



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

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FLOCK STARS



Open Day



Weduc

Following feedback about the current apps that we use to communicate with parents, our office team have been working hard to research alternative options to ensure we have the best software to communicate with our families.

We have been preparing for the implementation of a system called Weduc which will embody all of the functionality of our existing systems of Parentmail and Seesaw, whilst also enabling direct communication with the school, and access to Pupil Asset and Tapestry.

Therefore, Weduc will be used for our communications for the whole school and home learning for our KS1 learning. Tapestry will continue for our Early Years pupils. Previously we used Seesaw to communicate what we have been doing in class whilst we could not have visitors to the school. Now that parents can come in to the school again, we will only be using Weduc for home learning. The KS1 curriculum is very different from EYFS so will therefore not be used in the same way as Tapestry is for EYFS.

There is a newsfeed within the system that can be used to keep up with our news and activities which is very similar to the Facebook newsfeed, and the internal messaging system is very similar to Outlook.

You will be able to access Pupil Asset and Tapestry directly through 'The Hub' and you will be able to report child absence through the system too.

The messaging within the app will allow all parent/school communication to be contained within the system to avoid the need to use generic mailboxes like the office email addresses and will therefore be able to be monitored by the whole office team.

Currently this is being trialed by a selection of our Friends committee members across the Partnership and our staff to ensure a smooth rollout after October half term.

We are excited to share this new system with you and will be sharing more, including feedback we receive during the trial, in newsletters leading up to half term.

Fireworks!



DRAYTON COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

FIREWORKS NIGHT

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY 4th November 2022
Gates open at 18:15pm Displays at 18:45&19:30pm

Tickets £5.00
Children 3 and under free.

Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code -

Friends of DCIS - Registered Charity 1062976

Book Now!

Parentkind Member Association

Nursery Lunches

After half term we will be offering all our nursery children the option of a lunch from the brilliant Norse team in our kitchen. We have a new menu from next half term which will be shared with all families before half term.

Therefore, if your child stays for lunch at nursery, you will be able to choose from; a hot meal, a hot vegetarian option, a jacket potato, or a school packed lunch. All come with a dessert.

These will be charged at £2.30 per meal and will be invoiced to you in a similar way to your Nursery invoice. Once the system is settled in, we will look to invoice for meals through the Weduc system.

Please speak to the nursery staff if you are interested in making use of school provided lunches.

Fundraising for a Partnership Minibus

This year, the Partnership would like to work together and focus their fundraising towards purchasing a minibus for the two schools.

Some ideas we have had to date include:

- sponsored walk/bike/scooter of 1.7 miles to take place in the Summer term. This is the distance between the two schools;
- writing out to local companies and asking them if they would like to contribute towards our cause with a view to advertising their company on the bus if they are willing to donate a minimum amount;
- we will be applying to a variety of grants to help towards our total too.

We will have a scale in the front foyer of each school showing how close we are to reaching our goal and there will be ideas promoted throughout the year.

The benefits of the mini-bus for our children will include:

- better links with the community - we can take the children out for community litter picks to link with our eco schools ethos - we can take the children to local care homes to read with/sing to the residents - trips to the library and local places such as Marriotts Way;
- ability to take children out on local visits - the library for reading sessions - the church for art sessions - small group outings which could include the councils of both schools working together;
- increasing opportunities for the children - if there is a club at one school that hasn't had the take up at the other school, we can bus the interested children to the school with the club to enable them to take part and bring them back again - this could include music tuition, dance classes etc;
- enabling opportunities for sporting events between the schools - being able to have sports tournaments between the schools making use of the extensive field at Drayton;
- flexibility around trips - for children that have difficulty being on noisy coaches and change in routine, we can take a small group of children in the minibus when we have large school trips.

The possibilities are huge and we would be very grateful for any support you can give us with this.

We welcome any ideas towards helping us reach our goal this year – we will need to raise approximately £40,000 so every little will help!

Additionally, if anyone works somewhere that offers match funding and would be willing to put our cause forward for this, we would be thrilled.

Marvellous Maths Morning

We'd like to say a huge thank you to those parents from KS1 who were able to stay and share some marvellous Maths with their children this morning. It was wonderful to hear the children talk about their learning and showing their parents around their learning environments. We hope parents found it useful and enjoyable. Watch this space for more opportunities to come into school.



Football at GOALS!

This week some children from Ravens class went to Goals to play football against another school as part of the West Norwich and Dereham Schools Sports Partnership. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and Nightingale won the most games overall. Well done to everyone who took part.

Harvest Festival

We are delighted to confirm that the Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival will take place at St. Edmund's Church on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 2pm. We invite you to join us at the church for a service from 2.00-2.30pm. We will walk to and from the church, meeting parents there. To prevent the children needing to carry coats, bags etc to the church, we kindly ask that parents allow us to leave the church with the children at 2.30pm and pick up at 3.10pm from school as normal.

Our harvest celebrations for Reception will take place on Wednesday 19th October from 9.00am-9.20am in the school hall. We invite you to join us for this celebration. Please drop off your children as normal and come to the main office to sign in.

Local Activities

Tots2Teens October half term sessions

You can now make bookings for the Tots2Teens activities taking place in the October half term. Details of planned sessions can be found [here](#).

