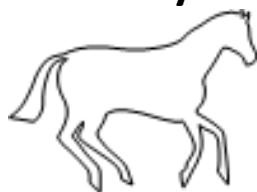


Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 31 – 5th July 2024

Message From Mrs Vousden

Lots has happened since I last wrote, not least the change of government that we wake up to today! I will try to capture the school highlights in this newsletter.

Deputy Headteacher

Following an internal recruitment process, I am pleased to announce that Miss Carla Webb has been appointed the part time Deputy Headteacher to compliment Miss Amy Cope's role. This means that if I am not in school, Miss Cope will be the senior leader on Monday to Thursday lunch time and Miss Webb will cover Thursday afternoon and Friday. Miss Webb has already been working as part of the Senior Leadership Team for some time, so you are unlikely to see much change at home.

SENCO

We are still working on replacing Miss Kennedy in this role and will update you as soon as we have plans in place. We expect this to be before the end of term.

Sports Update

We recently sent a group of children to represent our school at the local Orienteering competition held at Dauntsey School and they succeeded in making it through to the final. Congratulations to: (Y5) Rhys B, Annalese, Chase, (Y4) Josh, Charlie, Lola-Jade, Oliver, Amelie, Reuben, Alfie. You were a credit to the school.

We also took a group of children to Quad Kids at Dauntsey School and they had the opportunity to take part in a sprint, a 750m run, standing long jump and a throwing event. Once again, their behaviour and attitudes were exemplary. Congratulations to: (Y5) Jasmine, Morgan, Reggie, Rhys (Y6) Charlotte, Ethan, Isla, Koby, Mia, Tegan

FONS

We are excited to note that FONS held an AGM in June and managed to secure people for all of the key roles on the committee with several other people also stepping forward to support, meaning that the group should be able to organise more fund raising activities in the coming year. We really hope that all parents/carers will give some of their time to support events over the year so that we can put on fund events for the children and raise vital funds for equipment. Emma Buxton is stepping down after 10 years on the Committee and we want to thank her for all her hard work behind the scenes over the last decade.

The Committee is now:

Chair – Sarah Kyte

Vice-chair - Sheryl Forrester

Treasurer – Coni Ayles

Secretary - Sam Drury Shore

Last night FONS organised a very enjoyable **Disco** for KS1 and then KS2 with two thirds of the school attending. Thank you to all those who supported this event.

The next event in the calendar is The Summer Fayre which is booked for Saturday 13th July 2-4pm and we will need as much support with this as possible, so if you can help out in any way, large or small, please get in touch with FONS or the school directly.

Dress Down Day in support of The Summer Fete

On **Friday 12th July** children are invited to come to school wearing non-school uniform. They can wear whatever clothes are comfortable and are suitable for a day of learning. In exchange, we ask them to bring a bottle for the tombola! As ever, children can wear their uniform if they prefer.

Reports

We have been busy in school preparing these for you and intend to send them out early next week. Y6/KS2 results from the SATs are available on Tuesday 9th July, so we will wait for these so that they can be included in the reports. Once you have your report, you are welcome to make an appointment with your class teacher via Class Dojo if you would like to discuss it.

Nursted After School Care Questionnaire 2024 2025

We had a very low response to this questionnaire, with only six parents wanting After School Care over the week, with the highest number on any day being 4 children. Sadly, these numbers do not make it viable to organise After School Care. We will review this again in the new school year.

Nits

If we become aware that your child has nits we will contact you and ask you to treat them. We ask that all parents check their child's hair regularly and treat them as soon as they become aware that they have them. Understandably, parents get upset when they have to keep treating their child for nits because other parents are not doing the same. Please play your part.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at school is clearly linked to outcomes. Children with low attendance have significantly reduced outcomes at secondary school and beyond. Attendance nationally has fallen since COVID and the government are keen to focus on driving improvements in this area. Consequently there are big changes coming from the Government around Attendance for the new school year and we will give you more information before the end of term.

The main things you need to know at this point are that Headteachers will no longer have the discretion to authorise holiday. All holiday will automatically be classed as unauthorised. If a child gets 10 unauthorised sessions in a rolling 10 school weeks, over multiple terms, but not including school holidays, they will be given a penalty notice. The fines for a penalty notice are increasing to £180 per child, per parent, reduced to £80 for the first offence if paid quickly. Parents can only be given two penalty notices in a three year period and then a third offence will lead to a prosecution! In addition to this, the LA and DFE will be collecting our attendance data daily and will be looking at any children with 15 days of absence for any reason.

We are keen to work with parents of children with poor attendance to help them to improve and understand that there are many reasons for absence. When we review attendance at the end of this year we will be drawing up a 'watch list' of those whose attendance is 90% or lower, as these children are at significant risk of underachievement. Parents of this group will be invited to attend an Attendance Meeting in the new school year so that we can work together to ensure their child's attendance improves going forward.

Through kindness, teamwork and determination we thrive.

Punctuality

The very large majority of parents ensure their child arrives in time for the 8.45am register and we thank you for this. We will be speaking to parents of those children who regularly arrives just after this to see what can be done to improve the situation. If your child arrives after 9.15am or later they are recorded as absent for the session, which will impact their overall attendance.

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 10/06/24

Pluto: Theodore, Mars: Ripley, Neptune: Whole class for SATs, Mercury: James, Venus: Kaleb, Jupiter: Jasmine, William, Skyla & Jack for representing Nursteed at Dauntsey, Saturn: Ethel.

W/C 17/06/24

Pluto: Reggie, Mars: Amelia, Neptune: Isla, Mercury: Tillie, Venus: Henry, Jupiter: Bea, Saturn: Rhys.

W/C 24/06/24

Pluto: Logan, Mars: Lewis, Neptune: Ivy, Mercury: Seb, Venus: Lara, Jupiter: Reece, Saturn: Alfie.

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.

FONS events

Saturday 13th July - Summer Fair

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 9 th July -	KS2 End of year production 6.00pm
Wednesday 10 th July -	KS1 (YR, Y1 & Y2) Trip to the beach
Tuesday 23 rd July – 2pm	Y6/Saturn Leavers’ Assembly – Y6 parents invited
Tuesday 23 rd July – 3.30-5.00	Y6/Saturn Leavers’ event. Y6 parents invited, letter to follow from Miss Munton
Wednesday 24 th July -	Talent Show
Wednesday 24 th July -	Last day of term – school to close at 1.15pm .

Teacher Development Days for 2024/25

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

Attachments

Picnic Poster
FUEL – Summer 2024 information
Choir