

Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 1 Friday 6th September 2024

Message From Mrs Vousden

Welcome back to a new school year. 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. I have been busy learning their names and hope to have them all secured by the end of next week! 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. We have two new members of staff: Miss Swift, our new teacher in Y4 and Mrs West, a new TA and I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming them.

Last Saturday I joined a lovely group of children and parents to take part in the Devizes Carnival. The children were amazing – walking for two hours to complete the parade. We had all made hearts to carry for the 'Home is where the heart is' theme, with pictures of things we loved on them and really enjoyed the carnival atmosphere. We had so much fun that we plan to do it again next year and may agree a costume and even a dance! If you were there watching, maybe you will consider joining the group next year.

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've asked the staff to make sure they are on time opening up at 8.40am as we have a narrow window of time to get everyone in. The doors will now be closed by staff at 8.45am and the gates locked soon after. If your child arrives after this time they will need to go into school via the main door at Reception so they can be marked in as late.

Parenting can be tricky and starting the new school year can be great fun for some children and adults, but can be stressful for others. I've attached some useful information that may help in a variety of ways:

- Top tips from The National College on supporting your child to go back to school.
- Information on a 'Being A Parent' course which some parents may find useful.
- A very good PowerPoint with details of the School Nurse Service for anyone who may need their support.
- 10 Top Tips for parents and educators on 'Using and Reviewing Parental Controls'

You can contact Lisa Foster, our Parent Support Advisor, on lisa.foster@nursted.wilts.sch.uk or call her on 07803 406 827. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays and will get back to you as soon as she can if you leave a message. She will be in touch soon with details of what she can offer.

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

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 there were so few people who told us they needed it when we sent out a questionnaire in the summer.

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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. 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.

Nursted Website

We are in the process of moving to a new website and hope to be able to share it with you early next week. There are still some items to update, but if you feel it is lacking something urgent, please let us know.

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](#).

Staffing Structure for Academic Year 2024-2025

Congratulations to Miss Cope who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Pretlove.

	Teachers	TAs
Pluto YR	Miss Pottinger	Mrs Young and Miss Preen
Mars Y1	Mrs Rew and Mrs McKenzie	Mrs Talbot
Neptune Y2	Mrs Walton and Ms James	Mrs McMullen and Miss Smith
Mercury Y3	Ms James and Mrs Gaule Miss Collings will return at some point in the Autumn Term	Miss Smith
Venus Y4	Miss Swift and Mrs Pretlove	Miss Forester
Jupiter Y5	Miss Munton and Mrs Pretlove	Mrs Bogert

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Saturn Y6	Miss Webb and Mrs Milsom	Mrs Poole
SENCO	Mrs Pretlove	

Extra Curricular Activities

We have a sports club starting up led by Lara and Mabel, two Y10 students who are completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. Mrs Ayles will be supporting them with this club. The club will run from Monday 9th September from 3.15-4.15. If your child would like to take part please email admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk to request a place. There are limited spaces, but a waiting list will be held and new places will be allocated next term.

Remaining TD Days for 2024/25

1. Tuesday 22nd October
2. Wednesday 23rd October
3. Monday 6th January 2025.

Dates for the Calendar – to follow next week

Attachments

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2. Information on a 'Being A Parent'
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4. 10 Top Tips for parents and educators on 'Using and Reviewing Parental Controls'

If you think there is something that would help to improve our school we would love to hear from you. Feel free to email us on admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk so we can consider your ideas.

Messages from Others

Information from Wiltshire Council

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

Have a lovely weekend. From everyone at Nursteed.