

Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 39 - 6th September 2024

Head teacher's Message

Dear all,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Nursling families and say welcome back to our existing ones!

I hope you had a lovely summer break. For me, it was packed full spending valued and much needed time with my family and friends.

There are always plenty of maintenance and redecoration jobs that take place over the holidays, this year was no exception! A change around of rooms to accommodate much larger numbers in our wrap around care facility has been very successful. Year 2 have had a new carpet. On top of that, lots of work that would generally go unnoticed to do with drains and door locks too. So we start the year in a great place and excited for the year ahead!

Wishing Year 6 a relaxing weekend ahead of their residential next week!

Mrs Jearrad



Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
	99.2%	99.6%	96%	96.6%	100%	94.5%	97.7%

The expected attendance for each student is a minimum of 96%. Individual children identifying as under 96% will be engaging in conversations with staff to ensure their attendance improves.



I am the way, the truth and the life; no one goes to the father except through me. John 14:6

Safeguarding your children

It is always good to start the year with good knowledge and understanding around safeguarding.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

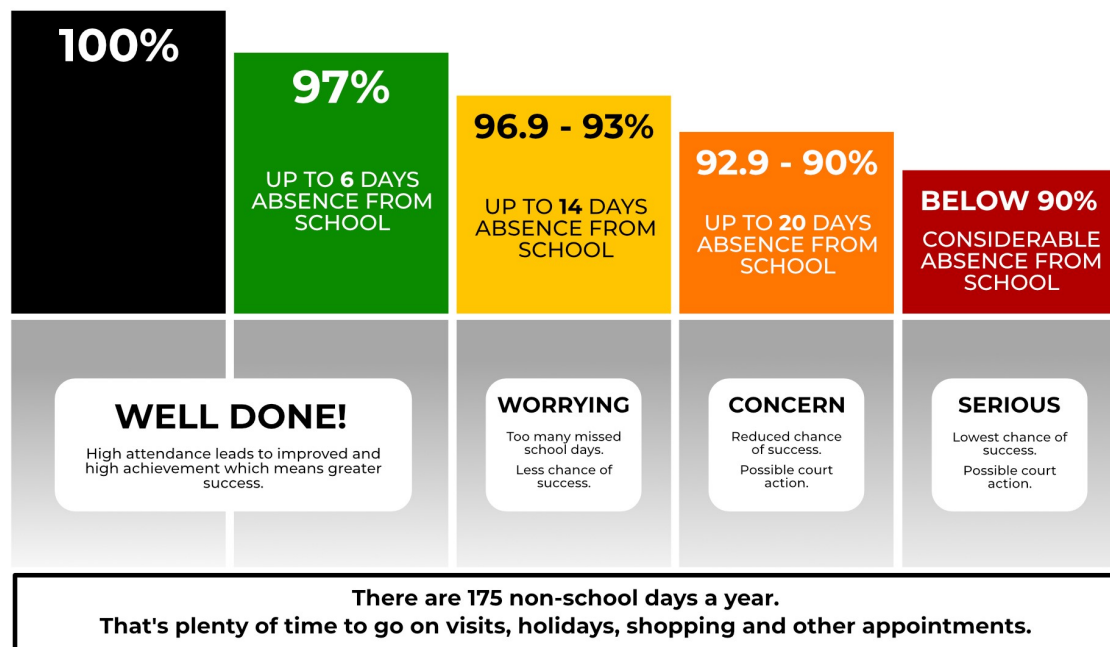
This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

Attendance

If your child is not in school and we do not know why, we will follow our safeguarding procedures. School will contact you and proceed down your list of contacts if your phone is switched off.

House calls will be made if we have particular concern for the whereabouts of your child.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



If your child is absent from school, it is imperative you let the school office know. Save embarrassment and be truthful. The amount of times we are told a child is off with illness and the child tells us of their lovely holiday or break when they come back to school.

Welcome back! We hope that you have all enjoyed the Summer holidays

Please take the time to read the important reminders below, which will really help with the transition back to school.

- **Please label everything with your child's name** - This includes coats, bags, hats, gloves etc - we don't have the space in school to accommodate large volumes of un-named lost property. Lost property is emptied at the end of every term. Anything unnamed will be given to charity.
- **Top up school meal funds** - Reminder that the price is increasing to £3.20 per meal effective from September.
- **Medication in School** - Please ensure that any medication e.g Inhalers, epipens etc are brought to the school office in the first instance. The medicines will then be logged and stored appropriately. Any medication should be in its original packaging, clearly stating the child's name and an expiry date and an up to date asthma plan will be required to support inhalers in school.
- **Absence** - If your child is absent from school at any time - please ensure that you call the school office (02380 732289), leave a voicemail or send a parentmail - before 8.50am. If we are not informed of a child's absence, we will continually ring every contact logged on Arbor, until we can establish a reason for the absence. Holiday requests must have a form completed prior to the absence (a supply of these are kept in the school reception).
- **After School Clubs** - Please remember to book your child's place if they would like to attend an after school club. Some have proven very popular and are already fully booked - apologies if your child has missed out this time around. We also have breakfast and after school club available.

Safeguarding your children

- **Parking** - Our school is a no drive zone and parking within the school is not permitted - if you are collecting your child, please park considerately. The community hall has a large car park you can park and walk from. There is one space in the layby for Blue Badge Holders. Please only park in this space if you have a blue badge on display.
- **Castle**- Children are not allowed on the castle unless supervised by a member of staff. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.
- **Bikes and Scooters** - Children are not allowed to cycle or scoot on the School grounds. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.

