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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,

### Love Works

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Love Project which this term has supported Love Works. We were glad to help this very special charity and are so grateful to those who were able to support it. Our Love Projects focus on helping our children learn to think of others and that their actions make a big difference. We were delighted to receive an email from the Love Works manager Sarah who wrote *‘I just want to say a huge thank you for the fabulous donation that we received at our warehouse last week. The food that you collected will make such a difference to those in our community who really need support at this time. Please can you pass on my thanks to everyone at Nutfield Church School who was involved - they are superstars! All of us at Loveworks are most grateful for your ongoing support.’*

### A message from St Peter & St Paul Church, Nutfield

All are welcome to join our Lent and Easter Services - please see the attached pdf for full details. On Sunday 10th March we are hosting our special Mothering Sunday Family Matins at 11am, where we'll be handing out posies of flowers. On Saturday 30th March (Easter Saturday) we are holding our annual Easter Trail in the Churchyard, where all participants will receive a Chocolate Easter Egg. Drop in between 4pm and 5pm. All are invited into the Church over the Easter period to view the spectacular Easter Gardens made by Nutfield Church Primary School children. We look forward to seeing you!

### Absence

You may have heard quite a bit recently about school absence which is now being addressed at Government and Department levels as school absence soars nationally. I am very pleased to say that we are maintaining much higher levels than advertised recently in the news.

We are told by our Inclusion Officers that Nutfield Church has, in previous years been one of the 2 schools in the area with the highest attendance. At a recent attendance review, our Inclusion Officer noted that our attendance figures are ‘currently performing above the National average for primary schools with a whole school attendance rate of 96.19%’. The National Average is 95.1%.

You may be interested to know that where attendance is below 90%, concerns are raised and if not due to any known reasons (long term illness/medical or other need) those children are reviewed on a regular basis. These reviews are led by and monitored by our Local Authority Inclusion Officers. Officers work with the school to identify and track children who are currently categorised as ‘persistent’ or ‘severe’ absence pupils.

Whilst I am personally supportive of family time, understand the pressures around balancing that with holidays (and the mounting costs of travel), I do have to give ‘unauthorised’ leave letters from time to time. Please do understand that the school supports our families in their decisions but does need the children in every day ideally and certainly within the top end of the percentile of the country.

How you can help maintain your child's time at school:

Avoid all appointments in school time. Registers are taken at 9am and 1pm.

Avoid holidays in term time if at all possible.

Track your child's attendance level.

Avoid keeping your child at home if they have a minor cold or illness.

### **Parent and Carer Evenings**

Parent and Carer Evenings will take place on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March (3.30pm-6.00pm). Meetings will take place with your child's class teacher and will be held in their classroom. Sessions will be available for booking via ParentMail. The system will go live for bookings on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00am.

For the parents and carers of children currently on our Special Educational Needs register, there is an opportunity to have a 30-minute appointment with their child's class teacher during the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Those parents and carers will shortly receive a letter inviting them to book a session via ParentMail.

### **Uniform**

I would like to say thank you to everyone who makes sure their child is in the correct uniform. I am writing this as I had a delightful conversation this week with one younger child who told me all about Santa and how he brought her 'all the right coloured hair ties. She listed the colours, told me she had a special space for them and was clearly very invested! It made me smile and I thought of how kind so many of you are to ensure the 'little things' are attended to. We believe that a smart, well organised uniform is helpful for us all to teach the children to present well in life.

### **World Book Day menu**

Our kitchen team will be providing a special menu to celebrate World Book Day. The menu is attached along with various activity sheets for your children.

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

Keep it native. Try and include more native plant species, particularly those that attract bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects to your garden. If you don't have a garden, do you have space for a window box, or hanging basket?

### **Price and Buckland school uniform**

Price and Buckland, our school uniform supplier have advised that uniform prices will increase slightly from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. They have assured us that they do not take the decision to increase prices lightly and do so reluctantly in the knowledge that many people face hardship at this time. None of the regular garments shown on the website will be going up in price by more than 50p or 5%. For online customers, the delivery charge remains unchanged and they continue to offer free returns, free delivery to school, and free delivery on orders over a certain value.

### **Nut free – A reminder**

We are a nut free school. Please do make sure you carefully check that you don't inadvertently send your child in with nuts or sweets with nuts.

### **Online courses for parents**

The following link has been supplied by our Inclusion Officer and gives access to free online courses for Parents and Carers <https://solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-parents/>.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Woods

## DIARY DATES

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
Year R Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening	Thursday 14 <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
Gatton Park trip (Yr 3 and 4)	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
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 (Yr 4)	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
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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
SDBE Year 6 Leavers' Service	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