

Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 10.03.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

It's been a blustery week at Nightingale with the weather reminding us that even though it's March, we're not quite out of winter just yet!

It was lovely to see so many of you visiting us to discuss your child's progress at Parents Evening. It's always nice to take time to pause and reflect on how far each child has come in their time with us at Nightingale, and sharing some of the highlights with parents is a wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who supported our children in KS1 as they went for a walk around our locality for their Geography learning, looking for physical and human aspects of their local area.

Can we remind parents and children that they must not play football on the playground before school.

We hope to see some better weather moving forward, drier and perhaps a touch warmer!

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team









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

Strike Action Update

Please see the attached letter with the latest update regarding Industrial Strike Action planned for next week - Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

Bullying

We recognise that bullying exists in all schools and our aims and approach is to prevent and reduce. A key part of this is ensuring that children understand what bullying is, how it is different to falling out with a friend and what to do about it if they think they are being bullied. We also understand that bullying can be a really tricky topic for parents and carers to deal with. The resource below gives some good advice to parents and carers who are worried or just want to know more about bullying, or simply find some tips and tricks on how to talk about bullying with children.

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers

Information about how we as a school deal with incidents of bullying, can be found on our school website within our behaviour and anti-bullying policy.



Safeguarding Audit

Data

Parents/carers will be able to view their child's attainment via Pupil Asset from next week.

Reception enter data as a PITA this is a point in time assessment. This means, it reflects where the child is now and what they are on track to be at the end of Reception. Children are assessed using the supporting documents of Birth to five. It enables us as staff to ensure your child is getting the best possible support to help them reach where they need to be or to ensure they are getting stretched to reach their full potential.

Children's data can change throughout the year, if you notice this at the next data entry point speak with the class teacher as there can be many reasons for this. We hope sharing data with you earlier will enable you to understand better how your child is achieving in school.

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Year 1 and Year 2 enter data as a PITA this is a point in time assessment. This means, it reflects where the child is now and what they are on track to be at the end of the Key Stage (end of Year 2). Children's data can change throughout the year, if you notice this at the next data entry point speak with the class teacher as there can be many reasons for this. We hope sharing data with you earlier will enable you to understand better how your child is achieving in school.

So....what does the data mean? It means from what they have been taught so far.

Well Below Expected	 Is largely or wholly unable to access the national curriculum, even with heavy personalised support and scaffolding. This may be due to EAL or significant barriers to learning Will undertake different tasks to the rest of the class
Well Below Expected	 Is able to access the NC only with heavy personalised support and scaffolding. This may be due to EAL or significant barriers to learning May be undertaking different tasks to the rest of the cohort
Below Expected	Is able to access the NC with personalised support Has significant gaps in their learning Struggles to embed concepts Cannot apply their learning independently
Just Below Expected W7S	Is able to access the national curriculum Has some gaps in their learning Experiences difficulty to embed concepts Often needs some scaffolding or support Often struggles to apply their learning independently
Expected EXS	 Is meeting some, but not all, of the NC expectations Is successful at learning many new concepts Is starting to apply their skills independently, but not consistently May make errors but will usually be able to improve work following feedback and support May have some smaller gaps in learning
Just Above Expected EXS	 Is meeting all of the NC expectations Is usually a successful learner and show good understanding of over 80% of the objectives taught Is usually able to learn new skills and use them accurately and independently May make occasional errors in applying their learning in other concepts
Above expected GDS	 Is just exceeding national expectations Is almost always successful in understanding the key learning objectives Is able to apply their skills, in a range of context, making few errors Can often explain and justify their ideas

Wonder Dome Plantarium visit

The offer we set up on Weduc to enable parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5 is still open, thank you to everyone who has contributed already. We kindly ask any parents who have yet to make their contribution to log into Weduc and make payment via the offer. Alternatively, we can accept cash payments sent to school in a sealed, named envelope. Our ability to offer these additional experiences is very much reliant of your contributions which we greatly appreciate.

RED NOSE DAY

We will be supporting 'Red Nose Day' in school next Friday. Children – please wear something red and learn / bring a joke into school on the day as we will be creating class joke books.

