# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 21.10.2024



Nightingale Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable weekend and are looking forward to the half term. Please do remember that this is a shorter week and that the last day of school is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Last week Year 1 and Year 2 celebrated Harvest Festival with Reverand Seabrook and Reverend Gill at St Edmunds Church. A big thank you to everyone who came along, hearing the children sing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' was one of my highlights of the year so far and reminded me of how much I enjoyed singing in school when I was young.

The children are still busy learning this week and today we had a karate expert in to work with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It is so great that the children get to take part in taster sessions like these, and the golf earlier in the term, to broaden their curriculum and to give them more options for hobbies they may wish to pursue in the future. A big thank you to Mrs Hart for organising these as our PE Lead.

Wishing you all a great week.

Mrs Kingsley & The NIANS team



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term (up to18.10.2024)
92.14 %	94.66 %

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%. Thank you for your continued support.



#### **REMINDER – Nursery Change of Hours Form**

If you have not yet submitted Nursery Change of Hours form for January 2025, please do so by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Link for the form: https://forms.office.com/e/Dwdinf0TB9

Thank you.

#### **Reception PE**

Reception will be starting PE after half Term weekly on a Tuesday. They will need to arrive in school in their PE Kits. Please ensure hair is tied up/earrings out.

Our first PE session will be on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### **Christmas Choir Club**

Robin class teacher, Mrs. Hubbard will be running a Christmas Choir Club on Thursday at lunch time after October half term. Mrs. Hubbard will ask all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children every Thursday after lunch if they want to join in. Advance booking is not required for this club.



#### **Harvest Festival**

#### Church photos to add



Many thanks to everyone who donated food.

#### Hair

Any children with a long hair, could we ask to have their hair tied before coming into school please. Especially Reception and Nursery children who are very active, keeping hair tied back helps maintaining cleanliness and out of their eyes.

#### **Clothes Recycling**

We have planned in a clothes collection for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, please bring in all of your bagged up items for recycling during the week for collection on the Friday. Below is a list of items accepted.



#### Menu change – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

This week, we will have **Fish Fingers** on the last day of term. All Friday meals, standard menu and allergen menu are on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Key Stage 1 Cross Country**

On Thursday sixteen children from key stage one represented Nightingale for the cross-country competition at Taverham Hall. All children were fantastic representatives for Nightingale and behaved impeccably. The year one children had to run 600m and the year two children ran 800m. All children were super excited and ran their best – well done to you all. We did have two children who got a top ten place, well done to Ada in Chaffinch Class who came 6<sup>th</sup> and Bonnie in Chaffinch Class who came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 61 girls competing.

### Parents Evening Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Evening booking portal is live. Please log into Pupil Asset to book your slot. Please note one 10minute appointment per pupil.

If you are having an issue with setting up your log in details, please email the school office. (officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk).



Mrs Boyce will also have timeslots through the day and into the evening Mrs Boyce will be at Nightingale on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Boyce would like to check in with all the families of the children on the send register and with anyone who has any concerns about their child's progress. There will be a time sheet that can be accessed at the school office to book a slot. Please ring or pop into the school office to book on. Mrs Boyce looks forward to seeing you.

#### New school menu after October half term

New school menu starts after October half term. Standard/Allergen Aware menu will be available to view on our school website in the next few days.

#### https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/parents/school-lunches/

Use of a password to collect a pupil

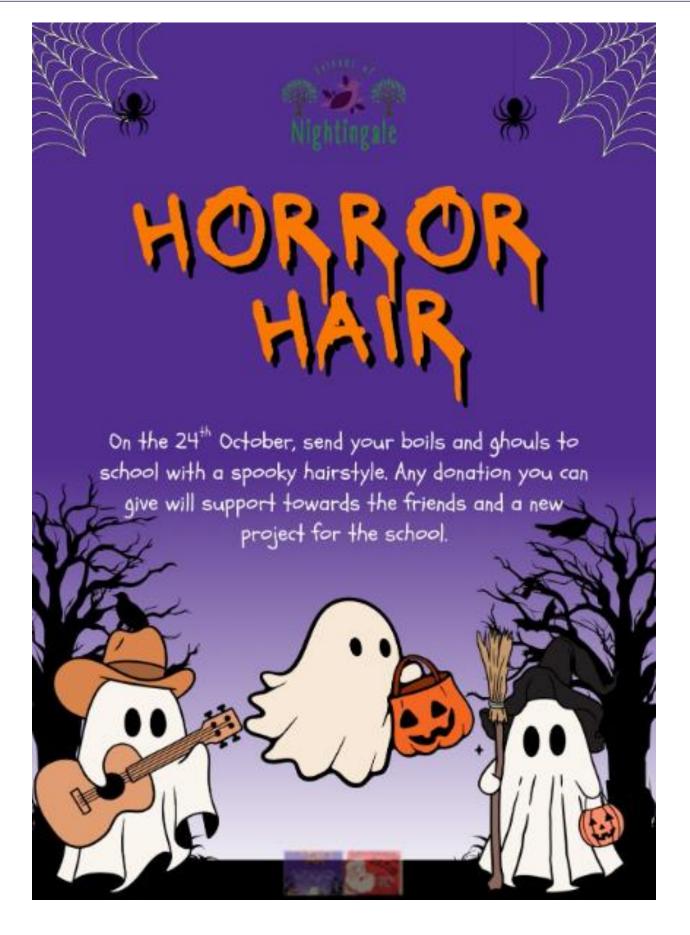
We use a password system when any of our staff are not familiar with the adult collecting a child. This includes adults on our emergency contact list as we do not always know them.

Please don't feel offended by this. This is part of keeping children safe. Once we get to know them, we don't ask for a password.

Please inform the school office before 2:30pm when your child is collected by the person who is not a usual adult, so the classroom staff are aware.

Thank you.

### Message from the Friends of Nightingale



### Bonfire Special Lunch – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November



## Tuesday 5th November 2024 Plant-Based Menu

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## Spinning Catherine Wheels Pastry Pinwheel with

Plant-Sausage Filling (v)

served with Chips, a Tomato Sauce Dip and Baked Beans

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## Homemade Apple Drizzle Muffin



## Dates for the diary

	October 2024						
Monday	21.10.2024	SESMA Taster Session (Whole school, please come dressed in PE kit)					
Thursday	24.10.2024	Horror Hair Day					
Thursday	24.10.2024	Last day of Autumn 1 term. School closes for Half term from Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, and re-opens Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November					

	November 2024						
Tuesday	05.11.2024	Bonfire Special Lunch					
Tuesday	12.11.2024	Parents evening					
Thursday	14.11.2024	Parents evening					
Thursday	14.11.2024	Year 1 & Year 2 PE Festival (10 children only, information will be sent to individuals)					
Wednesday	20.11.2024	Key Stage 1 Maths Workshop 9.05-10.05am (all parents welcome)					

	December 2024						
Tuesday	03.12.2024	Flu catch up session in PM					
Friday	06.12.2024	Christmas Fayre					
Tuesday	10.12.2024	EYFS Christmas performance for parents at school - AM					
Wednesday	11.12.2024	EYFS Christmas performance for parents at school - AM					
Tuesday	17.12.2024	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Story at Taverham Church					
Friday	20.12.2024	Last day of Autumn Term, school re-opens on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 for Spring Term					

### Norfolk County Council

# 2024-2025

#### 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, fee 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 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.