



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

09.09.2022

Dear Nightingale Families,

I am sure you are all aware by now of the sad announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. As a community, our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

We would like to remind you that we will remain open throughout the period of public mourning. The day of the Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and therefore if it falls on a week day, schools alongside most businesses will likely close. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Today we talked with the children, in an age-appropriate way, about the death of her Majesty, addressing the news, answering any questions children may have and providing support. With our jubilee celebrations being quite recent, the children have a good knowledge of the many aspects of her life and the impact she had on our country and across the world.

As we all come to terms with what happened, we know that some children will be affected by this in particular. We will keep the school routine as normal and continue to provide children with time to talk if they need.

If you need any further advice on how to support your child, you may wish to access one of the bereavement charities such as Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children (winstonswish.org), Child Bereavement UK or Nelson's Journey | Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk | (nelsonsjourney.org.uk). If your child needs extra support, please let us know, our pastoral and class teams are always here to listen.

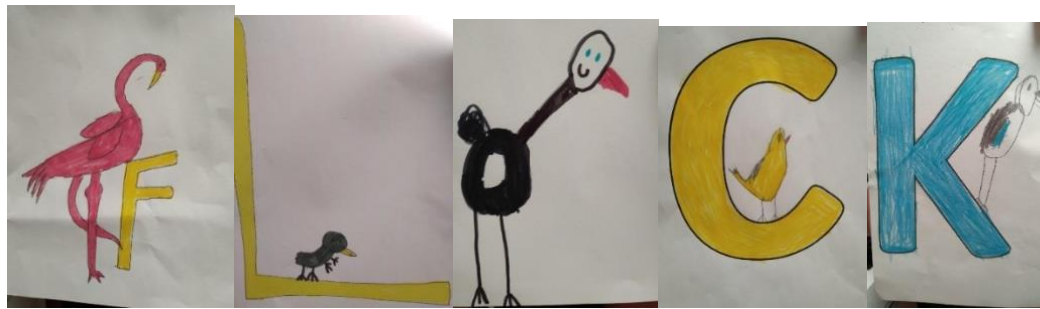
It's been a pleasure to welcome all of our new families into school this week as well as welcome familiar faces back after the summer. The children have settled into school fantastically after a long break and it's so lovely to hear the building full of chatter and laughter.

We are busy finalising plans for this term. Please keep an eye on the dates section of the newsletter each week where information is regularly updated.

While testing is no longer required, Covid-19 still remains very present in the community and we ask families to continue to be vigilant. If your child presents with any of the symptoms, we ask that they remain at home and test where possible. If positive, children should isolate for 3 full days, day 0 being the day they first show symptoms/test positive. Where a test isn't possible, children isolate until they no longer have a high temperature/feel unwell. Children can return to school after the 3-day isolation period or later if they are still presenting symptoms. The same advice is for adults however adults are required to isolate for 5 days.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Hutt and Mrs. Boyce

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Welcoming new members of the team

This week we have welcomed a number of staff to the Drayton and Nightingale team. As you may know, our schools are partnered with many staff working across both sites. We would like to formally welcome;

- **Mrs Watling** – Partnership Assistant Headteacher – joining our senior leadership team, working Wednesday-Friday across both schools
- **Mrs Baldry** – Clerical Assistant - Working daily in our Nightingale office
- **Mr Keen** – Partnership Caretaker – joining Mr Lacaille our Site Manager, working every morning across both schools
- **Mrs Hubbard** – EYFS Lead Teacher at Drayton
- **Miss McIntosh** – Year 1 Teacher at Drayton
- **Miss Rayner** – Year 1/2 Teacher at Nightingale
- **Mrs Threadgold** – EYFS Teacher at Nightingale
- **Mrs Ward** – Support staff at Drayton
- **Mrs Harrison** – Supporting lunchtimes at Drayton
- **Mrs Cornish** – Supporting lunchtimes at Drayton
- **Mrs Parke** – Wraparound care at Drayton
- **Mrs Sutton** – Wraparound care at Drayton
- **Mrs Cullum** – Wraparound care at Drayton
- **Mrs Lane** – Wraparound care at Drayton

