

# Nursted Community Primary School



## Newsletter 17 - Friday 9th February 2024

### Message From Mrs Vousden

As I write, I am looking forward to the children 'breaking the rules' today and thank you in advance for your donations for this. The money raised will be used to buy more books for the class libraries.

Thank you to all those people who have been able to volunteer in school on a regular basis, or for specific events this term. Your help is much appreciated. Thank you also to you all for all your support during this busy term. With significant staff illness, some things have had to be on hold, however we are looking toward to getting going again next term with our School Council and some more fundraising events such as our Easter Bunny Bingo – see message below!

We expect there to be a FONS meeting soon to organise future events and to harness the offers of help that have been forthcoming.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and find some time to play and rest.

Kay Vousden  
Headteacher

### Easter Bunny Bingo - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

The school, in conjunction with FONS, will be organising a fun Bingo event for all the families 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@nursted.witls.sch](mailto:admin@nursted.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 15<sup>th</sup> March and ask the children to donate Easter eggs or chocolate for the event.

### Times Tables Rock Stars

We have signed all children up to Times Table Rockstars, a website which can be accessed from home. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> and children from Years 2-6 should have brought home a letter containing their log in details this week.

Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) is a website that provides simple games so that children can reinforce their times tables and related division facts. As the children answer the questions, they are assigned a Rock status. This level depends on how quickly they have answered the questions correctly. The more that children practise and complete questions, the more coins they earn. With these coins, they can 'buy' virtual upgrades for their avatar characters.

When children login for the first time, they will need to complete their first 'gig'. This is a baseline assessment of 100 questions. Children can either use the keypad on screen to click on their answers or alternatively can type in answers and press enter. After they have finished, they will be presented with their results. This assessment will personalise the other games on the website with your child's current ability.

For more information about how it works, please see the really useful parent guide using this link:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/resources/downloads?t=parent%2Fcarer-resources>

We hope this will really inspire the children to practise their times tables, please do encourage them to login and get practising over the half term break.

### **Holiday Homework Competition**

Attached is a leaflet produced for London about the impact of leaving a car idling. We will be talking to the children about this in assembly. Although we are not as busy as London, cars idling are impacting our school environment. We therefore invite the children to create a poster to encourage adults not to leave their car running while they wait. There will be a small prize for the person in KS1 and KS2 who is judged to have put in the most effort and have the most original ideas to educate the adults! This poster can be any size. The deadline for the competition is 9am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### **Goldlocks and the Three Bears**

We have booked the theatre to attend Nursted 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 29<sup>th</sup> February via [Parentpay](#).

### **Year 6 SATs Club**

Mrs Vousden will be running a Y6 Maths revision club after the holiday and Y6 children will be invited to attend to focus on key area of learning in maths. This will run from 26<sup>th</sup> February to 29<sup>th</sup> April inclusive (7 weeks) and more details will be sent out after the holiday.

### **Parent Support Assistant –Lisa Foster**

Lisa Foster our Parent Support Advisor will be hosting a Parent support clinic on: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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@nursted.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.foster@nursted.wilts.sch.uk). See attached leaflet for more details.

### **FoNS – AGM**

A date for the Friends of Nursted School (FoNS) AGM will be circulated after half term and we would love to see some new faces join us. Look out for notification of the date!

We are in need of people joining in order for FoNS to continue as we need at least a minimum of 5 people sitting on the committee. There are some events we would like to put on, including a school disco and summer fete but we can't do this without a Committee or volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the FONS Committee, please get in touch with the current chair, Sarah Kyte, either in person or through the school office.

### **Mental Health Week**

This week has been mental health week. Due to the busy end of term we have not yet talked to the children about this, but plan to early next term. Attached is a Parent Toolkit for Wellbeing which we hope you may find useful to support your child's wellbeing at home.

### **Judo Club**

Last term we had a judo coach called Will visit our school to demonstrate the sport. Will is now available to run a before school club at Nursted on Monday morning between 8am and 8.45am. The cost is £65 per Full term (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@nursted.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nursted.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 05/02/24

Pluto: Sam, Mars: Leia, Neptune: Teddy, Mercury: Aston, Venus: Nicholas, Jupiter: Lillie-Rose, Saturn: Evie

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

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 1+ 3 will be taking part in Walk Safe
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Last swimming lesson for this year.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Walk Safe Practical
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Performance for the whole school or Goldilocks
W/c 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings. Dates and times to be confirmed.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bunny Bingo - School Fund Raiser and dress down day bring donations of chocolate and Easter eggs!
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 due to staff sickness
- Jupiter Class - New date to be set due to swimming - Y5
- 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

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears letter
- Parent Support Clinic Information
- Parent Toolkit for Wellbeing
- Idling Leaflet
- Dauntsey Taster Athletics Leaflet for KS2 children

## From Other People

### Information from Wiltshire Council

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