Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 09.02.2024



Keep on Trying

This week the value we have been thinking carefully about is 'Keep on Trying'. We started the week with the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in assembly. We thought about the problems Mr and Mrs Grinling faced and how they put a plan together and kept on trying, even when their first plan failed.

We've been listening to 'Keep Trying' by Shakira from Zootopia. It has some powerful messages in there which the children have loved singing along to. You can sing along at home using this link.

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*****Parking and keeping your children safe*****

There are growing concerns from parents, staff and residents around the parking on the road before and after school.

We have had complaints from neighbours who have their driveways blocked, the local buses who are unable to pass at times, delivery drivers who cannot access the school site and many parents who walk along Nightingale Drive daily.

Please could we remind you to park considerately and safely when coming to school in the mornings for drop off and the afternoon for collection. There is limited parking outside of school which is common outside schools however we are very fortunate to have the community centre around the corner which offers ample parking which is free and a much safer place for your children.

Please do not park on double yellow lines, on grass verges and pavements, double parking in the layby or where you are obstructing other road users. Residents have been advised to pass on drivers details who are not parking legally to the local police and the school have requested police presence where they have availability.

Please could we also remind parents that they should not be using the school car park unless they are a blue badge holder or have arranged this on a short-term basis with the school.



We would like to invite you all to our school's book fair. This is an exciting opportunity to look and buy books of all different genres. The book fair will be open before and after school until 13th February. Any money raised from the book fair will go towards new books for our school for the children to enjoy. We hope to see you there!

Absence reporting for Kingfisher and Nursery children

Could we ask all absence reports to be made either <mark>calling us on 01603 867976</mark> and leave a message or via Weduc/ReachMoreParents <u>before 8.45am</u>, rather than Tapestry please.

If you do not have log in details set up for Weduc and require help, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

After School Clubs

Please note that there is no after school club sessions next week (w/c 12th February).

Due to shortness of the week in after February half term, we won't be running any new clubs in Spring term 2. It will resume after Easter holiday in Summer Term. More information will follow.

Menu change next week – Tuesday 13th February

Please note that we are having **BBQ chicken** with steamed rice instead of chicken curry on Tuesday 13th February. We also have the special dessert. Vegetarian option remains the same- Cheesy Pasta. The meals can be selected as usual on Pupil Asset.



Pancake Day

American-Style Pancake topped with Sliced Bananas and Chocolate Sauce Tuesday 13th February Plant-Based Dessert Special...

Pancake Day

Banana-Topped Sponge with Chocolate Sauce



Tuesday 13th February

Allergen Aware Dessert Special...

Banana Topped Sponge with Chocolate Sauce



Special dessert menu – 14th February

Special dessert menu for 14th February. The main meals are unchanged.



From Norfolk Start for Life and Family Hub

Norfolk has a shared ambition for every child and young person to flourish. Our Start for Life and family hubs approach supports this vision by strengthening the prevention and early help offer for families and the inclusion of children with special educational needs.

The Norfolk family hubs approach will provide high-quality, joined-up, family-focused support that is clear and simple to access, delivered on an outreach basis, where families with children aged 0-19 (to 25 with SEND) live, in locations that they find accessible, coordinated and delivered through outreach from a family hub site in each district area, complemented by online and digital support.

Key Messages for parents/carers

- We want to make it easier for families to get help as soon as they need it, so we're joining up services in what we're calling our family hubs approach.
- It means children's services, health, libraries and voluntary and community organisations are working more closely together, so that parents and carers can get the help they need. Support is available in the places families already visit, with staff out and about in community supermarkets or local play groups and community events.
- There's support from the moment parents know a baby is on the way, right through to their child's 19th birthday (or 25th if they have special educational needs).

- We are providing help and advice on parenting, support with children's learning at home, better access to mental health support and help with infant feeding. This work is being supported through the government's family hubs programme.
- Parents and carers can get help wherever they see the family hubs logo, or they can drop into a family hub site. We've got one of these in each district, which staff are using as a base when they're not out in the community.
- We've also published our Start for Life offer, which details the support available to parents up to their child's second birthday.
- We're also keen for mums, dads and carers of children under two to help shape our services by joining our parent and carer panel.
- You can find out more at www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs or www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs.



Dates for the diary						
	February 2024					
Wednesday	08.02.2024 - 13.02.2024	Scholastic Book Fair before and after school				
Friday	09.02.2024	Friends Disco Nuthatch – 2.30pm-3pm/Kingfisher 3.10pm-4pm/Chaffinch & Swallow 4pm-5pm				

Wednesday	14.02.2024	Reception Open Session for parents 9 - 10					
March 2024							
Monday	04.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Cricket Festival (10 children, names TBC)					
Monday 25.03.2024 Reception and KS1 Easter Activities with the church							
Thursday	07.03.2024	World Book Day					
Wednesday	27.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Adapted Sports 4 All (names TBC)					
	1	May 2024					
Monday	13.05.2024	Cricket Taster Day (Whole School to wear PE Kits)					
Wednesday	22.05.2024	Year R - NCMP with Vision and Hearing Screening (change of date)					
		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)					
Friday	21.06.2024	Whole school group photos by Vancols					
Wed - Friday	26/27/28.06 .2024	EYFS trip to Wroxham Barns (different children on each day 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

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