



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

23.06.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and it's been another busy week in school. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in cheering the children on in their sports day on Monday. An enormous thank you to Mrs Hart for organising the event. Also, to all the staff who have been working hard to practise the events with the children to ensure it went smoothly and they felt confident on the day.

On Thursday Kingfisher spent the day out of school at The Bug Parc. The adults were extremely proud of them and all thoroughly enjoyed their day. More information can be found in the EYFS section below.

Strike Action

As you may be aware, the NEU have announced two further strike days for this term, impacting the majority of teachers and leaders in the school. The team have been very transparent, sharing their intentions to strike, enabling me to plan and share arrangements with you so you too are able to plan accordingly.

The strike days are Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

Classes open:

Raven

Nuthatch (Nursery)

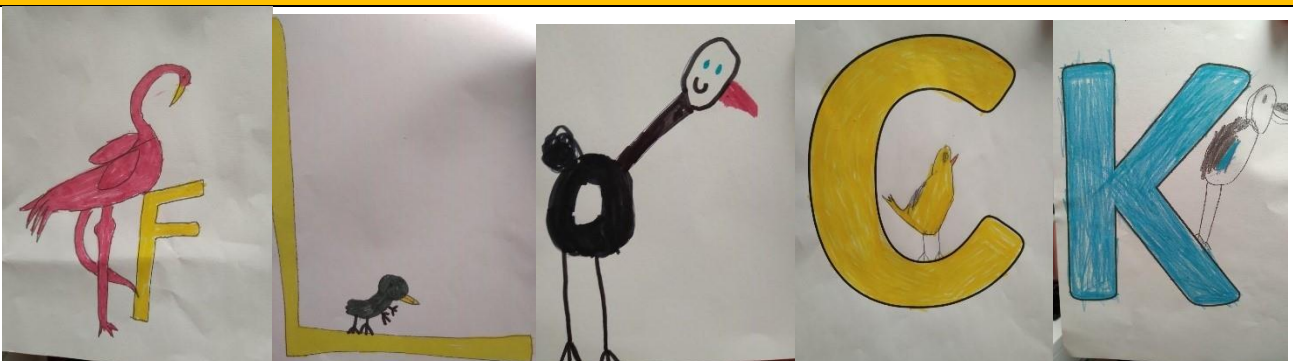
All other classes will be closed on both strike days.

As before, the teachers have not taken the decision to strike lightly and are aware of the short-term disruption this causes to children and their families, particularly at this time in the year. Year 2 parents will be aware of the changes to transition for their children from communication with the Junior school. Children in Reception and Year 1 will now spend Thursday 6th July in their new classes. Our new reception children for September will join us for their transition session on this day also.

Wishing you a great weekend in the sunshine!

Mrs Hutt & The Nightingale Team

FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK



The FLOCK STARS will be announced on Monday

No Assembly today



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

New Logo & New School Uniform Provider

We are very excited to share a first look of the new school uniform and logo being adopted from September 2023. We will be working with a new provider 'Wovina.com'. We will let you know as soon as the website is available to view.

Please be assured we will be having a year of transition, meaning the current uniform can still be worn next year. The colour of our jumpers remains unchanged. It is the expectation that children will wear the new uniform only from September 2024.



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Dear Families,

I am really enjoying being SENCo and am learning all the processes and systems as quickly as I can. If you have any concerns about your child in school regarding:

- Cognition and Learning. ...
- Communication and Interaction. ...
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health. ...
- Sensory and/or Physical Difficulties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly on partnershipsenco@istnorfolk.co.uk

I am often on the gate at one of our schools and can be contacted at either school any day of the week

Thank you so much for all your support for me in the role of SENCO.

Community Events

Don't forget the Taverham Village Fayre taking place tomorrow - **Saturday 24th June 2023**. The Fayre will be hosted on the Sandy Lane playing field (behind the village hall.) There are lots of exciting things happening all day including Arena performances from local community groups – sports, dance. They showcase all the amazing things their organisations achieve and some of our pupils are active members. There is also live music. For the children there are sponsored rides and entertainment all day which are totally **free** – a giant play trailer and the children's entertainment arena including such activities as: Bubbles & Balloons / Balloon Modelling / Football Frenzy / Rocket Launching / Hula Hoop Fun / Circus Skills Workshop / Snowtime / Anything Goes Show time / Space Hopper Disco. There will also be a wristband 'pay once and play all day' inflatable play zone. And so much more...Hog Roast, BBQ, Royal Marines shooting range, community stalls.....

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

EYFS



Well, it has been another very busy week in EYFS this week. Thanks to all of you who came to Sports Day on Monday to cheer on your children. I think you will all agree that they all did exceptionally well and upheld the values of fair play, team spirit and perseverance. And, most importantly, they all had a good time! Hopefully, we will see some of these budding Olympians in action at the Games in 2040 or 2044, wherever they may be. Nuthatch have been doing their own events throughout the week – it really is 'the taking part' that is most important at this age.

This week we have started our new book "Aaaarrghh! Spider!" (Yes, it is spelt like that). Nuthatch have been busy painting and investigating webs and have been trying to carefully pick out counting resources from underneath a sticky web in the tuff tray. In Kingfisher, we found out what invertebrates are and how they are, quite literally, spineless!

This all led up to our very successful school trip to The Bug Parc on Thursday. A big thank you to Martin and all his team there for making it a great a day out. We all had the opportunity to hold giant millipedes, cockroaches, mantises and giant snails and get to see, close-up, tarantulas, scorpions and deadly centipedes. Most amazing of all was the Leaf-cutter ant colony which now numbers, apparently, half a million ants. And a big thank you to our parent helpers who helped to make the day run smoothly. Check out the pictures on Tapestry, if you have not done so already.

Key Stage 1



Well, another busy week in Key Stage 1 is over! We started with our Sports Day, where all children showed amazing effort and support for their peers. Feedback from the children has been very positive and the Year 1's are already excited for next year!

We have continued to read and study our focus book, 'The Storm Whale'. We have been focusing on the storm that happens in the story, using this as an opportunity to write free verse poetry. We had some amazing ideas, such as 'the whooping wind howls like a wolf' and 'the creeping, dark clouds'.

In Maths we have been recapping and practicing telling the time. The children have played time games, completed challenges and worked really hard to remember the information they have been taught in order to be able to tell the time correctly.

Perhaps over the weekend, you could challenge your children to tell the time throughout the day!

Dates for the diary

June 2023		
Thursday	29.06.2023	Year 2 visit to Taverham Junior School – multisports, lunch and music event. (transition activities)
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)
July 2023		
Tuesday	04.07.2023	KS1 trip to Banham Zoo
Wednesday	05.07.2023	Strike Action – only Nuthatch and Raven classes open
Thursday	06.07.2023	Year 2 @ Taverham Junior School – Transition Days (more information to follow) Reception and Year 1 Transition Day – Moving up to new classes
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	07.07.2023	Strike Action – only Nuthatch and Raven classes open
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

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2022-2023

Norfolk Model Calendar

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