

Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 9 Friday 22nd November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Well done everyone for working together as a team to support Children in Need. With the support of Mrs Dowdeswell we raised £269 for this important charity and have spoken to the children about how their donations will help children in different ways. The Autumn term is always a busy charity fundraising time as we support The Devizes Food Bank for Harvest, The Royal British Legion at Remembrance Time and either Children in Need or Save the Children through Christmas Jumper day. As we have supported Children in Need this year, we will not raise money for Christmas Jumper Day, but will allow the children to wear their Christmas gear on the day of the Christmas lunch: Wednesday 11th December.

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.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to make it for these important meetings. If you have not yet been able to speak to your class teacher, please contact them via Dojo to make an appointment to do so.

Devizes Lantern Parade Friday 29th November

Workshop at school tomorrow, Saturday 23rd November, 10am start. We still have spaces, so come along and make a lantern if you can.

Online Safety – Questionnaire for KS2 children

In preparation for our visitor on 4th December who will be taking to the children about 'online safety' we will be carrying out an anonymous questionnaire with our KS2 children to guide this teaching. Please see the attached letter for details. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please let your child's class teacher know by 9am on Wednesday 27th November.

Anti-Bullying Policy

We have updated our policy in line with advice from Wiltshire LA. The draft can be found on our website [here](#). If you have any comments please let us know by next Wednesday when it will be considered by the Governing Body.

Over the last two weeks the teachers in class and Mrs Vousden in Assembly have been talking to the children about what bullying is and is not. It will be helpful if parents/carers can have a shared understanding so they can support their child appropriately if they are suffering friendship issues, or are in fact feeling bullied. Please do let us know if you think your child is being bullied, so we can work together to support them and also the perpetrator.

In school we talk a lot about the benefits of diversity and we feel that the children have a good understanding of this. This week and next we are introducing the term 'Protected Characteristics' to our older children (KS2) so they can understand that it is against the law to discriminate against people because of these characteristics. You can see a simple summary of this attached so that you can discuss it with your child if they bring it up.

Saturn – Y6 Residential visit to Oxenwood Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March 2025

Mrs Vousden will be holding an information meeting at 2.30pm and then again 5.30pm on Wednesday 27th November to tell Parents/carers and the children about the residential we will be going on. The same information will be covered in both meetings so you only need to attend one. If you are unable to attend either meeting, your child can give you some information and we will make sure you have all the information you need. These meetings should only last about half an hour and are an opportunity to ask any questions you may have at this stage.

Please could you let Miss Webb know via Dojo if you plan to attend either meeting, so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Star of the Week

W/C 11/11/24

Pluto: Wilson **Mars:** Sia **Neptune:** Milo **Mercury:** Laiton **Venus:** Dotty **Jupiter:** Daisy **Saturn:** Skyla

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

- 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

Through kindness, teamwork and determination we thrive.

- 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 **Early Close – 1.15pm**

Term 3

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

Attachments

Protected Characteristics

Online safety letter for KS2 parents

Top Tips for Parents – Encouraging your children to choose respect

Foodbank Newsletter

Information from Wiltshire Council

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

Have a lovely weekend.