



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

21.10.2022

Dear Nightingale Families,

What an amazing time we've had in school this week! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our harvest celebrations, both in school and at the church. We were extremely proud of the children walking to and from the church and have been overwhelmed with the lovely comments we have received from neighbours, parents and people from the church.

On Thursday we enjoyed a special 'Flock Star' celebration assembly where families of the children receiving an award were invited to join us. The children enjoyed hearing their citation written specially for them and ended with a small tea party with their family. These will run at the end of every half term, celebrating the hard work and exceptional behaviour our children demonstrate.

I'm pleased to tell you that Mrs Bradfield will be returning to school after half term. She will work together with Mrs Boyce to ensure a smooth start back for Swallow class.

Following sharing the details of the Christmas events in school, we are aware of some Year 2 parents feeling they will miss out seeing their child take part in a nativity, due to the impact of the pandemic on previous years. We completely understand and are acutely aware of the many things the children have missed, including large portions of the curriculum.

We want to reassure parents that the 'carol concert' will be more than the children singing in the church. The team are busy planning the event which will include all of the traditional nativity parts, narration, songs for whole school, individual classes and costumes which will of course include the famous tea towels on heads! Parts will be organised early next term and we will begin to practise songs in assemblies, trying to minimise the disruption to the children's routines and timetables as much as possible. We will be organising a dress rehearsal at the church prior to the event so will inform you of the date nearer to the time.

We hope you have an amazing half term and we look forward to seeing you and your child back in school on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Hutt & The Nightingale Team

Partnership Structure Changes

There have been some key changes this term across the Drayton and Nightingale Partnership. As you will know if you were with us last year, I was appointed as the Partnership Headteacher in January 2022. Since then, I have been working with middle and senior leaders to develop a model which supports both schools in their improvement journey.

We recognise the importance for children, staff and parents to have their own headteacher, overseeing and managing things day to day, focussing on the needs of the individual school. From September we have restructured our senior leadership team and welcomed new staff into the schools.

Congratulations to Mrs Findlay who has been appointed by the Trust as the interim Head of School for Drayton Infants. While I will continue in my role as Partnership Headteacher for both schools, Mrs Findlay will be the first point of contact for parents and staff at Drayton as she has been, allowing me to do the same at Nightingale. Mrs Findlay and I will continue to work together on school improvement, alongside the team of senior leaders, as well as lead on Special Educational Needs across the partnership.

All of our leaders and many of our staff work across both schools. This enables shared working, support and challenge and flexibility where needed. Below you can see the senior leadership structure for the partnership.

While the schools continue to work on shared areas for school improvement, both schools also have individual areas for development. Please see an overview we have created for parents attached to this newsletter which is a summary of this year's improvement plan for Nightingale. Each term we will update you on the progress against our improvement plans and provide an opportunity for parents to give their feedback on key areas.

Sarah Hutt

Partnership Headteacher

Sarah Findlay

Head of School - Drayton
Partnership SENDCo

Lou Boyce

Deputy Headteacher - Nightingale

Meg Watling

Partnership Assistant Headteacher

FLOCK STARS OF THE YEAR



Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson is available Tuesday to Friday. Her Nightingale days are Thursdays and Fridays although these are flexible across the partnership. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to her please contact the school office.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th November. Booking information will be sent out on Friday 4th November. One slot will be allocated per child to ensure there is time for the teachers to see all families.

Uniform Reminder

We encourage all of our children to take pride in their appearance, and wearing the correct uniform is a great way to start. There are a number of children who are not wearing the correct school uniform and we will be addressing this from the beginning of next term. Please make the children aware that if they are wearing an incorrect item of clothing, like a hoody, they will be asked to remove the hoody and we will provide the child with a spare school jumper.

Slippers or indoor shoes will be compulsory after half term so we can use the field at playtimes, lunchtimes and during PE. Trainers are not accepted as indoor shoes.

All children should have slippers in school so they are able to change from their school shoes/trainers when inside. Trainers are not to be worn in school unless taking part in PE. On PE days when children come into school in their PE kits, children will be asked to change into their slippers as on any other day. If you would prefer for your child not to wear slippers and remain in school shoes, please ensure they have a pair of outdoor shoes they can change into for playtimes and lunchtimes.

