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NEWSLETTER DATE 14th November

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

Thank you to everyone who came along to last week's Buddy Collective Worship. It was wonderful to see our Year R parents and our Year 6 parents being able to meet. I am very proud of the children in Year 6 who have started the year off so well with their Buddies. The little ones in Year R were brilliant! Both classes were a real credit to their families and the school. Thank you to Miss Gibbins, Mrs Kendall, Miss Best and Miss Baber for making the children's first few months so cohesive. The Buddy system is a very important feature of our school and we think helps us really embed our vision and values that everyone should flourish and live life in all its fullness.

Remembrance Service

On Tuesday 11th November just before 11am, the whole school, community, the Royal British Legion, Father Paul, members of the local community and our parent/carer community, gathered outside the Village Church Hall to join in with the annual Remembrance Service. This very poignant service, led by Father Paul, included readings and poems read out by representatives of the Faith Team, before hearing the moving sound of 'The Last Post' by the musician. The sight and sound of a lone bugler playing the Last Post will be a familiar one to many. This mournful tune is played at Remembrance Day events and services across the Commonwealth. This was then followed by the community observing a minutes' silence in respect for those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. The service ended with the children all singing the beautiful 'This is a Day to Remember'. Special thanks go to Father Paul for hosting the lovely service and to those who were able to join us. The children were amazing as always. Thank you also for your donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, which have raised £201.52.

Parent and Carer Evenings

Parent and Carer Evenings will take place on 24th, 25th and 26th November (3.30pm-6.00pm) for all classes. Meetings will take place with your child's class teacher and will be held in the school hall. Sessions will be available for booking via your Arbor Parent Portal. The system will go live for bookings on Monday 17th November at 7.00am.

For the parents and carers of children currently on our Special Educational Needs register or for whom longer appointments may be beneficial, there is an opportunity to have a 30-minute appointment with their child's class teacher during the week commencing 1st December. Those parents and carers will be able to book a session via Arbor Parent Portal on Monday 24th November from 07.00am.

Clubs ending date reminder

A reminder that teacher led clubs finish week ending 21st November with the exception of Choir, Speech & Drama, Recorder and Orchestra which will continue week commencing 1st and 8th December in preparation for the Christmas Concert.

Reading with a Pets as Therapy Dog at Nutfield Church C of E Primary School

We are delighted to announce that Nutfield Church C of E Primary School now has a Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog as part of our school community. This wonderful addition supports our vision inspired by John 10:10, to help pupil's live life in all its fullness, including their learning journey. The dog (Barley) belongs to Reverend Len, who many of you already know very well.

The Benefits of Reading with a Therapy Dog

Reading with a therapy dog offers unique advantages that enhance pupils' literacy skills and emotional well-being:

1. **Building Confidence and Reducing Anxiety**

Pupils often feel less pressure and anxiety when reading aloud to a non-judgmental, calm animal. This safe environment helps boost their confidence and encourages more frequent and enthusiastic reading practice.

2. **Improving Reading Fluency and Comprehension**

The relaxed setting allows pupils to focus better, improving fluency and comprehension. The presence of the dog can make reading sessions feel less like a test and more like a friendly conversation.

3. **Encouraging Positive Attitudes Towards Reading**

Many pupils who struggle with reading or have low motivation find reading with a therapy dog enjoyable and rewarding. This positive experience fosters a lifelong love of reading and learning.

4. **Supporting Emotional and Social Development**

Interaction with the therapy dog promotes empathy, responsibility, and social skills. Pupils learn to care for and respect the animal, which can translate into positive relationships with peers and adults.

At Nutfield Church C of E Primary School, we are proud to integrate this innovative approach into our literacy programme, supporting every pupil to flourish academically and emotionally.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 18th November to take individual portraits of the children. The photographer will take photos of siblings together, if they attend school. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate any pre-school siblings.

Nativity -Year R – 2

An email will be sent out shortly enabling you to book your tickets for the Nativity performance on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December. Babies and younger siblings are welcome, however if you think your little one may not settle, please email the school office to request a ticket for the dress rehearsal on Monday 8th December.

SEND / INCLUSION Update

Thank you to all of those parents that attended Monday's 'Autism and Top Tips' coffee morning. The slides for this will be on our website from Monday for you to view.

A reminder of the following:

Wednesday 26th November: 3.00pm-4.30pm – Mandy from Barnardo's on ADHD will be on site

Monday 12th January: 9.00am – 10.15am - Nicola from the Outreach team will be presenting on masking and self-regulation

PTFA Update

Nutfield Bonfire Spectacular

Thanks once again to all those who supported the annual bonfire by volunteering time, selling tickets, donating prizes or simply coming along and enjoying the event. We raised a lot of money which will go back into all of the community clubs and groups involved in organising the event. We will confirm later in the year how much the PTFA received.

Second Hand Uniform Collection

The PTFA will be holding a second-hand uniform collection on Monday 24th November. A collection box will be left by the school gates for any donations. We would be delighted to accept branded uniform plus grey shorts/trousers/skirts/dresses in very good condition.

Christ Church Christmas Party

Christ Church are hosting a Kids Christmas Party on Saturday 6th December. Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

Father Paul and I would like to thank all of you who attended the Remembrance Service on Tuesday.

Mrs Farray-Green

DIARY DATES

School Photographer – Individual	Tuesday 18 th November -9.00am-11.30am
Year 3 Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 19 th November
Parent and Carer Evenings	Monday 24 th November -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evenings	Tuesday 25 th November -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evenings	Wednesday 26 th November -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Year 2 Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 26 th November
Year 4 Trip to Polka Theatre	Wednesday 26 th November
Year 2 Sparkfish Christmas Journey	Thursday 27 th November
Happy School Bag Collection	Friday 28 th November
St. Andrew's Day	Monday 1 st December– blue shirt (Sunday 30 th November)
SSA Parent and Carer Evenings	W/C Monday 1 st December
Year 5 Trip to Tate Modern	Tuesday 2 nd December
Year 1 Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 3 rd December
PTFA Non-uniform Day – Sweets for Christmas Fair	Friday 5 th December
Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Monday 8 th 2.00pm-3.00pm
Nativity Performance	Tuesday 9 th December– 2.00pm-3.00pm
Year R Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 10 th December
Nativity Performance	Wednesday 10 th December – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination/Yr R and 6 Heights and Weights	Thursday 11 th December 9.00am-11.30am
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 16 th December 6.00-7.00pm
Year 6 Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 th December – 12.00pm
Christmas Service at Christ Church	Thursday 18 th December – 9.30am-11.00am
PTFA Christmas Fair	Thursday 18 th December 3.15pm -5.30pm