

Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 1 Friday 8th September 2023

Message From Mrs Vousden

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you have had an amazing summer. The children look very smart in their new school uniforms and seem to have grown very tall over the holiday! I would like to say a special welcome to our new children in Pluto Class who started with us part time this week and will be doing full days next week. They are a wonderful group of children. In addition, we have a number of children who have joined us in other year groups and I wish them a very happy and successful time at Nursted. Also, I would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Sophie Isaac our new admin support. She will be working alongside Mrs Coni Ayles in the office.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for making such an effort to be in the classroom for 8.45am, which is the time when the register is taken.

I wish you all a very happy school year and look forward to seeing you around school.

Kay Vousden
Headteacher

Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care (ASC)

Before School Care (BSC) will continue from 7.45am until 8.45am. You can book BSC by following this link [here](#). Sadly PH Sports are not currently able to offer After School Care as they have not been able to appoint a suitable member of staff. We will keep you updated as to any changes with this situation.

A Reminder of Arrangements for September

- **Start Time:** 8.45am with the doors opening at 8.40am and the gates opening five minutes before. The register will be taken at 8.45am and if your child arrives after this time they will be marked late. If they arrive after 9.15am they will be marked as absent for the morning session.
- **Home Time:** 3.15pm with Pluto class leaving at 3.10pm to avoid the rush.
- **Snack:** Children in KS1 are given free fruit and veg, but if you would prefer to send your child with their own snack, that is fine. For children in KS2, please send your child with a healthy snack of fruit or veg. We ask you to try to limit wrappings to reduce rubbish.
- **Water:** all children should bring a named bottle of water to school daily to have in their class. Only water is allowed in the classroom. If you want to send juice for lunch time, this will be stored with lunches in the hall.
- **Uniform:** Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and all items are labelled. Our Uniform Policy can be found [here](#). You can get second hand uniform for a small donation from the office. It is all clean and waiting for a good home.
- **Jewellery:** only stud earring and watches (no Smart watches) are allowed. Children will be asked to remove jewellery when they enter the classroom if they wear it to school.

- **Nail Varnish:** please don't wear for school.
- **Toys/pencil cases/ things from home:** Please do not let your child bring items from home as they lead to arguments and cause upset when they get lost.
- **PE Kits:** These should be in school daily and should be labelled.

If there is anything else you need to know, please ask a member of staff.

Recruitment

As you may remember, Miss Collings will be taking maternity leave at some point in the Autumn Term. We have drawn up an advert for the cover of this role along with three other positions: 1.5 days teaching Y6, Clerk to Governors and Lunch Time Play Leader. These will be in the Wiltshire Bulletin and on the school website on Tuesday next week. If you know of anyone who may be interested in any of the roles, please let them know about them.

Safer Internet information

We like to share good advice with parents so that we can work in partnership to keep our children safe on line. You can find useful resources [here](#).

Request for Resources

Last year we were very pleased to receive colouring books for our lunch time club, thank you to all those who were able to donate items. This term we are asking people to see if they have any card games at home that they no longer want that could be donated for this club. We would also be pleased to receive any pens or pencils that are no longer needed.

We are also looking for good quality books to enhance our class libraries. If you have any books at home that you no longer use, please pass them to the office so that we can give them to the most age appropriate class.

Masks – can you use?

We have large quantities of masks left over from COVID times. If you can use them for anything please speak to Coni in the office.

RAAC – A Message from The Local Authority

The Department for Education (DfE) has engaged with all school responsible bodies on the issues of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). They have asked all responsible bodies (Local Authorities for maintained schools, Academy Trusts, and the relevant Diocese for VA schools) to assess their schools for the presence of RAAC. The Council has therefore assessed maintained school buildings and has found no RAAC present. In a very small number of cases we have procured an external surveyor to also visit to confirm our initial assessment. Nursteed School does not fall into this category.

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our maintained school buildings and therefore we have not been asked to close any areas or schools. The change in DfE guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed.

A Reminder of Class Details:

Year Group	Teachers	Days	TAs working in the Class
R	Mrs Rew Mrs Mckenzie	Mon – Wed Thur - Fri	Mrs Young Mrs Preen
1	Miss Pottinger Mrs Milsom	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri Thursday (fortnightly)	Mrs Talbot Mrs Kitching
2	Miss Collings Ms James	Mon – Wed Thur - Fri	Mrs McMullen Miss Forrester Mrs Doxford
3	Miss Webb Mrs Milsom	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri Thursday (fortnightly)	Miss Forrester Mrs Doxford
4	Miss Cope Mrs Gaule	Mon – Wed Thur - Fri	Mrs Bogert
5	Miss Kennedy Mrs Gaule	Mon, Tues (pm), Thur, Fri Tues am and Wed	Miss Smith
6	Mrs Dunstone Cover 1 day tbc	Mon – Friday tbc	Mrs Poole

Remaining TD Days for 2023/24

1. Tuesday 17th October
2. Wednesday 18th October
3. Monday 15th April

Dates for the Calendar – to follow next week

20th September 2023 – School photographer (arrangements to follow)

22nd September 2023 – Open day for prospective parents (Please book a space with the office)

16th November 2023 - Open day for prospective parents (Please book a space with the office)

Attachments

See Information from Lisa Foster – our Parent Support Advisor.

From Other People

Devizes Lions Club Arts Coaching Information.