

Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

06.10.23



Staff Absence

As you may be aware, Mrs Baldry has been absent from school due to being very unwell. We're pleased to hear she is beginning to improve and have been in contact with her to pass on well wishes from the parents, staff and children who are missing her in school very much.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, the office is very much the hub of the school and trying to cover someone who does so much and knows so much is a challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we try to cover this as best as we can. Mrs Arnold and Mrs Davy have been working tirelessly and working many additional hours which is greatly appreciated. Our secretary at Drayton, Mrs Quinn is also absent from school making things more challenging.

Please could we ask that any messages are passed directly to class staff where possible or less urgent matters are sent via email rather than phone. There may be points where the office phone is unable to be answered so, please bear with us.

Mrs Baldry will likely be away from school until at least the half term holiday.

Reminder of School Day Hours

Please be reminded of the change to our school opening hours from September 2023 as shared with you last term.

8.40am	Gates Open
8.45am	Nursery & Reception classroom doors open Year 1 and Year 2 – Bell ringing signals children to line up
8.55am	Classroom doors close & Gates locked Anyone arriving after this time must sign in at the office
3.15pm	End of the school day for all classes Gates will be opened at 3.05pm

Clothing Recycling

There is a clothing bank in the office, please feel free to bring in any clothes, accessories and shoes for recycling.

Reception Harvest Assembly

On Monday 16th October at 9:15am, Reception parents are invited to celebrate Harvest with the EYFS team and Reverend Gill. The assembly is expected to last 15 minutes.



Our library is going online!

An enormous thank you to some of our Nightingale Friends who have made a great start in getting all of our library books scanned and onto an online system. This will allow us to easily scan books in and out for children to take home, ensuring we have an accurate record of what we have available and keeping track of any lost books. We really appreciate the time our Friends can give, the children are very lucky.



SEND



<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=4be66a3162>

This is the link to the SENDIASS newsletter. It contains many interesting and useful links to services in our area.

Parent forum

If any parents would like to join our parent forum, please contact Mrs Watling via email: partnershipah@istnor-folk.co.uk



The poster is titled "Parent Forum" and features logos for Drayton Community Infant School (DCIS) and Nightingale Infant & Nursery School (NIANS). It is divided into several sections: "Aims", "How can I contribute to the work of the Parents Forum?", "Parent Forum staff", "What can not be discussed at the meetings?", and a list of meeting dates for both schools. The DCIS logo includes the motto "Inspire • support • teach" and a tree illustration. The NIANS logo includes the motto "Inspire • support • teach" and a bird illustration.

Parent Forum

Aims

- Work together to improve the education provided for our children.
- Share information, knowledge and skills
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- Further improve communication between families and staff.

Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvements

How can I contribute to the work of the Parents Forum?

If you would like to join the Parent Forum 23-24 please email the school office with your name/ child or children's names/ class.

Parent Forum consists of no more than 10 parents/carers and no more than 2 staff members.

The name of each member is published on the website so that the school community can approach members to make suggestions.

Parent Forum staff

The Forums are chaired by
DCIS: Lou Boyce
NIANS: Meg Watling
Staff provide an agenda. Minutes are taken by the staff and published on the website.

Meetings take place every half term at a minimum. Dates are subject to change and extraordinary meetings can be called if necessary.

What can not be discussed at the meetings?

Concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff. These issues should be raised with the teacher, or leaders of the school confidentially.

The agenda is written by the Chair. There is always time for any other business and suggested agenda items can be emailed by the Forum members to the Chair in advance.

DCIS:
8:45am - Thursday 28th September
8:45am - Thursday 14th December
2:15pm - Wednesday 7th February
8:45am - Thursday 21st March
2:15pm - Wednesday 15th May
2:15pm - Friday 12th July

NIANS: dcis
9:15am - Wednesday 11th October
9:15am - Thursday 14th December
9:15am - Wednesday 7th February
9:15am - Thursday 21st March
9:15am - Wednesday 15th May
9:15am - Thursday 11th July

Menu

Our lunch menu is available on our website, including a downloadable PDF - <https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/parents/school-lunches/>

Dates for the diary

October 2023		
Wednesday	11.10.2023	2:30 - Welcome to Reception - Come and meet the Reception team and find out what learning looks like in Reception.
Friday	13.10.2023	Year 1 and 2 Tag Rugby Festival (10 children, names TBC)
Saturday	14.10.2023	Open Day for Reception children starting in September 2024 9:30-11:30 Drayton Infants also holding an open day 10:00-12:00
Tuesday	17.10.2023	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Golf Taster (All children to wear PE kit please)
Wednesday	18.10.2023	1:30 – Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival at the church – all welcome to join us
Tuesday	31.10.2023	9:00 - Phonics Event - come and join Year 1 and Year 2 to see phonics in action. Adults only please.
November 2023		
Wednesday	01.11.2023	Year 1 and 2 Cross Country (16 children, names TBC)
Monday	13.11.2023	School Flu Immunisation Programme
Tuesday	14.11.2023	Nursery, Reception, Year1 and Year 2 Master Wayne SESMA Taster (All children to wear PE kit please)
Wednesday	29.11.2023	9:00 - Maths Event - come and join Year 1 and Year 2 to see maths in action. Adults only please.
December 2023		
Tuesday	12.12.2023	9:30 - Nativity - Come and join us as Nursery (age 3 upwards) and Reception retell the Christmas story.
Thursday	12.12.2023	2:00 - Nativity - Come and join us as Nursery (age 3 upwards) and Reception retell the Christmas story.
Friday	15.12.2023	2:00 - Christmas story and carols at the church - join us to celebrate Christmas with Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday	19.12.2023	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
March 2024		
Monday	04.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Cricket Festival (10 children, names TBC)
Wednesday	27.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Adapted Sports 4 All (names TBC)
April 2024		
Tuesday	16.04.2024	Year R - NCMP with Vision and Hearing Screening

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June 2024		
Monday - Friday	03.06.2024 - 07.06.2024	Whole School Sports Week (Please come in PE kit all week)
Friday	14.06.2024	Year 1 and 2 Athletics Festival (10 children, names TBC)
July 2024		
Friday	12.07.2024	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children, names TBC)

Term dates



Norfolk County Council

2023-2024

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

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4th & 5th September, 3 January, 28th March and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

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