

Nursteed Community Primary School



Newsletter 2 Friday 13th September 2024

Message From Mrs Vousden

Over recent months four of our eleven governors have decided it was time for them to move on and so we are now looking to recruit two new Parent Governors and two Co-opted Governors. The role of the governors is vital to the smooth running of the school and we are keen to fill these positions as quickly as possible. We now have gaps in skills around financing, marketing and buildings, but we welcome skills in any areas from enthusiastic people who want to make a positive contribution to children's lives. If you are or someone you know is interested in helping the school move forward and think you could make time to attend one or two meetings a term (usually 7-9pmish) and make a couple of visits into school during the school day over the year, then it would be fantastic to hear from you. Please read the information attached and get in touch.

We are also looking for a new Clerk to Governors, which is a paid role, and this will be advertised over the next couple of weeks via the Wiltshire Bulletin and on our website.

Kay Vousden
Headteacher

School Photos – Wednesday 18th 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! Please can all pupils wear school cardigans or jumpers. We look forward to seeing their lovely photos when they are returned!

Nursteed Website Update

Our website update was delayed last week by technical issues. However, over the course of next week we expect it to go live. There are still a few gaps in information that we are working on and will have it completed in the near future. We have been warned that it will take a couple of days to move to the new site and may not display clearly on the first couple of attempts to access it, so please bear with us over the next week. We look forward to sharing the update with you and hope you find it useful, informative and easy to navigate.

Friends of Nursteed School (FoNS) - Autumn Fair Saturday 28th September 2-4pm

We at FoNS hope you have all had a good summer. We have lots of exciting things planned for the year and can't wait to share our plans with you.

First up is...

Autumn Fair on Saturday 28 September 2024, 2-4pm

There will be lots of fun things to do for all the family and we hope to see lots of you there. We will be sharing more information with you over the next few days so keep your eyes peeled! We are seeking donations for the tombola. The donation can be anything as long as it's unused, unopened and in date! Please do have a rummage through cupboards to see what you can find and then come to the Fair and see

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if you can win your donation back! We are also looking to run a teddy tombola too so donations of any teddies looking for a new home are also most welcome. We do need some volunteers to help on the day and would encourage you to visit the link below to see what you can help with. We're more than happy if you can only give an hour. We're a great bunch of people to work with and will welcome you with open arms. <https://volunteersignup.org/EXHFM>

You can follow us on Facebook (Friends of Nursteed School - events) and keep up to date with what FoNS are up to! Sarah Kyte, FoNS Chair.

Medication in School

If your child needs to take medication during the school day. Please bring it to the office at the start of the day and complete a medication form. Medication will need to be prescribed by the doctor and labelled with your child's name.

Volunteers in School

We are pleased that we are continuing to be able to welcome volunteers into school and are always looking for more. Teachers are always grateful for people to help out in lessons and to listen to children read. If you think you or someone you know would be a good volunteer in school, please get in touch to discuss. **All volunteers must have a DBS check for the position and be able to provide two referees. Relevant training including safeguarding will be given.**

Star of the Week

W/C 02/09/24

Pluto: will start this week, **Mars:** Bea, **Neptune:** Grace, **Mercury:** Ted, **Venus:** Isla H, **Jupiter:** Layla, **Saturn:** Ava.

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.

Important Information

1. You can contact Lisa Foster, our Parent Support Advisor, on lisa.foster@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk or call her on 07803 406 827. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays and if you leave a message, will get back to you as soon as she can.
2. You can book Before School Care (7.45am - 8.45am) by following this link [here](#).
3. 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.

Policies

We have been reviewing key policies for the beginning of the new school year and all our updated safeguarding ones can be found on the new website. We have attached two key policies for you here: The Behaviour Policy and the Anti Bullying and Abuse Policy. As we teach the children the routines for the new year, we will be discussing these policies with them. If you have any comments on them please email them to admin for our consideration. Next week we will share our updated Attendance Policy, which reflects the changes brought in by new government legislation.

Dates for Diary

Term 1

- Wednesday 18th September Individual Photos including siblings(8.30am promptly to 9.00am)
- Wednesday 18th September Devizes School Open Evening (7.00pm to 9.00pm)

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- Saturday 28th September Autumn Fete led by FONS
- Wednesday 2nd October School Open Day
- Thursday 10th October Harvest Festival – food donations for The Devizes Food Bank will be gratefully received on this day.
- Monday 21st October Last Day of Term 1
- Tuesday 22nd October School closed for TDday 3
- Wednesday 23rd October School closed for TDday 4
- **Thursday 31st October** Deadline for applying for secondary school places.

Term 2

- Monday 4th November First day of Term 2
- Tuesday 17th December Panto Trip
- Friday 20th December Last day of Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 6th January 2025 School Closed for TDday 5
- Tuesday 7th January First day of Term 3

Attachments

Panto Letter

Nominations for School Governor

FoNS Autumn Fair

Devizes School open evening

Harvest appeal poster

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.