

Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 32 – 23th July 2024

A Message from Mrs Vousden

As we come to the end of another busy year I want to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have helped to make it a fun, productive and enjoyable one. So many people go above and beyond to help the school be the best it can be and they often go unnoticed by the wider school community.

Thank you to the governors for all their work behind the scenes. This group of volunteers does so much to ensure the school continues to improve and I am indebted to them for their time, effort and good advice. They attend events, come to speak to the children and staff to get their views and attend many meetings over the year. If you think you could commit some time to do this valuable job, we have two parent governor vacancies coming up in the new school year, as Mr Harper, Harry's dad and Mrs Parry, Dylan's mum have recently stepped down after several years of loyal service to the school.

I would also like to thank all those who have supported FONS over the year. Sarah Kyte, Chairperson, Emma Buxton, Treasurer and all the FONS volunteers have organised a variety of events this year and now that we have all the committee places filled and these are backed up by a large number of helpers we will be able to go from strength to strength next year. Please put Saturday 28th September 2-4pm in your diary for the Autumn Fete, arrangements for which are well under way!

Thank you also to the volunteers who have come to school regularly to listen to children read and to help out in classes and on trips. Thank you to all those parents who have supported their children at home to make the best possible progress. Listening to your child read and ensuring they get to school on time is crucial to their academic success.

Thank you to all the staff for doing such a fantastic job to support the children and to ensure their well-being and learning are the key priority. The children have really enjoyed their learning and in particular the trips and extra-curricular activities they have been able to take part in, such as: the residential visits to PGL (Y5) and The Beacon (Y6); the Y4 and then KS1 trip to the beach; the Y3 trip to Stonehenge as well as the local trips for sporting events and to Devizes including the library.

Last but not least I'd like to thank our fantastic children who have worked hard, been creative, determined, helpful, kind, positive, great team players and particularly those who have been well behaved at all times. When out of school, we always hear what a credit they are to the school and we thank them for this. The children are our future and they are the reason that everyone works so hard to help them progress.

Good luck also to our Y6 children who will be beginning secondary school in September and to any children moving to a new school. We look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you, goodbye and good luck to Miss Kennedy who will be leaving to take up her new post. Miss Kennedy has been an excellent teacher, role model, leader and SENCO at Nursted School and she will be very much missed. Her new school are lucky to have her– we will be thinking of you Miss Kennedy!

I look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 4th September 2024** 8.45am (gates opening at 8.35am, classes opening at 8.40am) and to welcoming our new Reception children to Pluto Class and a new school year.

Have an amazing summer everyone.

Kay Vousden

Attachments and links that may help you over the holiday...

1. Growing Well poster
2. What Parents Need to know about Anxiety
3. How to get help
4. Worrying about money

A message from Devizes and District Food Bank

Families with a voucher can collect an emergency food box from St James Foodbank Centre which is at St James Centre, Estcourt Crescent, Devizes SN10 1LR. It is open on Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday 1pm to 3pm. There will be a Citizens Advice caseworker present at these sessions giving people the opportunity for a face to face conversation. For families unable to travel to Devizes, we are able to take referrals for Citizens Advice over the telephone.

I am also attaching a Worrying about Money leaflet which may be useful to your families. An online version can be found at: <https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/wiltshire>

Families can also obtain a voucher from Wiltshire Council's Family Hub (previously Children's Centre) see <https://wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk/>

If you are unable to afford to buy food and need help from Devizes and District foodbank there are a few simple steps to follow.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS TO GET A FOODBANK VOUCHER

In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis. Agencies we work with include: Citizens Advice, Wiltshire Council, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities.

CONTACT THE REFERRAL AGENCY

- *Wiltshire Citizens Advice: 0800 144 88 48 (Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm)*
- *To email them, visit their website and complete the short 'Contact us' enquiry form: www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/get-advice*
- *Help through Hardship - Joint Citizens Advice/Trussell Trust helpline: you can call 0808 2082138 (freephone) for free to speak to a trained and independent Citizens Advice agent. Open Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm*
- *Or contact your housing officer, social worker, support worker etc.*

They will discuss your situation and supply you with a foodbank voucher where appropriate.

BRING YOUR FOODBANK VOUCHER TO YOUR NEAREST FOODBANK CENTRE

You can find a list of our local centres and opening times on the back of the voucher. We will exchange your foodbank voucher for a parcel of three days of emergency food.