

Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 25 - 26th April 2024

Message From Mrs Vousden

Today we have attached the summary of feedback from the Parent Questionnaire. I really appreciate the time taken by those who responded and especially those who took the time to write additional comments. Where parents have made a negative comment or a comment specific to their child that needs a response, I will be in touch over the next week, if names were given. Overall the feedback was positive. Where people have raised issues we will be considering the points made as a staff and aim to improve in the areas raised. I want to comment on two areas in particular where a high number of people disagreed with the statement given.

Q13 'My Child takes part in clubs and activities'. This is an area that I am aware is not as strong as it was in the past. Last year we had after school clubs for parents to pay for four nights a week, however the take up was very low and therefore the provider was not able to continue to offer this service. Last year and this year we have provided a free sports club weekly, a variety of clubs led by myself (which changes termly, and has been for different age groups) and choir led by Miss Cope which is held at lunch time and is open to all ages. As our teaching staff is made up of teachers with a high personal child care commitment, as well as many part time workers, it is hard for them to offer additional time weekly on top of their current commitment to staff meetings (two a week for many), marking, planning and general class organisation. Most of you will know that the teachers' working week expands well beyond the 8.30-3.30pm day. Recent DFE polls have shown that teachers' average working week was 52.4 hours in 2022, rising from 2021, despite a push from the DFE to tackle work load issues for teachers. You can read more [here](#) if you are interested. I want to support our teachers to manage a sensible work life balance. We are prioritising curriculum development at the moment, for which the work is mainly carried out once the children have gone home, so at the moment I will not be asking the teachers to take on more responsibilities for extracurricular activities. We will however continue to review how we can add more visits/visitors and activities into our core curriculum, without asking too much of parents financially. If you or someone you know would be able to offer to lead a club yourself, then I would like to hear from you. Please get in touch to discuss.

Q14 'FONS play an active role in supporting the school.' Again, this is an area that I am aware is not as strong as it has been in the past. I have been speaking to the Chair of FONS, Sarah Kyte, and she is keen to organise more events during the summer and for next year. For this to happen we need parental support. Members of staff always support FONS activities but this is an area we need parents and friends of the school to lead on. FONS will soon be giving details of their AGM, where we expect to need more members for the committee, so please get thinking about how you can support this important group. I agree that we would like more activities for children and parents organised by this group and really hope people will step forward to make this happen.

Thank again to everyone who gave feedback.

Kay Vousden
Headteacher

KS1 Parents Are Invited to Have Lunch With Their child

In the dates below, you will see that Pluto, Mars and Neptune parents have been invited to join their children for lunch in the hall on a set day. This is an opportunity to see how lunch times are organised and if you want, to try a school dinner. Lataca has very kindly agreed to cater for parents who would like to order a lunch. This invite is for all parents in the class and not just those that eat a school lunch. As this means unchecked adults in school, you will only be able to go into the hall and then we will ask you to leave at 12.30pm. We will not be able to manage a large number of unchecked adults in the playing areas. We thank you for your understanding with this and look forward to seeing you soon.

If you want to come for lunch, please sign up..... Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Class Visits

Next week we will give you a date when parents will be invited to visit their child's class before the end of the school year to have a look at their books. These have been very popular in the past and we hope you will be able to join us.

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 15/04/24

Pluto: Logan M, Mars: Teddy L, Neptune: Ivy, Mercury: Isla H, Venus: Emily, Jupiter: Skyla, Saturn: Poppy R.

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 –

Monday 6 th May -	Early Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th May	Reception/Pluto Parents Invited for lunch 12-12.30pm
Friday 10 th May -	Y5 Jupiter Class Assembly – 2.40pm – parents invited
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May -	Y6 KS2 SATS
Tuesday 21 st May -	Sports Day 1.15pm
Thursday 6th June -	New Reception children's Induction evening 6.00 – 7.00pm
Dates for Pluto, Mars and Neptune parents to visit to see school dinners in action – to be confirmed	
Friday 24 th May -	Last day of term 5
Monday 3 rd June -	Start of Term 6
Friday 7 th June -	Photos
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th June -	Y6 visit The Beacon
Tuesday 18 th June -	Y4 Trip to the seaside
Wednesday 19th June	Y1/Mars Parents Invited for lunch 12-12.30pm
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th -	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 26th June	Y2/Neptune Parents Invited for lunch 12-12.30pm
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July -	Lavington School Y6 Induction Days
Friday 5 th July -	Reports to go out
Tuesday 9 th July -	KS2 End of year production 5.30pm
Wednesday 10 th July -	KS1 Trip to the beach
Tuesday 23 rd July -	Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 parents invited
Wednesday 24 th July -	Talent Show
Wednesday 24 th July -	Last day of term – school to close at 1.15pm.

Through kindness, teamwork and determination we thrive.

Attachments

Parent Questionnaire Summary

Information From Other People

- Tennis holiday camp
- Anxiety workshop, booking link: [Anxiety - My Child and Me | Create Hope \(participant.co.uk\)](https://participant.co.uk)
- Football fun

Information from Wiltshire Council

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