

Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 25.11.2022

Dear Nightingale Families,

While we may still be in November, Christmas is steadily creeping into school. The sounds of the Christmas performances being practised fills the corridors daily...the children are very much looking forward to sharing this with you all at the end of term.

Tomorrow sees the return of our Christmas Fair, run by the Nightingale friends. They have worked tirelessly over recent weeks, particularly this week, to get everything ready ahead of the big day. We hope as many families as possible are able to join us tomorrow (10-12). There will be a range of games and activities to enjoy. The pedestrian gate will be open from 10am. Please bring along friends and family to join us...we look forward to seeing you there!

Lastly, now the temperatures are finally reflective of November/December, please could we remind you to ensure your child has a warm coat and is dressed appropriately for the weather. The heating is now on in school however we continue to spend a considerable amount of time outside in all weathers.

Have a lovely weekend

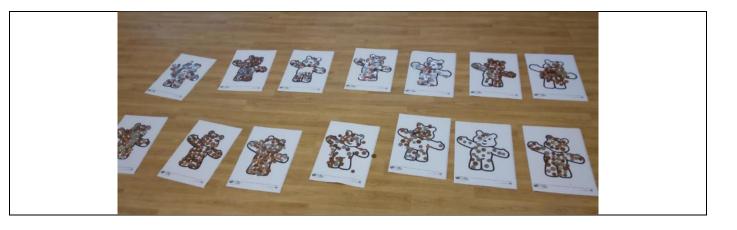
Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

Children in Need

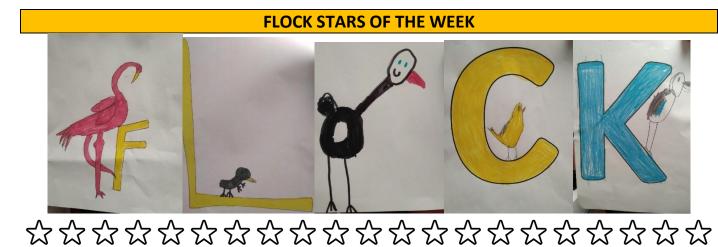
Well done to our wonderful School Council team who helped us to run our very popular Bake Sale last week. They did a wonderful job of managing the money, recommending cakes and navigating a busy crowd of hungry customers! Thank you to all the parents and children who contributed delicious bakes and who generously donated money towards our Children in Need fundraising.













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Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson, our family liaison advisor, oversees and is able to support with attendance matters, routines and behaviour, family support or is always happy to listen and support with any concerns you or your child may have. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her please contact her directly on the email address below.

Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk

Weduc

Reminder

If you have not yet registered with Weduc, please do so as soon as possible. The enrolment codes have already been sent to all parents/carers but these do expire after one week. Please do not hesitate to email the school office if you would like another one.

Weduc will be our main system for communication. All information is now available via Weduc. We will send messages directly to parents/carers via Weduc ('Messages') instead of emailing, the newsletter is uploaded weekly to the Newsfeed and the calendar is up to date with current events. Year 1 and Year 2 home learning is also available here. Reception will continue to use Tapestry instead but a link for this can be accessed from 'The Hub' in Weduc.

Please use the 'Absence Reporting' function to report your child absent. (or call the office and leave a message rather than email please)

You can use the message function (envelope icon) to send messages/emails to the main office. Any questions or support, please refer to the Parent Support link: **WEDUC**

https://www.weduc.com/parent-support Tel: 01509 221349

FRIENDS

Following another round of successful Friends events, we wanted to highlight another area of the school that our fantastic Friends have helped to develop with the funds they have raised.

Please see below photos of our incredible library which is now a tidy, organised, quiet space for our children to look through our amazing range of books, have story time, or just somewhere to be calm and quiet.

We are also able to use this amazing space for interventions and other lessons, providing our children with an inviting area in which to learn.

Thank you again to our marvelous Friends!





Job Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner to join the Drayton team.

For more information, please visit the following link.

https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/cleaner-211/?fromSearchPage=true

Christmas Dinner

The traditional Christmas lunch booking form will be sent home in the children's book bags. Please return your booking form as soon as possible.

Sugar Appeal

This year again we are collecting sugar for Shelters and for families in crisis.

We would very much appreciate any support you can give - please bring sugar donations to your child's class. Thank you very much for your support.



