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NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mark Chapter 12 verse 33

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Buddy Collective Worship

We will be having a Buddy Collective Worship on 7th November. It will be held at 9.15am in the school Hall. This is a very special service where our Y6's welcome our Year R children and both years' parents and carers will get to meet the children together. We are very keen for our new parents to meet more friends in the community and for our new children to always be 'Happy and Safe', we do hope the Year R and the Year 6 parents can come along.

Harvest Service

It was greatly encouraging to see so many parents and carers at our Harvest Service last week at Christ Church. It was a beautiful service with lovely singing. The contributions from the Faith Team did us all so proud. Thank you, as always, to Rev Len and Father Paul for leading our service and for those of you who were able to celebrate with us.

Open Hands Reigate

We had a lovely email which I have copied below from the Trustees of 'Open Hands Reigate' thanking us for your generous donations from the Harvest Festival. There were copious amounts of food items which will be gratefully received by families in need. Thank you!

Dear Staff and Pupils at Nutfield Church Primary School

I am writing on behalf of the Trustees of Open Hands Reigate to say a huge 'thank you' for all the donations from the school harvest festival. The donations arrived today at the food bank and will be most gratefully received by families over the next few days.

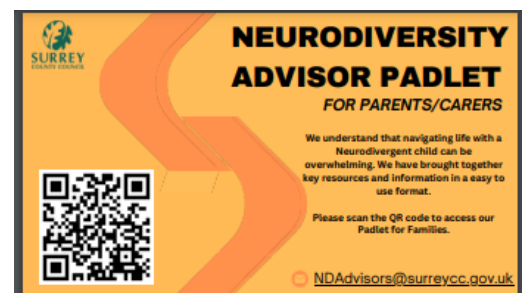
Please pass on our thanks to everyone who contributed and they can be assured the gifts will be going where they are needed.

Remembrance

On 11th November we will be marking the 2 minutes' silence to remember those fallen and to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Although our friends from the Royal British Legion won't be with us this year, Rev Len will be leading us in a short service. If you would like to come along please do. We will gather at 10.50am outside the Village Hall. If it rains too hard as it did last year, then the short mark of respect will be held in the school hall. Year Six will be offering Poppies for a donation to the British Legion on the playground from Monday 4th November.

Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

This academic year, Nutfield Church are taking part in a project run by Surrey County Council and Family Voice Surrey called Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). As part of this project, we will be involved in training, sharing of resources and strategies to support teachers and pupils in the classroom. Surrey CC have put together a Padlet of useful information for parents. Please use the QR code below to view. If you would like any further information on the project then please contact our SENCO, Mrs Cordey.



Anti-Bullying week

This annual event is taking place during the week beginning Monday, 11th November. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. The Anti Bullying Team would like to ask the children in every class in school to come in wearing odd socks

on Friday, 15th November. The week will include special lessons and an Antibullying Team led Collective Worship on Wednesday, 13th November!

e-petition

You may be aware that an e-petition to Surrey County Council has been started. It raises community concerns around safety in several areas of the village. You may find it helpful to know that I have been involved in a traffic calming consultation in previous years, where we looked at traffic calming, pedestrian crossings, speed bumps and additional 'street furniture'. We also worked with local volunteers and discussed the data gathered and alongside members of the police, the thresholds for speeding etc. During this time, the school worked with Highways, the village council, Holborn's, local councillors and the police. Sadly, the area did not meet the necessary thresholds for action. Should the E-petition result in a response from Surrey County Council, where a further discussion or debate of the same kind is organised, the school will be fully supportive of any actions.

Smart Phones - The very real danger of unrestricted/unmonitored Internet access

The school has a developing view based on experiences of children and current research that we are increasingly concerned about the use of smart technology, specifically the unrestricted use of the internet.

