



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

13.01.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

It's been a busy week at Nightingale with lots of visits to monitor the progress we're making towards school improvement.

On Wednesday Sam Thorpe, the teaching and curriculum lead from the trust, spent the morning looking at the teaching of phonics and maths. She was impressed with the learning behaviours of the children across the school...they were amazing! She noted the significant progress which has been made since implementing Little Wandle in September and praised the team for their hard work. Kingfisher class blew her away with their learning and how beautifully they listened on the carpet and took part in the lesson.

On Thursday we had a full audit of phonics from the Wensum Hub which we arranged last term. Funded by the Department for Education, they support other schools in the county to achieve excellence in teaching reading and early language development. This will continue to support the school and provide us with next steps in our improvement journey.

Thank you again for completing the parent questionnaire. A full summary will be sent to you next week. An area we have been working on and is something many parents would welcome is more information about what your child is learning in school, particularly the differences in expectations between Year 1 and Year 2. On Monday we will be sending home an overview of the Key Stage 1 curriculum for this half term, alongside knowledge organisers which includes home learning activities. These will also be available on our website.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hutt & The Nightingale Team

FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK





Our Fair Flock Stars



Family Forum (previously Parent Forum)



Dear Members of our Family Forum 2023

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 9:30. I would like to meet face to face if possible
Please let the office know if you are able to attend

Slippers/Plimsolls

Please make sure your child has a change of shoes in school. Thank you

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

Numbers will be decided on the amount of children wishing to join

Please express your child's interest by emailing the office with name/class and parental permission

Mrs Boyce will sort the club from there. Please respond by Wednesday 18th January 2023

MENU CHANGE – W/C 16TH JANUARY 2023

The 'week one' hot dinner menu for w/c 16.01.2023 will be changed on **both** Thursday 19th and Friday 20th January 2023. On **Thursday 19th January** we will be offering the '**Fishy Friday**' menu of breaded fish fingers. On **Friday 20th January** the hot meal will be **Butcher's Best Pork Sausages** served with chips and baked beans.

All other menus (such as allergen menus, jacket potato and packed lunches) will remain unchanged.

Celebrating Sport!

On Fridays we have our celebration assemblies with the children. We would love to use this time to celebrate children's sporting successes outside of school. If your child has a certificate or medal they would like to share, that you are happy for them to show in assembly, please send it in with them on a Friday.

After School Tennis Club

Tom and Sam from National Tennis Association came in today to run a fun tennis taster day, the children had a great time! We are excited to say they will be running an after school tennis club starting next week. For more information and booking please see the attached flyer.



After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

Nightingale Infant Tennis Club Details

Thursdays – 4 weeks (19th Jan – 9th Feb)

Year 1-2

3:15pm – 4:00pm

Cost – £16

How to Enrol?

For more information and booking please click the below link.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: schools@nationaltennis.org.uk



tel: 0330 551 9496

Flu Vaccination 'Catch Up' Clinics

As they have now completed the vaccination programme in our school, please see the attached communication. If your child missed the vaccination at school then parents / carers can take the opportunity to bring their child/children to one of our 'Catch Up' clinics being held this weekend.

The Norfolk Team





Flu Nasal/IM Vaccination

Vaccination UK would like to offer those parents/legal guardians whose children did not receive the Flu vaccine in school the opportunity to attend one of our Catch-up Clinics.

We will be operating our clinics on an appointment only basis. Therefore, please email norfolk@v-uk.co.uk with a preferred time. Alternatively, please call 01603 559320 to make an appointment.

If you require an IM, please advise when making your booking as this will enable us to bring enough vaccines with us on the day.

Town	Venue address	Date & Time
Dereham	Scarning Village Hall Dereham Road Scarning NR19 2PF	Sat 14 January 2023 10:30 – 13:30
Norwich (East)	Thorpe End Village Hall Plumstead Road Thorpe End NR13 5BU	Sat 14 January 2023 13:30 – 16:30

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

EYFS



This week the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Cinderella'. We thought about our school values and decided that some of the characters in the story were not being kind and caring at all! We tried to help Cinderella by thinking about how she could get to the ball really quickly to have more time dancing with the prince! We designed and created our own mode of transport using junk modelling and craft materials. In maths the children have all been consolidating our subitising skills by recognising groups of 3, 4, 5 and even 6 without counting! We have looked carefully at the patterns groups of objects make to help us identify them quickly.

Kingfishers: It was a week of firsts for the Kingfishers this week! We did our first PE lesson which was lots of fun! We created a big top tent using a parachute and practiced our rolling and catching skills ready for a big circus performance. **Please do remember to wear your PE kit every Wednesday.** We also attended our first FLOCK star of the week assembly, well done to our 2 FLOCK stars who demonstrated how fair they were this week. We also had our first music lesson where the children had to listen and respond to a piece of music. We danced around the classroom and described how it made us feel. We also had to find the pulse of a piece of music and practice clapping, stomping and bopping to it! We would like to say how proud we were of all the children this Friday. We had a special tennis lesson in the hall and all the children joined in with their listening ears, looking eyes and brain boxes switched on full power! We had lots of compliments from staff around the school at how well behaved the Kingfishers were. Well done everyone! Have a fantastic weekend.

Key Stage 1



This week in key stage one we have introduced our new book by showing the children a picture of Bob. We looked carefully at the picture to see what we could find out about Bob. The children were great detectives and noticed Bob had a statue of an astronaut, a photo of a rocket landing on the moon and even an alien peeping through the window. Next, we thought about questions we would like to ask Bob, starting with the words What, Where, When, Why and Who. Finally, we wrote a letter to Bob. There was a lot to think about, where to write the address, the date, a greeting, our reason for writing, our questions and a concluding sentence.

In maths this week we have focussed on addition and subtraction. We practised counting on using a bar model, using number bonds to ten twenty and a hundred and being able to write number sentences for fact families e.g. $12+8=20$, $8+12=20$, $20-8=12$, $20-12=8$. Finally, we tried to solve some addition one and two step word problems.

Eva has 13 prize tokens.
She wins 5 more.
How many prize tokens does Eva have now?



After lunch every day we have been doing a ten-minute Mastering Number session. The aim of Mastering Number is to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number.

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		
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

Term dates

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2022-2023

Norfolk Model Calendar

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