



Love . Hope . Courage

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all delighted to be welcoming you back into school and hope you have had a lovely summer break; hasn't the weather been great! For those who are new to the school, we are looking forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. This letter will keep you up to date with any changes and information you might find useful.

Contact and Communication

- The Office is open from 8:30am – 4pm daily. Before or after this time, please leave an answer phone message.
- The school answer phone is also on when staff are particularly busy looking after the children so please do not hesitate to leave a message.
- If you have an urgent message for the class teacher, please communicate via the school office.
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Tel: 02380 732289
- Class teachers will follow the behaviour policy and only make contact with you if a situation has arisen that deems it appropriate.
- Teachers will not respond to any email that is sent to them directly.
- Our SENCo, Mrs Mellor, can offer appointments for the days she is in school. This is usually Monday - Wednesday but is subject to change. Appointments must be made via the school office.
- Appointments to see members of the Senior Leadership Team must also be made via the school office. Your request will be dealt with by Mrs Skeels or Mr Booth in the first instance.

Attendance

DfE guidance states 'School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.'

It is both of the child's parents responsibility to ensure your child attends regularly and punctually. If you fail to do so the Local Authority has a statutory duty to consider legal action to enforce school attendance. Nursling follows the Hampshire Code of Conduct when issuing Penalty Notices.

In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued to both parents, even if no longer together, when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in the last 10 school week period or where a parent/carer is deliberately avoiding the national threshold.

Unauthorised absence such as holidays during term time, are not approved.

We respectfully ask that you are truthful about any absence from school as you are your child's role model.

Home Learning

We understand how busy life is for everyone and recognise the importance of family time after school. With that in mind, we have significantly reduced the expectation of homework to ensure that what we ask you to do to support your child's progress is manageable and achievable.

Reading

Expectation is 10 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Each child will have a reading record book for you to record that you are hearing your child read at home. Please state the page numbers read and anything you discussed or anything that your child struggled with so we can help by consolidating this in school. If there is less than 4 days of home reading recorded, your child will attend reading club for a short period of time over breaktime to catch up on those valuable minutes of reading.

Spellings

Help your child learn their Spelling Bee words weekly ready for the next half termly test. A copy of the words they are learning will come home and a copy saved onto Google Classroom.

Times Tables / Numbots

No more than 20 minutes a week on Times Tables Rockstars (KS2) or Numbots (KS1) to help your child secure their number bonds and times tables knowledge.

PE Kits

All children in Years 1 to Year 6 can come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Year R will come in wearing school uniform and change into PE kit as this is part of their assessed development showing that they are able to dress and undress themselves.

Year Group	PE Session 1	PE Session 2
Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday	Thursday
Year 3	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Wednesday

PE kit consists of:

Trainers

Plain black shorts

House coloured plain or school logo t-shirt

Plain black tracksuit or leggings with plain black jumper

Please note: children are not allowed to wear football kits in school.

House	Colour
Watts	Yellow
Templeton	Green
Miller	Blue
Mitchell	Red



Outdoor Learning

The children will be using these areas in all weathers so please ensure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear in school for the weather.

Class	Outdoor learning day
R	Daily opportunities
1	Tuesday
2	Tuesday
3	Friday
4	Monday
5	Thursday
6	Thursday

Values

Our Cyril Squirrel 5 R's Learning Behaviours continue to be our focus in celebration and expectation over the coming year. We will be supporting the children in becoming independent in recognising that they are Ready, Responsible, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective when in school.

Our Christian Values of Love, Hope and Courage will feature strongly throughout with one as a feature each term. We will be looking to present 7 more children with the NAVE (Nursling Award for Values and Etiquette) award at the end of the year!

Dojo's

Children will be earning individual Dojo's in class throughout the year. They are awarded for great effort, and in recognition of presenting any of our school values.

The Castle

As a polite reminder, the castle is only to be used during the school day by children who attend the school whilst supervised by school staff. We thank you for your cooperation.

School meals

The children eat in the hall, sat on tables with their class.

Fresh hot meals are prepared on site and ordered on the Swift Kitchen App. Free School Meals are available to all those who are entitled to have one.

If your child brings in a packed lunch, please help us to promote healthy eating and healthy choices.

Fruit is to be eaten at breaktime, not crisps or chocolate.

We do have children with severe nut allergies. **AVOID anything that CONTAINS NUTS.**

We look forward to working together in partnership with you to support your child throughout this new academic year.

Kind regards

Mrs Jearrad
Headteacher

