

# Nursteed Community Primary School



## Newsletter 10 Friday 29th November 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

Can you believe that next week it will be December? We have lots of exciting things going on in school over the next three weeks (see dates at the end), and with limited support in the office, we ask for your patience and understanding. Last Wednesday we had a Governors' meeting and welcomed our two new Governors: Dean Brown and Chris Robson to the group. A standing item on the agenda is 'Staff work load and wellbeing' and the Governors are keen to find ways to support the staff to make the job manageable. One thing I know parents and carers appreciate about Nursteed School is the direct access to the teachers via Class Dojo. This is an excellent, two way link and allows important communications to be given quickly and easily. Having spoken to the teachers about this, although they find Class Dojo very helpful, they report that they are spending more and more of their day responding to parents about small issues that could be dealt with by a quick conversation at the end of the day. Please think before you message the teachers and remember that there are up to thirty children in every class, so they can't give every parent a general update each day. I'm sure you would agree that the best use of a teacher's time, is preparing the learning for the class.

I am pleased to tell you that Miss Collings will be returning to school on Monday, following her maternity leave, and will be teaching Y3 – Mercury Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am sure you will join me in giving her a warm welcome back.

### Office Update

Mrs Ayles, our School Business Manager, will be out of school until the last week of term. This means that we will have limited cover in the office and no one there at certain times. Miss Isaac, our Admin Assistant, will be with us for some of the time and Mrs Vousden and the TAs will try to take calls when possible. We ask for your help during this period in the following ways.

- Please continue to call the office to report your child's absence by 9am, leaving a message if needed.
- Please continue to call the office if you need to let us know that someone else will be picking up your child.
- For all non-urgent requests such as lost water bottle/lunch box etc., please message the class teacher via Dojo and understand that you will not get an instant response, as they will be teaching, but they will pick up messages after school.
- For any issues regarding lunches, please contact Lataca directly.

Thank you for being patient and understanding during this time.

### Online Safety

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we have invited a visitor to talk to the children about 'online safety', so you may want to talk to them in the evening about what they have learned. Y5+6 will be talking about the issues with online gaming and communication as this is an area we feel that our children are at risk. We ask

parents to monitor their child's online activity carefully to make sure they are safe. Attached are some top tips for using Snapchat.

## Star of the Week

W/C 18/11/24

**Pluto:** Alfie **S Mars:** Yelizaveta **Neptune:** Georgia **Mercury:** Stanley **Venus:** Julia **Jupiter:** Izzy **Saturn:** Kacey  
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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk) so we can consider your ideas.

## Dates for Diary

### Term 2

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December Online Safety Day with special guest teacher Mr Pomfrett
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Choir singing at the Mayor's Carol Concert – afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Pluto Class visit St John's church to decorate the Christmas tree
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Afternoon Nativity
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Evening Nativity
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Lataca Christmas Lunch
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Y3+4 Christmas Party
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December Y5+6 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Whole School Panto Trip
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Christmas Party
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas Carols – Afternoon performance
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas Carols - Evening performance
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last day of Term 2 **Early Close – 1.15pm**

### Term 3

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 School Closed for TDday 5
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 First day of Term 3 for the children
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Deadline for applying for a primary place
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Last day of Term 3

## Attachments

What Parents and Educators need to know about Snapchat

## Information from Wiltshire Council

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