

# Nursted Community Primary School



## Newsletter 2 Friday 15th September 2023

### Message From Mrs Vousden

We have had another lovely week in school, thanks to all the children and adults for their hard work. Our Reception children stayed all day this week and have managed really well with lunch times. Our Y6 buddies have enjoyed spending time with them outside, stepping up to be great role models. It has mainly been warm and sunny; long may it last! All in all, a fantastic week.

Kay Vousden  
Headteacher

### School Photos – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

School photos of individual children and siblings will be taken next Wednesday, with siblings who are not in school invited to join us in the hall from 8.30am until 9.00am. We will not be able to extend this session past 9.00am, please be on time! We look forward to seeing their lovely photos when they are returned!

### Open Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Next Friday is the first of two OPEN DAYS for any prospective parents who are considering Nursted School for their reception child next September. We also have some spaces in each year group. If you know of any parents looking for a school place for their child, please let them know about the open day and ask them to contact the School Office on 01380 730538 to book a time. The second open day will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Y5 and Y6 Parents

Now that we are settled back into our new classes we ask that parents of our older children do not walk them round to the classroom, but instead get them to walk from the gate on their own. If you have any messages, you can give them to a member of our office staff in the School Office. Lesson begin at 8.45am promptly and teachers will not be available to speak to parents at drop off without prior arrangement.

### Jewellery

Some children are still wearing jewellery to school. If it is seen they will be asked to put it in the class jewellery tin until home time. This includes wrist bands. Children should only wear studs in their ears. Any other earrings will need to be removed for PE.

### 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 08/09/23

Pluto: will start this week, Mars: Grace, Neptune: Laiton, Mercury: Oliver, Venus: Lewis, Jupiter: Aubrey, Saturn: Daisy.

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.

*Through kindness, teamwork and determination we thrive.*

## **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

In school, keeping children safe is our number one job. We do this in many ways. A key document that guides us in this endeavour is Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023. This was updated by the government for this September and we have reflected the changes in our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which can be found on our website [here](#).

When concerns are raised about a child these are recorded and kept securely and confidentially. Most of the time these are discussed directly with the parent/carer involved so that you can help keep the child stay safe. Any concerns are transferred to the new school when a child leaves us.

If people have concerns about a child at our school, they are encouraged to report these to Kay Vousden: Designated Safeguarding Lead, or in her absence, Miss Cope or Mrs Dunstone: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

## **Volunteers in School**

We are pleased that we are continuing to be able to welcome volunteers into school. We have welcomed back three people who supported us last year and are always looking for more. If you think you or someone you know would be a good volunteer in school, please see our Volunteers Policy on the website [here](#) and get in touch to discuss. **All volunteers must have a DBS check for the position and will be given safeguarding training.**

## **Reading**

Reading is a key part of our curriculum and this year we will be building on our phonics (Sounds Write) focus of last year, by developing the strategies we use for teaching reading, especially at KS2. We will also be looking at ways to ensure every child enjoys reading! Please follow this [link](#) to apply for a Blue Peter Badge and we want to hear from anyone that does this.

## **Parent Visits**

Following on from the success of last year, parents are invited to visit their child's class at **2.40pm** on the following dates to see their classroom and to meet their teacher. The children will be present and may be able to show you some of the work they have produced so far this year. Teachers will ask you to confirm attendance via Dojo nearer to the time, to help them to make arrangements for any children who will not have an adult visitor.

**Pluto:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Mars** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Neptune** tbc

**Mercury** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Venus** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Jupiter** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Saturn** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm – this will also be an opportunity to discuss the Beacon Visit next summer.

## Dates for Diary

### Term 1

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Individual Photos including siblings(8.30am promptly to 9.00am)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Open Day 1
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival – food donations for The Devizes Food Bank will be gratefully received on this day.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October Last Day of Term 1

### Term 2

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October First day of Term 2
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Deadline for applying for secondary school places.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm for Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Parents Evening for all classes 5.00pm -7.30pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm for Reception, Y2 and Y4
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November Open Day 2
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity – Afternoon Performance 1.30pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity – Evening Performance 6.00pm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Mayor’s Carol Concert (Choir)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carols around the Tree
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last day of Term 2

### Term 3 + 4

Parents invited to assembly – dates to follow.

### Remaining TD Days for 2023/24

1. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October
2. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October
3. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### Attachments and Links

Braeside Brochure

Dauntsey’s sports clubs

Devizes Open Evening Information – [Link](#)