ELSA introduction



My name is Miss Hayward and I am the ELSA within the school. An ELSA is a member of staff who is trained to support children in the development of their emotional literacy.

Children who have been referred through teachers and the SENCO will work with me for 6 weeks and then be discharged from ELSA to allow as many children to be supported as possible.

I will then work with each child 1 to 1 or in small groups helping them to understand and cope with their emotions, developing their self esteem and building positive relationships with others.

The Lighthouse Trail

Little Lights Trail

The lighthouse trail has now finished. Our lighthouse will now be on display for a while and then will be returned to us in October. Thank you to everyone who completed the trail and sent in photographs. If you did take a photo with our little lighthouse, please send them in as we would love to see them!



Family Group Collective Worship

This week's value has been responsibility.

We had our first family group collective worship this week. The children came together and shared their interests. As a group, they then created a family group hand flower.

Well done to all of the children who completed the library reading challenge over the Summer holidays! We loved sharing this achievement with you today.



Join Our PTA Team

We are looking to recruit new PTA members for the next school year, they will receive full support from our existing committee for the school year 2024/2025. We are looking to fill the position of Treasurer and Secretary.

Without these key roles the PTA will not be able to operate and may stop all the fantastic events and fundraising the PTA currently do, from summer fayres, discos and raising money for our gardens, play equipment and buddy benches, just to name a few!

PTA treasurer

Main purpose of the role is to control the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions as well as charity law. They make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable and report financial information to the rest of the team.

The treasurer's responsibilities:

- Manages the day-to-day finances
- Keeps a detailed and accurate record of the PTA's financial activity
- Reports on the finances at meetings in a clear, concise way
- Arranges floats for events
- Ensures money is kept safely before and during events
- Banks the takings from events and fundraisers
- Makes Gift Aid claims
- Implements procedures for making payments and claiming expenses
- Completes the Charity Commission annual return
- Gets accounts audited where necessary
- Monitors and supports the PTA email inbox

At the AGM:

- Prepares the financial report

Suits people who are...

- Confident at handling money and budgets
- Good with numbers
- Methodical

PTA secretary

Main purpose of the role the secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, take minutes and keep records.

The secretary's responsibilities:

- Assists the chair with planning meetings
- Communicates with the school and committee members, including circulating the agenda before PTA meetings
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording the key points, decisions made and relevant action points
- Manages communication between the committee, volunteers, school and school community
- Prepares the publicity for events, including flyers, posters and tickets
- Ensures meetings have enough attendees to form a quorum
- Keeps records
- Shares information
- Monitors and supports the PTA email inbox

At the AGM:

- Helps the chair prepare for the meeting and takes minutes on the day

Suits people who are...

- Great communicators
- Accurate writers
- Helpful and motivated

If you are interested in joining this great team please email us at nurslingprimarypta@gmail.com or speak to one of the team ☐

School Term & Holiday Dates

2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024 = INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 = School Resumes for pupils

Friday 25th October 2024 = INSET Day

Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November 2024 = Half Term

Friday 20th December 2024 = Last day of Autumn Term

(No after school provision on 20th December 2024)



Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 = School Resumes

Mon 17th February - Fri 21st February 2025 = Half Term

Monday 24th February 2025 = INSET Day

Friday 4th April = Last day of Spring Term

(No after school provision on 4th April 2025)



Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 = School Resumes

Monday 5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May 2025 = Half Term

Friday 18th July 2025 = Last day of Summer Term

(No after school provision on 18th July 2025)

Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July 2025 = INSET Days



Lateness and Requests for Authorised Absence

Children should be in school by **8.50am** each day, when registration begins.

It is important that all children make a good start to the day and are ready to learn.

If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

Late arrivals disrupt the whole class and children who arrive late are often embarrassed and unsettled because they have missed important instructions.

If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence

Requests for Authorised Absence

Schools are only allowed to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional. There is no general right to authorise absence for a family holiday. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued.

Impact of Lateness

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school



School Dinners

[Check if your child can get free meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Our school caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, formerly known as HC3S. Visit the pages on their website for their menus and other information. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news>. You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6

Children choose from a vegetarian or meat option, and cost £3 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement. **From September meals the price of meals will increase to £3.20**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/parent-information/primary>

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the school
The week beginning the 9th September 2024 is **week 2** in the cycle.



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Communicating with School

Communication Flowchart

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it is pastoral, friendships, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Head teacher. In our experience, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking to the class teacher as they know your children best. Please be aware that the Chair of Governors does not become involved unless a formal complaint is logged having completed all previous steps. The Complaints Policy is on the website.

Please use the chart below to know who you need to speak to.

Who do I speak to and in what order?

Steps	Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues	Pastoral / Additional Needs	School Administration
1	In the first instance, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher after school by appointment. Appointments can be made via the school office.	If you're struggling with pastoral issues such as routines, attendance or you just need to reach out, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO)	Please speak to Mrs Manning, Mrs H-C or Mrs Petley in the school office.
2	If you feel your query has not been resolved, please arrange to speak to Mr Booth or Mrs Skeels (Assistant Headteachers)	Concerns or actions related to Special Educational Needs or pastoral issues still not sorted, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO) .	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.
3	<u>If still not sorted?</u>		
	Please make an appointment to speak to our Head teacher, Mrs Jearrad . This meeting may also be attended by a member of the staff or Senior Leadership Team to ensure actions from any previous meetings can be discussed. Still not satisfied? Formal Complaint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad.		
	<u>Formal Complaints</u>		
4	If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries and are proceeding to a formal complaint Step 2 having followed all the previous steps, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Jackie Barker		