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun funded places are not available in half term, however families who are in receipt of means-tested benefits from Broadland District Council are entitled to a 50% reduction on the promoted cost of the sessions. Families need to get in touch on 01603 430525 or leisure@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk to get this discount applied to their membership. A healthy snack will be provided for all children during October half-term, they do each need to bring a packed lunch and refillable drink bottle with them.

Norwich Penguins October Holidays Intensive swimming courses

SAVE THE DATE



Join us for a fun-filled 4/5 day holiday courses which will help your child to learn a life skill and be more confident in the water.

HOLIDAYS	LOCATION	DATE	DAYS	TIME
October Half Term	Taverham Langley Prep	24/10/2022 - 28/10/2022	5 days	9am to 11am
October Half Term	Norwich High School for Girls	24/10/2022 - 28/10/2022	5 days	9am to 11am
October Half Term	Recreation Road Infant School	24/10/2022 - 28/10/2022	5 days	9am to 11.30am

If parents wish to book they can contact Norwich Penguins via email at norwichpenguinslts@gmail.com or visit their website for more information.



TENNIS CAMPS

Looking to get on the tennis court in the school holidays?

Aimed at all ability levels, our coaches will help develop your game in a fun and encouraging environment.

We will provide all the equipment, just bring a drink!

Mini Camps (5 - 10 yrs)

9:00 - 11:30am

Junior Camps (11 - 15 yrs)

12:00 - 2:30pm

£30 for 2 days of tennis!

Venues:

- Eaton Park, NR4 7AZ
- East Anglia Tennis & Squash Club, NR2 2NQ
- Taverham Tennis Club, NR8 6JR
- Hellesdon Community Tennis, NR6 5SR
- Sportspark UEA, NR4 7TJ
- Reepham Tennis Club, NR10 4LQ



For information & bookings:
nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk

Email: hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

Horsford F.C. Girls Football Sessions

Horsford F.C. in partnership with Motive8 Sports are starting girls only football sessions for those aged 4-11 starting Friday 7th October. They are looking to increase their girls only provision throughout the club and create more teams for the 23-24 season.



Horsford Football Club
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GIRLS FOOTBALL
AGES 4-11

m8

In partnership with Motive8 Sports Coaching, Horsford FC are now running weekly all girls coaching sessions for those aged 4-11. The club are looking to increase female participation and grow our girls provision for the coming seasons. Get involved in the growth of the girls game with Horsford FC and Motive8!

HORSFORD VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 5-6PM
MOTIVE8SPORTS@HOTMAIL.COM



SCAN ME

ACCREDITED CLUB ★ ★ ★
PART OF ENGLISH FOOTBALL

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

EYFS



In Nuthatch this week the children have continued getting to know each other and the adults in the room, they were very excited to welcome back Mr Eldridge our student volunteer this Friday, he has been missed! The children are getting very good at putting their wellies on to go and explore the outside garden, well done Nuthatch! In Kingfisher class the children have all been learning about space as part of International Space Week. We have read 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and 'Baby Brains' and thought about what life is like in outer space. We collected moon rocks outside and explored patterns using space dust. We have explored colour mixing while designing our own aliens, used various construction materials to create our own rockets and painted planets using special puffy moon paints! We learnt about Tim Peake, a British astronaut who lived on the international space station. In maths the Kingfishers have been comparing amounts using greater than, less than and equal to. In Phonics the children have learnt 4 new sounds and have also started segmenting using a phoneme frame this week. Great learning everyone!

Key Stage 1

This week in key stage one we have made egg box bird feeders. We then wrote our own instructions of how to make an egg box bird feeder. There was a lot to think about; a title, numbers, bossy, short sentences, capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and time words (first, next, after that, finally). We have written our instructions up neatly so we can put them on display around school.

In maths this week we have been learning about subtraction. We solved subtraction number sentences by using concrete objects, then by drawing pictures of tens and ones and finally using a tens and ones grid. It was a challenge to use exchanging if the number went into the next ten. We also looked at word problems to challenge our understanding of what we had learnt.

In science we have investigated our sense of smell. We had lots of jars to sniff to see if we could guess what they were. Some were delicious and others were disgusting!

Thank you for attending our Maths Big Share this morning, we look forward to seeing you all in school again soon.

Dates for the diary

October 2022		
Friday	14.10.2022	KS1 Rugby Festival (Selected group of 10 year 1 / 2 children)
Wednesday	19.10.2022	9.00am-9.20pm - Reception Harvest Festival in school 2.00pm-2.30pm - Year 1 & Year 2 - Harvest Festival at St Edmunds Church
Friday	21.10.2022	Flu immunisation for all children (more information to follow) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Friday	21.10.2022	School closes for half term
Monday	31.10.2022	School re-opens
November 2022		
December 2022		
Friday	16.12.2022	School closes for Christmas Holiday
January 2023		
Wednesday	04.01.2023	School re-opens for Spring term
February 2023		
Friday	10.02.2023	School closes for half term
Monday	20.02.2023	School re-opens
March 2023		

Friday	31.03.2023	School closes for Easter holiday
April 2023		
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term
May 2023		
Friday	26.05.2023	School closes for half term
June 2023		
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens
July 2023		
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