We are especially concerned that whilst apps can be educational, many have advertising/pop-ups on them which can be inappropriate for the ages of the children. Further to this, the algorithms used in some apps create dopamine spikes and other complex patterns which may affect some children's mental health. Not all children react negatively but you may have seen adhesive or anxiety-based reactions when, for example, an iPad or phone is taken away. If this is the case, there is a good chance that your child is suffering from withdrawal. Our concerns include the use of smart phones in causing children to have unmonitored conversations with class mates which can cause distressing impact on the children at times. These unmonitored conversations can sometimes encourage children to have conversations they would not ordinarily have in real life.

At the Year 5 Meet the Teacher meeting earlier on in the term, Miss Mitchell and I sought the views of parents regarding the use of smart phones and the school's emerging view we have regarding related issues with the children.

We recommend that if your child has a smart phone and unrestricted access to the internet that you consider buying them a brick phone (one not connected to the internet).

As a teacher and now Headteacher, with an education background of over 25 years, I can appreciate the changing times and recognise the many benefits the internet and the related constant connectivity has brought and will continue to bring but would ask that you consider whether:

- 1 - Your child needs a smart phone... is there a better way to contact them?
- 2 - Whether your child is ready to process the unrestricted content on the internet...do you know what they can see?
- 3 - If you do allow your child to chat to friends online ... do you know what they can hear?

You are likely to have given some of these matters thought already and may have a clear family view.

If your view is that you don't want to give your child a smart phone you may find you are not alone. Do speak to friends about this.

Twelve 15 Autumn/Winter Menu

Our kitchen team have issued the new Autumn/Winter menu so that you can see what the children who have school lunches will be eating each day. Please refer to the attached menu which will begin from Monday 4th November. All menus including the special dietary menus can be found on our website [here](#).

Thank you to all those parents and carers who make their school dinner payments promptly. The cost is £2.80 per meal which equates to £14.00 per week or £98.00 for the 2nd half of the Autumn term. We look forward to receiving your payments.

A reminder that Friday is an INSET day and then we have half term. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday, 4th November.

Have a happy half term.

Miss Woods

DIARY DATES

Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 6	Wednesday 6 th November
Buddy Collective Worship (Yr R and Year 6)	Thursday 7 th November 9.15am
Anti Bullying week - Choose Respect (Wear odd socks on Friday, 15th November)	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November
Year One Phonics training	Tuesday 12 th November 3.30pm – 4.15pm – Classroom
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 5	Wednesday 13 th November
Year 2 assessment meeting for Parents and Carers	Thursday 14 th November 3.30pm – 4.15pm - Classroom
EYFS Polka Theatre	Friday 15 th November 10.00am-11.00am - Hall
PTFA Year 5 Cake Sale	Friday 15 th November – 3.15pm-3.45pm
School Photographer – Individual	Monday 18 th November -9.00am-11.30am
PTFA Non-uniform Day – Sweets for Christmas Fair	Friday 22 nd November
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 4	Wednesday 20 th November
Anti-bullying Workshop – KS2	Monday 25 th November
Parent and Carer Evenings	Monday 25 th November -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evenings	Tuesday 26 th November -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evenings	Wednesday 27 th November -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 3	Wednesday 27 th November
Year 2 Sparkfish Christmas Journey	Thursday 28 th November
St. Andrew's Day	Friday 29 th November– blue shirt (Saturday 30 th November)
SSA Parent and Carer Evenings	W/C Monday 2 nd December
Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Tuesday 3 rd December – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 2	Wednesday 4 th December
Nativity Performance	Wednesday 4 th December – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Nativity Performance	Thursday 5 th December – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 1	Wednesday 11 th December
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 17 th December 6.00-7.00pm
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr R	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18 th December – 12.00pm
Christmas Service at Christ Church	Thursday 19 th December – 9.30am-11.00am
PTFA Christmas Fair	Thursday 19 th December 3.15pm -5.30pm
INSET Day 2024-25	Monday 2 nd June 2025
INSET Day 2024-25	Friday 4 th July 2025
INSET Day 2025-26	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
INSET Day 2025-26	Thursday 4 th September 2025
INSET Day 2025-26	Friday 15 th May 2026
INSET Day 2025-26	Monday 1 st June 2026
INSET Day 2025-26	Friday 3 rd July 2026