Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 15.07.2024



Dear Nightingale Families,

This is our final newsletter of the school year! Despite the weather, we've had a wonderful Summer Term and have loved celebrating and reflecting on the year with the children. We have had trips, assemblies, leavers events and visitors and appreciate that children, parents and staff are likely all very tired now and ready for the upcoming break!

We wish you all the best for the Summer Holidays and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the school this year. We'll see some of you in September! And for those of you moving on, good luck, work hard and most of all, have fun!

School will re-open on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce and Mrs Watling

REMINDER - Year 2 Leavers Assembly Tuesday 16th July

Year 2 Leaver Assembly will be held tomorrow Tuesday 16th July at 2pm. Please note we are only able to invite 2 adults per pupil due to the capacity of the school hall. Please come through the school main reception and sign in.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Classes for next year

Please see below information regarding which grown-ups will be working with your child next year.

Class name:	Adults:
Hatchlings (Nursery 2 and 3.5 year	Mrs Chaplin
olds)	Mrs Drake
	Mrs Smith
	Mrs Bright
	Mrs Cockburn
Feldgelings (Nursery 3.5 and 4 year	Mrs Callaghan
olds)	Miss Rayner
	Miss Whiteman
	Miss Bell
Kingfisher (Reception)	Mr Hollis (Mon-Thurs)
	Mrs Smith (Fri)
	Mrs Goodson
Robin (Reception)	Mrs Hubbard
	Mrs Yallop
Chaffinch (Year 1)	Mrs Hart
	Mrs Gardiner

Swallows (Year 2)	Mrs Bradfield (Mon – Wed)	
	Mrs Roberts (Thurs – Fri)	
	Mrs Lappin	
	Mrs Kelly	

Meet the Teacher - Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event during the final week of term for parents of the new Year 1 and Year 2 classes. This will be an informal opportunity for parents to step into the classrooms with their child, meet their new classroom adults and ask any questions they may have. The sessions will run from 3:30 – 4pm and you will not need to book, you will just need to go round to the classroom door with your child from 3:30pm.

Attendance – Open and Honest

Should your child be absent from school for a reason which we cannot authorise, we would still appreciate being informed and the truthful reason for the absence provided.

Unfortunately, we have had some instances of parents providing dishonest reasons for their child/ren's absence, and furthermore – some asking their child/ren to also be dishonest about their absence. This puts them in a very awkward position as all the children here strive to follow our FLOCK value of being Open and Honest.

If we find this is the case, we will subsequently mark the absence as unauthorised (and if the absence meets the criteria for a Penalty Notice Fine - the local authority will be made aware).

We are more than willing to support you in any way that we can with your child/ren's attendance, but we can only do this if parents are honest with us.

We appreciate your support with this and thank the vast majority of you who are Open and Honest.





Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- · £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- . The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- · £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the
 case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result
 in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

School Meals first day back – Wednesday 4th September







School Office

Please note that during the holiday time school office is closed and emails will not be monitored. We will respond after 4th September as quickly as we can.

Thank you for your patience.

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Dates for the diary

		July 2024
Monday	15.07.2024	Meet the teacher for new Year 1 and Year 2 children 3:30 – 4pm
Tuesday	16.07.2024	Meet the teacher for new Year 1 and Year 2 children 3:30 – 4pm
Tuesday	16.07.2024	2pm Y2 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday	17.07.2024	Teddy Bears Picnic with Nursery children coming back in September and parents/carers
Wednesday	17. 07. 2024	Y2 Leavers Disco (children to bring disco clothes into school with them)
Friday	19.07.2024	Graduation Assembly for Fledglings moving to Reception in September
Friday	19.07.2024	Last day of term

Term dates

Norfolk County Council 2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

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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 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.