School Hours

The government has stipulated that all schools must be open for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week from September 2023. Our current opening hours for the main school (8:50am – 3.10pm) leave us 50 minutes per week short of this new requirement.

Leaders across the cluster have met and are in a similar position. We have worked together with them to coordinate a plan for the next academic year. We are proposing that, from September 2023, we will stay open 10 minutes later each day, finishing at 3.20pm. With the junior school changing their pick up time, the time window for parents picking up across both schools will remain unchanged.

Please note that the timings for this academic year will remain unchanged.

Conker Club



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

EYFS



This week we have been thinking about the story of "Goldilocks and the Three bears". Children have been heard to say "Who's been sitting in my chair?" and there has been much talk of things being too hot, cold, soft or hard. But the learning and attitude of all the children in Nuthatch and Kingfisher has definitely been "Just right!" What was also "Just right" was the play-dough used in Nuthatch class which was arguably the best play-dough we have ever used! The children had great fun using it to make dinosaur footprints and explore textures. Thank you to all who were able to attend our harvest celebration on Wednesday. Weren't the children amazing at coming in, sitting down and performing in front of an audience? We hope you enjoyed our song but hope you were not too scared by the growls of those fierce bears at the end. Have a great half term holiday. Remember children, whatever you do, do NOT go into people's houses and eat their porridge!

Key Stage 1

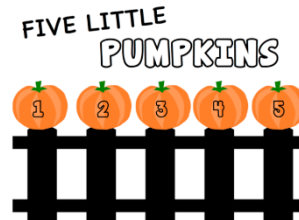


In key stage one this week we have continued looking at poetry. It was lovely to see so many of you in church on Wednesday, we were very proud of how well the children performed the field mouse poem. We have also learnt the poems 'Do Your Ears Hang Low' and 'Five Little Pumpkins'. The children enjoyed learning these poems, writing them out in their best handwriting and performing them.

In maths this week we have been learning about 2D shapes. We talked about what the shapes are called (circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon, pentagon, octagon), and how to describe them using mathematical language (sides, vertices). We enjoyed playing shape games, sorting shapes, solving shape problems and finding out if shapes are symmetrical. We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you soon.


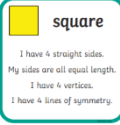
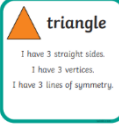
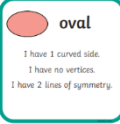
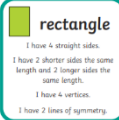
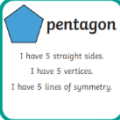
Do Your Ears Hang Low

Do your ears hang low?
Do they wobble to and fro?
Can you tie them in a knot?
Can you tie them in a bow?
Can you throw them o'er your shoulder
Like a Continental Soldier?
Do your ears hang low?



FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
The first one said, "oh my, it's getting late"
The second one said "There are bats in the air"
The third one said "but we don't care"
The fourth one said "Let's run, run, run"
The fifth one said "I'm ready for some fun"
"Oo-oo" went the wind and out went the light
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

 <p>circle I have 1 curved side. I have no vertices.</p>	 <p>square I have 4 straight sides. My sides are all equal length. I have 4 vertices. I have 4 lines of symmetry.</p>
 <p>triangle I have 3 straight sides. I have 3 vertices. I have 3 lines of symmetry.</p>	 <p>oval I have 1 curved side. I have no vertices. I have 2 lines of symmetry.</p>
 <p>rectangle I have 4 straight sides. I have 2 shorter sides the same length and 2 longer sides the same length. I have 4 vertices. I have 2 lines of symmetry.</p>	 <p>pentagon I have 5 straight sides. I have 5 vertices. I have 5 lines of symmetry.</p>

Dates for the diary

October 2022		
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		
Tuesday	15.11.2022	Parents Evening (booking details to follow)
Thursday	17.11.2022	Parents Evening (booking details to follow)
Saturday	26.11.2022	Nightingale Christmas Fair – (more information to follow)
December 2022		

Thursday	08.12.2022 2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity – Parents welcome
Wednesday	14.12.2022	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday	14.12.2022 2.00-2.45	Year 1 & 2 Christmas at St Edmunds Church – Parents welcome
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
Monday	05.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Tuesday	06.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
July 2023		
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

Term dates

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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

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