We also have some staff who have moved across our schools and/or have taken on a new role

- **Mr Sexton** – joining our support team at Nightingale
- **Miss Roberts** – joining our Key Stage One teaching team at Nightingale while leading English across the partnership
- **Mrs Coleman** – joining our support staff team at Drayton
- **Mrs Boyce** – supporting the EYFS teaching team at Drayton. Mrs Boyce is currently covering maternity leave, teaching at Drayton on Thursdays and Fridays and supporting the senior leadership team. She continues in her Deputy Headteacher role at Nightingale Monday-Wednesday.
- **Mrs Clarke** – joining our wraparound care team at Drayton
- **Mrs Dobson** – joining our pastoral team, working across the partnership to support families.

Communication

Please could I ask that parents email the office email rather than sending things directly to individual staff, if you have their email addresses. The office email is checked daily and throughout the day, however this isn't the case for most staff due to other commitments. By doing this, we can ensure your email is passed to someone who is able to pick this up quickly, particularly if the intended recipient is absent.

Please continue to send direct emails to the SENDCo and PSA where matters are not urgent.

For anything needing to be discussed or where you need to communicate things quickly, we strongly advise you to speak to someone at the gate, the class teacher, or give the office a call.

Food Vouchers

All infant school children are entitled to free school meals. However, if you receive the following benefits, you might be entitled to receive extra financial support. The children often get free spaces for holiday activities too.

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

The Norfolk County Council are issuing food vouchers for entitled parents/carers for September and October. If you have not yet applied, please complete the online form as soon as possible. You will find out instantly if you are eligible. Once confirmed, please email the school office so that we can update our records and issue the vouchers.

Any families already receiving support last year and their siblings who started in September do not need to re-apply.

Applying online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

More information:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Any questions, please contact the school office.

School Council



School Council will take place on Mondays. The children who are on the Council will stay until Christmas. We will need some more children on the Council so if your child is interested, please help them think of reasons why they would like to do so to share with the class.

Phonics

Welcome back! It has been fantastic seeing the children settle into their new classes this week.

We are really excited to report that we are beginning a new journey as we take on The Little Wandle phonics and reading programme. Starting this year, we have been busy updating resources and attending lots of super training. We will be sharing this with you through a parent's phonics café, date to be confirmed soon!

Phonics lessons will continue to take place daily.

Previously we would read once a week with individual readers, we will now be implementing a two-week rolling rota.

In week 1 the children will be reading in groups for a decoding session where we focus on the word reading, then a prosody session where we notice the punctuation and practice reading with expression (reading in the character's voice). In week 2 the children will then focus on comprehension through their guided reading sessions.

You will still receive decodable books set for the children every week. We are thrilled to be starting this journey and we are so excited to share it with you all.



Parent Forum



Mrs Boyce will be running the Parent Forum this year. If you have been on the forum and are happy to continue, please let a member staff know. The Forum tends to meet on Zoom at 9:15 am on a rotation of the days of the week. We will have some meetings in school this year. We discuss topics such as homework, transition, communication, holidays, absence and many more. If you are interested in joining Parent Forum 2022 – 23 please let Mrs Boyce know in person or via the office.

Slippers



Nightingale children started to wear slippers last year. The slippers must be simple with hard soles and backs. The children loved wearing them through the winter. They promote calmness and relaxation and in turn creates a calm learning environment. It also means the carpets keep cleaner with year-round use of the field, which is much nicer for the children to sit on as well as keeping the cleaners happy! We ask that the children start to bring in their slippers over the next few weeks. The children then have school shoes or trainers for outside and slippers for inside. Please note that

trainers are not permitted as an alternative for an indoor shoe.

