

Nursteed Community Primary School



Newsletter 18 Friday 23rd February 2024

Message From Mrs Vousden

Thank you to all those who embraced the Break The Rules Day at the end of term. It was great fun and raised £246 to update our class libraries. Some of this has already been spent on good quality second hand books. We will be asking the children next week whether they have any preferences for authors and topics for future new books for the class libraries. Let us know if your child has a favourite author at home.



Kay Vousden
Headteacher

Easter Bunny Bingo - Friday 15th March

The school, in conjunction with FONS, will be organising a fun Bingo event for all the family in March – put the date in your diary. If you are able to help with the preparation before the day, on the day or on the night please email admin@nursteed.witls.sch to let us know and after the holiday we will look to allocate roles.

To ensure we have lots of fantastic chocolatey prizes for the bingo we will be holding a dress down day on Friday 15th March and ask the children to donate Easter eggs or chocolate for the event.

Book Week, W/C 4th March/ Dress up as a book character on Friday 8th March and clothes swap on Friday 1st March

Mrs Shore, one of our parents will be organising a costume swap in readiness for dress up book day on Friday, 8th March 2024. Mrs Shore will collect donations on Friday, 1st March in the hall in the morning and then open up donations to parents at the end of the same day.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears – Tuesday 27th February

We have booked the theatre to attend Nursteed School to put on a live performance for the whole school. Please see the attached letter for more details. We are asking for a £2 per child voluntary contribution which can be paid between now and the 29th February via [Parentpay](https://www.parentpay.com).

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Lataca – Lunch Price Increase

Lataca have informed us that from April 1st 2024 all school meals they provide will be priced at £2.50. This is due to the continued high cost of ingredients and the rise in staff costs.

Parent Support Assistant – Lisa Foster

Lisa Foster our Parent Support Advisor will be hosting a Parent support clinic on: Monday 18th March 2024 from 8.30-11.00. If you would like to meet with Lisa, please contact her and she will discuss your concerns/ book a 10 minute appointment. Lisa's contact details are - 07803 406 827 or email Lisa on lisa.foster@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk. See attached leaflet for more details.

Green Scooter

We have had a scooter in the bike storage area which has been there for several months. If this belongs to you please take it home or we will remove by the end of the month.

Special Educational Needs

We are in the process of reviewing our SEND Policy which can be found on the website [here](#). If you have any comments, please let the office know by Friday 8th March, so that they can be taken into consideration during this review.

The main process for supporting those identified as having additional needs is set out in the policy and copied here:

Class teachers use a range of teaching and learning approaches as part of their quality first teaching to meet the needs of the majority of children in our school. However, where through careful identification and assessment it is determined that a child is not making adequate progress the class teacher will refer to WGRSS in order to review the strategies and approaches that are currently being used and consider ways these might be developed. Where this review evidences that the child needs help over and above that which is normally available within the class, or school, the child's needs will be supported through SEN support.

The first stage will normally involve an SEND Support Plan being set up in conjunction with parents/carers. This will identify long-term outcomes for the child and the small steps needed to achieve them. If sufficient progress is not made, outside agencies may be asked for advice or support for staff and may carry out observations or assessments of a child. Involvement and advice from external agencies will lead to the implementation of a My Support Plan.

Where a child continues to make little or no progress in relation to the targets set or is working significantly below his/her peers, it may be appropriate to request a My Plan, this is a statutory Educational and Health Care Plan. This involves sending detailed evidence to the Local Authority of all the actions that have been taken along with reports from the school, from parents and from all outside agencies that have been involved.

This is not a quick process, it can often take years, and only those with the most significant need will be awarded an EHCP. Please see the policy for more detail.

Judo Club – Deadline to register interest - Mon 26th Feb

Will is now available to run a before school club at Nursteed on Monday morning between 8am and 8.45am. The cost is £65 for two terms (this includes a free grading). Kits are not a necessity but will greatly improve the experience of the participants. These can be hired for £10 per term or purchased for £25. If you would like to book a place, please email admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk to let us know and if we have the minimum number sign up, we will make arrangements for Will to begin this club.

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 19/02/24

Pluto: James, Mars: Scarlett, Neptune: Noah, Mercury: Jacob, Venus: Jack, Jupiter: Bobby, Saturn: Ethel.

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 –

Term 4

Tuesday 27 th February	Y3 Walk Safe Practical
Tuesday 27 th February	Performance for the whole school of Goldilocks
Friday 1 st March	Clothes swap ahead of World Book Day
Tuesday 5 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 5 Parent Teacher Meetings 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 7 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Friday 8 th March	Dress up for World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Easter Bunny Bingo - School Fund Raiser and Dress Down (own Clothes) day – bring donations of chocolate and Easter eggs!
20 th -22 nd March	Year 5 residential visit to PGL
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bonnets and Wacky Hair Day (No Charge) and Last Day of term.

You are invited to attend your child's class assembly at 2.40pm on the following dates

Term 3:

- Saturn Class - New date to be set
- Jupiter Class - New date to be set
- Venus Class - 08.03.24 - Y4
- Neptune Class - 01.03.24 - Y2
- Mars Class - 15.03.24 - Y1
- Pluto Class - 22.03.24 - YR

Attachments

Mentoring Leaflet
Costume swap for World book day
Lataca price change letter

From Other People

Mentoring Volunteering opportunity - see leaflet

The Primary Mentoring scheme is a Wiltshire Council service which recruits and trains volunteers to visit primary schools and offer 1 to 1 mentoring with children in year 5 and 6 through talking about any worries or playing games. The volunteer gives a couple of hours of their time each week during the school day to help improve children's resilience, self-esteem, and positive mental, and emotional wellbeing.

We are always looking for volunteers to help support mentoring in schools in Wiltshire so if anyone who is interested in Primary Mentoring please contact communityinvolvementteam@wiltshire.gov.uk to enquire.

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1st Worton & Marston Brownies – Looking for a New Leader

After 45 years of Guiding in Worton, through Brownies, Guides, Young Leadership and as the Unit Leader, I have made the very difficult decision to hang up my Brownie Wings and pass over the running of the unit to someone new. Unfortunately, the Assistant Leaders will also be leaving the unit at the same time so we really do need a new Leadership Team.

Full support would be offered to anyone who might be interested in taking on this Volunteer role.

We have been sharing recruitment advertisements on social media in the hope that it would interest someone to enquire but as yet we have not had any luck. If you or anyone you know may be interested in a fun, fulfilling Volunteer role, please do get in touch. We really do not want the unit to close after being established for 60 years this June and we will do our utmost to ensure this doesn't happen.

We will stay in our roles until the Summer Holidays. After that, if we have not found a new leadership team, the unit will be closed. We really hope that it doesn't come to that.

If you would like some information about Girlguiding and what Brownies do these days please check out the website:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies>

Or you can contact me direct for a chat - Vicky Earley

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Information from Wiltshire Council

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