

# Nursteed Community Primary School



## Newsletter 32 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Message From Mrs Vousden

I want to start by saying a great big WELL DONE to all of Key Stage 2 for their performance of Cinderella Rockerfella. It was spectacular! I didn't realise how many budding actors, singers and general performance stars we had in the school. The singing from the whole group was amazing and the Y6 actors really rose to the occasion. Many thanks to them all for their hard work, teamwork and determination to thrive.

I was lucky enough to join the whole of KS1 on their trip to Portsmouth on Wednesday, where they visited the Sealife Centre (Wow), the beach (what a delight watching them paddle!) and one of Henry VIII's castles. Great fun was had by all and I was impressed by the knowledge of Pluto Class about sea life. As usual their behaviour while out of school was exemplary. Many thanks to Miss Cope for her excellent organisation and to all the adults who joined us for the day to ensure everyone's safety.

We have just a week and a half to go until the end of term and things continue to be very busy in school. Read on for the most important things for you to know.

### Staff Update

See attached letter for key updates. There are changes to Y2, Y3 and Y4 and an update on TAs working with the classes.

### FONS

Sadly, FONS have had to postpone the fete, however they have set a new date of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm-4.00pm, so please put that in your diary. They will be putting out a sign-up sheet for helpers early in the new school year. Many thanks to all those who brought in bottles today for the tombola. We will be using them in September.

### Carnival

This year we would love to have a group of people from Nursteed taking part in the carnival on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The theme is Home is Where the Heart Is. Mrs Sam Drury Shore has kindly volunteered to run a workshop at school next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July between 10.00am and 12.00pm to help people create something to carry. The theme will be hearts. If you would like to take part, please email [admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk) by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July to let us know you intend to attend, so we can make sure we have enough materials for the workshop. If you cannot attend the workshop, but would like to join the group in August, please also email to let us know of your interest, so we can include you in summer holiday communications. We can only organise a Nursteed group if enough people will be available in August to take part, so please do email to let us know of your interest.

### Carnival Fundraiser

Sadly, DOCA has lost Arts Council funding for 2024. This means they've had to cancel the Street Festival, but are hopeful of still delivering the rest of the summer programme, if they can garner enough community support. To this end, they've launched a [Crowdfunder](#) for Devizes Carnival 2024. We will be holding a CAKE SALE at Nursteed School on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July with all funds going towards this crowdfunder. We would

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like children to bring cakes to school on this day and also some change to buy them with. They will be priced at 50p and £1.00. Children will have the opportunity to buy a cake for their morning snack and if there are any left over, they will be on sale at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support with the community project.



<https://www.spacehive.com/devizes-carnival-24>

Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts (DOCA) is a registered charity 1156070

### Rail Safety Videos

Before the end of term, teachers will be watching age appropriate rail safety videos with the children to highlight the dangers of playing on or near the railways. You might want to talk to your child about this learning. If you would like to view these videos so you can discuss them with your child, you can find the link here:

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1 <https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

### Donations

We are currently looking to update our resources and would welcome any donations of things like: dressing up clothes, sand, Lego, colouring books, fidget toys etc.

### Star of the week

At the end of last week the following people were awarded their class cup for showing our school values of: **Kindness**, **Teamwork** and **Determination** and for showing that they were **Thriving** in some way. If your child was chosen, please congratulate them on their efforts and achievements.

### W/C 1/07/24

Pluto: Thea, Mars: Rosa, Neptune: Will G, Mercury: Cerys, Venus: Ozgur, Jupiter: Pixie-Mae, Saturn: Angel.

If children are achieving special things outside of school we love to hear about it. Please let us know so we can celebrate with them in school.

### Dates for Diary

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July -	Summer Fair <b>Potsponed until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 + Y6 visit the cinema to see Inside Out 2 as part of their PSHE
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 + Y5 Drumming Concert
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2, Y3 + Y6 Drumming Concert
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 and Y5 have a visit from a Bee Expert
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	10-12pm Carnival Making Workshop
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 2.00pm	Y6/Saturn Leavers' Assembly – Y6 parents invited
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 3.30pm-5.00pm	Y6/Saturn Leavers' event. Y6 parents invited, letter to follow from Miss Munton
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July -	Talent Show
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July -	Last day of term – school to close at <b>1.15pm.</b>
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Carnival – school group meeting point and time to be confirmed</b>

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## Teacher Development Days for 2024/25

1. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
2. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
3. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
4. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
5. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Attachments

Staffing Update Letter

Attendance Letter for Parents from Wiltshire Council

## Messages from Others

## Information from Wiltshire Council

Please see the following information from [Wiltshire News](#) which you may find useful.

## Summer Reading Challenge - Information from the library service – We hope you will take part

The Summer Reading Challenge is for children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books (or the equivalent) over the eight weeks of the summer in return for various prizes. The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge is called '**Marvellous Makers**', with a theme celebrating creativity. It will run in Wiltshire libraries from Saturday **13<sup>th</sup> July** to Saturday **7<sup>th</sup> September**. Children can register for the challenge from **13<sup>th</sup> July** and start to collect stickers and other prizes from Monday **29<sup>th</sup> July**.

When registering children will receive their own special poster to record their reading, plus a **Marvellous Makers** sticker. When they've read 4 books they'll be given an origami activity sheet and on completion a badge and certificate. It's all free and can make a real difference to a child's motivation and enjoyment of reading. Although the challenge is to read six books, there is flexibility in this number, especially for children who struggle with reading or read longer books.

For children who want a further challenge and those older than 11 we have the '**Story Adventurers Club**' (featured on our resource page), a personal reading challenge. For children aged under 4, we will be launching a new family book sharing initiative called '**Story Sharers**' in larger libraries.

**All children's books can be reserved and borrowed for free - from any Wiltshire library and there are no fines for the late return of children's books. Please note that Devizes Library is currently closed until 24<sup>th</sup> July for maintenance.**