

Nursteed Community Primary School



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Message From The Headteacher

At Nursteed we are very aware of the growing threat to the children from their online activity, both in and out of school. In school we have filtering on our laptops to ensure children cannot access inappropriate content and children are closely monitored while using these devices. No system is completely fool proof, so we check and monitor this regularly.

We are often made aware that our children are accessing things out of school that are not age appropriate, such as Facebook and WhatsApp, as well as online games and I regularly speak to parents to ask them to monitor more carefully what their child is doing and accessing. Children behave differently on line than they would if they were playing face to face with their friends and it is vital that parents are monitoring what is happening and supporting their child to make sense of things, when they go wrong. If you allow your child to use WhatsApp for example, I recommend that you check their chats every night, as I have been shown some very inappropriate content from some very unlikely people. If you find anything that you think we need to know about, please get in touch.

In school, online safety teaching is a key part of our curriculum. The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorized into four areas of risk:

- **Content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content
- **Contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users
- **Conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm
- **Commerce:** risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.

To support staff and children with this important part of the curriculum we have invited an expert in the field to talk to the children in groups. Mr Richard Pomfrett will be joining us on 4th December, we will tell you more after his visit.

We have recently added a '**Report Harmful Content**' button to our school website, so that if parents find something has been posted on line that puts someone in danger they can use this link. You can see it [here](#). You can also follow this link [here](#) to get more information about harmful content in line.

We want to work with parents and carers to ensure our children are safe on line. If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

Office Update

Mrs Ayles, our School Business Manager, will be out of school from Thursday 21st November 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 TA's 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.

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- 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.

Staffing Update

Sadly, Miss Munton has decided to leave us at Christmas to take on another role in a college. We have loved working with her, she will be very much missed and we wish her the best of luck for the future. We are now in the process of recruiting a new teacher and an advert went out this week. Details are also on our website, so if you know of anyone who may be suitable, please direct them to the News page! I will keep you updated on our progress.

Pupil Voice – What makes you feel safe or unsafe? Please see attached

At the end of term 1 we asked the children for their views on things that make them feel safe and unsafe at school, so that we can ensure all children feel safe at all times. We have attached the comments from each class. Miss Swift in Y4 has also included notes on the conversation this led on from the children's comments and all class teachers had a similar conversation to reassure the children in their classes.

The key points we have taken from this feedback and have discussed with the children are:

- All staff and adults can help the school to feel safe for everyone by following the school values – being kind and behaving well.
- It is important that the children feel heard by adults, even at lunch time when it is very busy.
- Lots of people don't like it when it is loud, so we need to use indoor voices.
- The Senior Leadership Team are monitoring the toilets near the hall at lunch time to make sure behaviour is good in and around them, as children of all ages use these and it can be intimidating!

Governor Update

I am pleased to tell you that we have two new parent governors who will be joining the board in the near future. Mr Chris Robson (parent of William in Y3) who has carried out this role before and has volunteered to come back for another four years and also Mr Dean Brown (parent of Darcy in Pluto Class). We will ask them to introduce themselves in a future newsletter.

Parent Teacher Meetings

If you have not yet booked an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress this year please do so ASAP. If there are any issues with making the appointment you can send the class teacher a Dojo message.

Devizes Lantern Parade Friday 29th November

We will be holding a workshop at Nursteed School for anyone who would like to make a Lantern to carry in the Devizes Lantern parade. Please let us know if you would like to take part by emailing the office admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk. This is a lovely event and numbers have been growing over recent years, so please joins us if you can.

Workshop – Saturday 23rd November 10am start – be here for the demo if you can, ending at 12noon at the latest.

After School Club - Drama Club

We have two volunteers who will be running a Drama Club after school on Monday's from Monday 25th November until Monday 10th February, from 3.15pm to 4.00pm. If your child would like to take part, please email the office to let us know by Friday 15th November at admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk. There are limited places and these will be given on a first come first served basis.

Star of the Week

W/C 04/11/24

Pluto: Elijah **Mars:** William **Neptune:** Imogen **Mercury:** Erik **Venus:** Tillie **Jupiter:** Dorian **Saturn:** Archie
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.

Dates for Diary

Term 2

- Friday 15th November Children in need – dress down day
- Saturday 23rd November Lantern Workshop at School 10am -12noon
- Friday 29th November Devizes Lantern Parade
- Monday 9th December KS1 Afternoon Nativity
- Tuesday 10th December KS1 Evening Nativity
- Wednesday 11th December Lataca Christmas Lunch
- Friday 13th December Y3+4 Christmas Party
- Monday 16th December Y5+6 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 17th December Whole School Panto Trip
- Wednesday 18th December KS1 Christmas Party
- Thursday 19th December KS2 Christmas Carols - Evening
- Thursday 19th December KS2 Christmas Carols - Afternoon
- Friday 20th December Last day of Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 6th January 2025 School Closed for TDDay 5
- Tuesday 7th January 2025 First day of Term 3
- Wednesday 15th January 2025 Deadline for applying for a primary place
- Friday 14th February Last day of Term 3

Attachments

Pupil Voice – What makes me feel safe or unsafe.
Devizes Town Council's Christmas Bauble competition.

Have a lovely weekend.

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