Early Years Nativity

Tickets are now available to reserve for the Early Years Christmas Nativity (Kingfisher and Nuthatch). These can be ordered through Weduc as follows:

- Login to the Weduc app
- Select Payments
- Select your child
- Offers
- Reception Christmas Nativity

You will add them to your basket to check out but the price is $\pm 0.00 \odot$ Please note that tickets are limited to two per child!

Parent Notices

Don't forget the Christmas Fair – tomorrow morning Saturday 26 November 2022 at 10.00am. Hope to see you then.

Please be aware that Scarlet Fever cases have been reported in both partnership settings. A factsheet sharing information regarding Scarlet Fever and its symptoms / treatment was sent to all parents from Pupil Asset on the 8th November.

In Swallow class next week Mrs Boyce and Mrs Bradfield will have a temporary change of their teaching days. Mrs Boyce is teaching on Monday, Thursday morning and Friday, whilst Mrs Bradfield will teach on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.



Parents

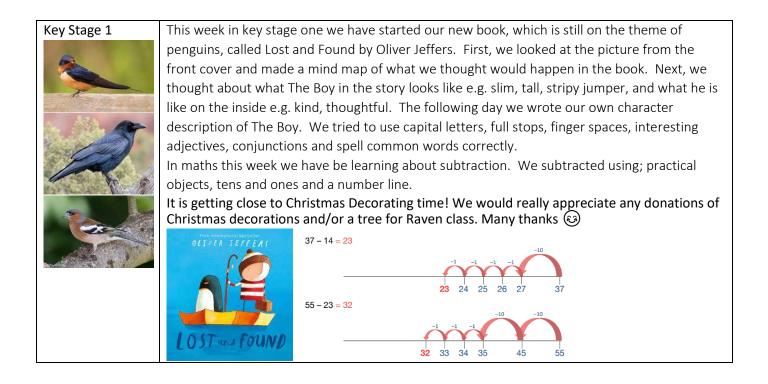
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The School Council have chosen the RSPCA as the charity to support in school this year. More details of fund raising ideas will follow in the new year.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who agreed to remain on the parent forum. I have had 2 responses. There is plenty of room and we are still looking for new class representatives. Have your say - if you would like to join us please contact the office and the message will be passed on. We have been meeting on line at 9:30. We will rotate between Monday and Wednesday.

Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages! EYES Next time you pick up a stick off the ground, be careful! It might not be an ordinary twig or branch, it might be... Stick Man! This week our learning in Early Years has been based around the popular Julia Donaldson story of that name. The children have followed the epic journey of Stick Man and have investigated floating and sinking in the water tray. They made missing posters for Stick Man and created some lovely models simply by winding pipe-cleaners round sticks and adding googly eyes. Our maths learning this week has been around measuring. We have compared the lengths of sticks and have begun to use cubes to measure sticks. We painted the Stick Man family trying to get all five members in height order. Try comparing the different lengths of objects around the house and using the language 'taller,' 'shorter,' 'tallest,' 'shortest.' Preparations for the Nativity play continue apace and this week, for the first time, children practised getting up onto the stage. Another reminder not to go out and buy costumes. We will let you into a secret! Above the Early Years classrooms there is an enormous loft from which a treasure trove of costumes and decorations emerges every November. We will let you know of any simple tops and leggings or trousers which your child may need as a base for their costume, but otherwise Early Years staff are like little elves busily sorting costumes and props. We cannot wait to share the children's performance with you.



		Dates for the diary						
	November 2022							
Saturday	26.11.2022	Nightingale Christmas Fair – 10-12						
	December 2022							
Thursday	08.12.2022 ThursdayReception Nativity – Parents welcome2.30-3.00							
Wednesday	14.12.2022	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day						
Wednesday	14.12.2022 2.00-2.45	Year 1 & 2 Carols at St Edmunds Church – Parents welcome						
Friday16.12.2022School 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						
Wednesday	22.02.2023	Year 2 Speed Stacking Festival (10 children attending)						
Monday	27.02.2023	KS1 Cricket Festival (20 children attending)						
		March 2023						

Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)						
Friday	School closes for Easter holiday							
	April 2023							
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term						
Thursday	27.04.2023	KS1 Tri Golf (10 children attending)						
	May 2023							
Friday	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						
Thursday	08.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos						
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)						
	July 2023							
Thursday	06.07.2023	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children attending)						
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday						

Term dates

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Norfolk County Council 2022-2023

Norfolk Model Calendar

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