshop (Yr 3 and 4)	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00-11.30am
EYFS Collective Worship	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – 9.05am
'Welcome to EYFS' meeting	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm-3.00pm
Hopathon	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 4)	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
INSET Day	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Art Exhibition	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – 1.30pm-4.30pm
Art Exhibition	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – 3.15pm-4.30pm
Open Evening	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – 3.15pm-4.30pm
'Welcome to School Meeting'	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2.00pm-3.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr 5)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 1.15pm-3.15pm
PTFA Summer Garden Party	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July -12.00pm-3.00pm
Summer Concert	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm-7.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr R)	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Production – dress rehearsal	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July– 2.00pm-3.00pm
Year 6 Production	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July– 6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July– 6.00pm-7.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday (Yr R)	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers' Service Christchurch	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am
INSET Day 2023-24	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
INSET Day 2023-24	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024
INSET Day 2024-25	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024
INSET Day 2024-25	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
INSET Day 2024-25	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
INSET Day 2024-25	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
INSET Day 2024-25	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025