Parents wishing their child to continue to wear school shoes all day are kindly asked to send in a pair of trainers each day so children can use these at playtimes and lunch times.



Conker Club



Welcome back! It has been lovely to see everyone that has attended so far!

We have had plenty of games being played, songs being sung, and dance moves that are out of this world! It has been so lovely to hear about the children's summer holidays at snack time (They sound like they all had a fabulous break!)

DO NOT FORGET! We are open to everyone until 17:30. You can book in via ParentMail, speak to the lovely ladies at the office, or feel free to email us directly if you have any problems at: conkerclubnians@istnorfolk.co.uk

We have plenty for the children to do! Arts and Crafts, Lego, computers, dressing up, role play, outdoor play (weather permitting), chilled area full of quiet activities for those that want to step away from the craziness. Snack time to keep them fuelled up, and a constant supply of drink!

We look forward to seeing you all!
Miss Bell and Mr Sexton.

Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages!

EYFS



Welcome to school Kingfishers! What a busy first week we have all had! The children have been making new friends and learning about their new teachers. We have had lots of fun exploring the equipment outside and practising changing into our wellies and shoes all by ourselves. We have explored the different areas in our classroom, the making table, messy tray, water tray and home corner have all been very popular this week! We are getting very good at putting our belongings away in the correct places each morning, and collecting them again at home time! We have all practiced writing our name this week and have started sharing our All About Me books with our new friends. If you haven't sent your book to school yet, please bring it next week so we can add it to our special basket in the classroom. We have been reading books all about starting school and singing our favourite songs during group time. What a fantastic first week back to school, well done Kingfishers! We have been busy taking lots of pictures for your child's Tapestry account. You should receive your activation email by next week. Please note that **next Friday 16th all children (both group A and group B) will be in school until 1pm**. Children will eat lunch in school first, and can be collected from outside the Kingfisher classroom at 1pm. We are aware that some of you have had difficulty ordering lunches on pupil asset. Please do contact the school office, or pop in the office after drop off so we can reset your password.

Key Stage 1



Welcome back Ravens, Swallows and Chaffinches. We have had a fantastic first week back. There has been a lot to learn in our first week, class rules, where to find things, people's names and making new friends. We have also learnt lots about our class bird and had a go at writing the facts we found into sentences.

In maths we have been doing lots of counting, writing numbers and ordering numbers. We are so impressed with the children's neat writing.

From next week we will be doing **PE**, which will be on the following days;

Swallow Class – Monday
Raven Class – Tuesday
Chaffinch Class – Thursday

Please come dressed in your PE kit (navy shorts, white t-shirt, school jumper and trainers) on your day, thank you.

In Key Stage 1 we do not use Tapestry, instead we have Seesaw. We will be sending you details of how to use this soon. Look out for your QR code in your child's bookbag.

Dates for the diary

September 2022		
Wednesday	21.09.22	School photos
Thursday	29.09.22	Year 2 Active Kids (Selected group of 10 children in year 2)
October 2022		
Thursday	06.10.22	KS1 Football Festival (Selected group of 10 year 1 / 2 children)
Friday	14.10.22	KS1 Rugby Festival (Selected group of 10 year 1 / 2 children)

21.10.2022	Friday	School closes for half term
31.10.2022	Monday	School re-opens
November 2022		
08.11.2022	Tuesday AM	Flu immunisation for all children (more information to follow)
December 2022		
16.12.2022	Friday	School closes for Christmas Holiday
January 2023		
04.01.2023	Wednesday	School re-opens for Spring term
February 2023		
10.02.2023	Friday	School closes for half term
20.02.2023	Monday	School re-opens
March 2023		
31.03.2023	Friday	School closes for Easter holiday
April 2023		
18.04.2023	Tuesday	School re-opens for Summer term
May 2023		
26.05.2023	Friday	School closes for half term
June 2023		
05.06.2023	Monday	School re-opens
July 2023		
21.07.2023	Friday	School closes for summer holiday

Term dates

White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

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