



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

20.01.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

As promised, we are sending out our knowledge organisers and key stage one plans for you. These are also available on our school website. We hope this helps with understanding what your child is learning this half term and how you can support at home. Please also find the home learning tasks for Year 1 and Year 2 included on the knowledge organiser.

Strike Action

You will likely be aware that one of the teaching unions has held a ballot, which is proposing strikes by their members this year. The reasons behind this are complex, and this industrial action is likely to affect the majority of our teaching staff. Please let me reassure you that our teachers do care very much about the children in their classes and any decision to strike will not be taken lightly. The National Education Union has announced a series of strikes which impact the operation of our school. They are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023 – National strike action
- Wednesday 1 March 2023 – Regional strike action
- Wednesday 15 March 2023 – National strike action
- Wednesday 16 March 2023 – National strike action

The other teaching unions have not announced any strikes at this time.

Leaders have meetings on Monday with the local authority and the trust so we hope to update you early next week. Staff are not required to tell us if they plan to strike until the day of the strike, therefore making planning extremely challenging. Many staff have shared their intention to strike so I am hopeful we will be able to gain a greater understanding as to our staffing levels ahead of the strike day and plan accordingly.

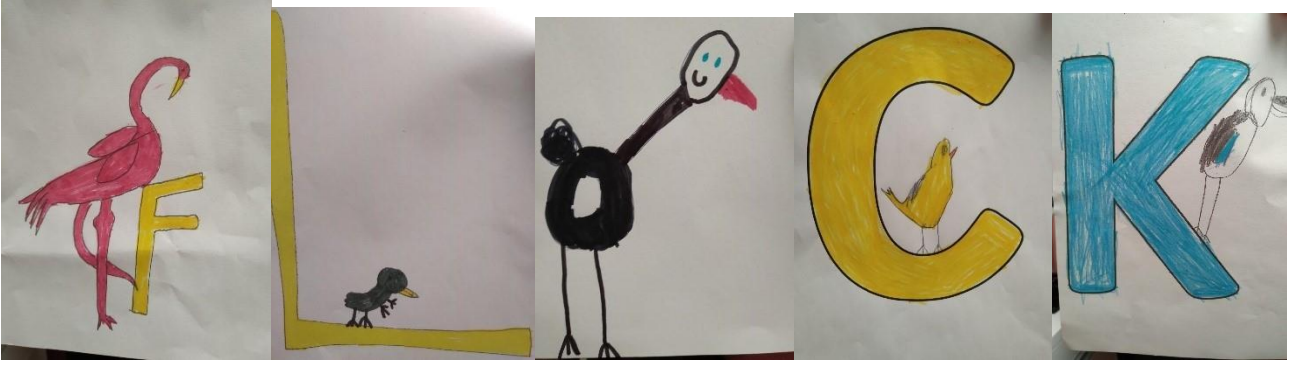
It is always our intention to do what we can in order for our school to open, however, staff shortages due to strike action may mean we need to alter our provision or close the school. We appreciate this will cause issues for working parents so want to keep you informed with what we know so you can plan accordingly.

I kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we support the right to strike while maintaining our commitment to doing the very best for our children. Please don't hesitate to talk to the one of the team if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK



School Council

School Council suggested a chocolate tombola to raise money for the RSPCA. We kindly ask for your support in this by sending in chocolate for this. We hope to run it before the end of this half term.



Bank Lunch Staff Needed

At times staffing in school can be a real challenge, especially cover at lunchtimes. We are looking for parents who may be interested in becoming bank staff – people we could call upon if we need cover.

If you are interested please contact the school office so we can arrange the necessary checks to be carried out.

Lost Property

The Lost Property bin in the front reception porch is overflowing. We will put lost property out next week on the dry days. Anything not collected by the end of the week will be taken to the clothes bank. Can all gloves, hats and scarves be at least initialled.

Singing Club

Mrs Boyce will be running a Glee Singing Club from Tuesday 24th January



The club will run from 3:10 to 3:40

All pupils who have already replied and expressed an interest are welcome to attend.

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that on the afternoon of Tuesday 24th January we will not have our 'lollipop lady' to assist you across the road.

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

EYFS



In EYFS this week the children have enjoyed reading 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. The children have learnt how to make their own buses out of junk modelling. The children have explored travel through role play. Our playground was turned into a busy bus station! We made tickets, road signs and buildings using construction and loose parts. Some of the children went on to write captions about where they would like to go on their bus! We have used paints and stamps to create vehicle patterns and drawn pictures of us with our friends on the bus. Some children have also shared their own experiences of riding on the bus, if you are travelling somewhere this weekend we would love to see a picture on Tapestry! How are you travelling? We have discussed lots of other modes of transport, how many can you name?

Kingfisher: The Kingfishers have been looking at ordinality and missing numbers this week. They made their own pictures of the numberblocks and practiced their number formation. We have also learnt 4 new digraphs. So far we have looked at: sh, ch, ai, ee, igh, th, oa, oo (long), oo (short), ar, or. We went to the school library this week. All children have chosen a book to share at home. Please look after these books and return them week beginning the 30th. Polite reminder, at the end of the day it is often quite difficult to see all the adults on the playground. As soon as you have collected your child, please exit the playground so we can see who else is waiting. Please also remind your children that the sand pit and slide should not be used before and after school. Thank you! Have a lovely weekend.

Key Stage 1



In English this week we have been continuing to write for different purposes, creating our own informal postcards based around our topic book 'Man on the Moon'. We even went on a trip to the moon and thought about what we would be able to see, hear, feel and even smell!

The children have been loving learning about the history of space travel; the first people in space, the first rockets and space stations and trying hard to remember and read the years these events happened. In Ravens we even watched some space rockets land back on earth as they were so interested!

In Maths we have been looking at fractions; quarters, halves, thirds and three quarters. We have used a variety of strategies to find these fractions. We started with concrete objects, sharing cubes out, next we moved on to drawing sharing circles and finally we used a bar model. Next week we will be looking at multiplication and division, if you have a chance please practise counting in twos, fives and tens at home.

In PSHE we have been looking into the jobs people do and what attributes we would need to do these, such as being caring and kind in line with our FLOCK values. The children then thought about what they would love to try as a job when they are older- we have future dance teachers, vets and astronauts in our midst!

PE

Next week PE is on Thursday for the whole school apart from Chaffinch
Chaffinch will have PE on Tuesday

This is because Mrs Hart is supporting the teaching of PE across the school with the School Sports Partnership. To this end Chaffinch need PE kit on Tuesday and the rest of the school should wear it on Thursday. If you do after school tennis on Tuesday, please wear PE kit to school.

Dates for the diary

January 2023		
Friday	13.01.2023	Tennis Taster sessions, whole school to wear PE kits
Wednesday	25.01.2023	Family Forum
Thursday	26.01.2023	Whole school PE day, whole school to wear PE kits
February 2023		
Wednesday	01.02.2023	Strike Action – School likely to be closed to the majority of pupils
Thursday	09.02.2023	SESMA Taster Sessions, whole school to wear PE kits
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)
Tuesday	28.02.2023	Mobile Wonderdome
March 2023		

Thursday	23.03.2023	Multi-skills PE Day in school, Year 1 / 2 to wear PE kits
Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)
Friday	31.03.2023	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	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)
Thursday	06.07.2023	Golf Activity Day in school, whole school to wear PE kits
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