If you would like to donate for comic relief, please follow the link below:



THE RED NOSE

https://donation.comicrelief.com/

WEDUC – update re Digital Library

We have uploaded a helpful new 'How to' document for using home learning via Weduc. You can access this on Weduc via the **Digital Library** tab in the folder titled **How to Guides:**

Weduc Home Learning Guide for Parents

Who's Who

Parents have said they would like to know the staff a little better. We will introduce a few a week for you but if you would like to see the whole team then please visit the Who's who on the school website.





Friends of Nightingale



BNFHF - Easter Activities



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



We continued our topic of "People Who Help Us" this week by looking at the work of doctors and nurses. If you had walked into Kingfisher and Nuthatch classes you might have thought you had walked into a busy hospital A&E department. Patients were sitting and laying in various degrees of distress and pain whilst doctors and nurses rushed around taking their temperature, listening with stethoscopes, wrapping bandages and administering medicine. Broken legs were mended, sore throats were soothed and tummy aches calmed. And at least five new babies were born! On this evidence the children of Nightingale Infant and Nursery School will be there to care for us, look after us and make us well when we get old and infirm. We discussed how drugs can make us better but please remind your children again about being safe around medicine and that they should not take anything unless administered by a safe adult or professional.

Key Stage 1



In key stage one this week we have continued our English work on Rapunzel. First, we thought of questions we would like to ask Rapunzel. It can be tricky for some children to understand what a question is and we talked about this means we are asking something not telling something. At the end of the week, we discussed what a diary is. Finally, we pretended to be Rapunzel and wrote our own diary entry. As always, we had to think about capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, adjectives, conjunctions, time words and describing feelings. In maths this week we have revisited multiplication and division. We used concrete objects and pictures to solve the number sentences and word problems. At the end of the week we learnt how multiplication is commutative (can be written either way round e.g. 5x2=10, 2x5=10) and division is not.

Even though Thursday was a very wet day we enjoyed our walk around the village to look at the physical and human features. The next step is to draw a map of our local area.

Dates for the diary

	March 2023							
Wednesday & Thursday	15.03.2023 16.03.2023	Strike Action – possible disruption/closures - Opening TBC						
Friday	17.03.2023	Friends Event – Mother's Day Cake Sale – after school						
Wednesday	22.03.2023	KS1 Family Phonics						
Thursday	23.03.2023	Multi-skills PE Day in school, Year 1 / 2 to wear PE kits						
Monday	27.03.2023	Friends Event – Launch of the Easter Competition – "Mad as a March Hare" hat/bonnet activity.						
Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)						
Friday	31.03.2023	KS1 Visiting Taverham Chruch (If you are able to help us walk to the church and back, please see your child's class teacher)						
Friday	31.03.2023	School closes for Easter holiday						
		April 2023						
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term						
Tuesday	<mark>18.04.2023</mark>	Year R – height & weight / vision and hearing screening – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 05.06.2023						
Wednesday	<mark>19.04.2023</mark>	Year R – height & weight / vision and hearing screening – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 06.06.2023						
Friday	21.04.2023	Earth Day Activities in school						
Friday	21.04.2023	Year 2 children Cricket (every Friday this half term) Please wear PE kit.						

Monday	w/c 24.04.2023	Friends Event – Easter evening in school – details to be confirmed.
Thursday	27.04.2023	KS1 Tri Golf (10 children attending)
Friday	28.04.2023	Friends Event – Sponsored Sports Event (raising funds for the minibus) – details to be finalised.
	·	May 2023
Friday	05.05.2023	King's Coronation Event
Friday	05.05.2023	Friends Event – Coronation paper plate competition being sent home.
Friday	26.05.2023	School closes for half term
		June 2023
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens
Monday	05.06.2023	Sports Week – Children to wear PE kits all week please
Thursday	08.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos
Friday	16.06.2023	Friends Event – Father's Day cake sale - after school.
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
Saturday	08.07.2023	Friends Event – Summer Fayre.
Friday	14.07.2023	Friends Event – Year 2 leavers – 'water extravaganza'
Monday	17.07.2023	Friends Event – Year 2 leavers disco.
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

Term dates

White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday

Norfolk County Council 2022-2023

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.



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