# Nursling C of E Primary School





Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 12- 29th November 2024

#### Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our Winter Fayre today! A huge thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and organisation, and to everyone who came to support it! A special mention to our school Choir and Olaf!

All the money raised at PTA events goes directly back into giving your child resources and experiences that aid their learning and enjoyment in school. By the end of the last academic year, enough money was raised to replace all our IPADS. The children are really enjoying using them. The year before, money raised went towards the development of the pond area and the new outside classroom.

This year, there are two further outdoor areas that we would like to develop and we can only do so with PTA support!

Firstly, in our natural woodland, Forest School experiences that all the children will benefit from. Giving the children sensory play that enables them to take risks and use their imagination is great for holistic development.

The second area is where the wooden boat is outside the After School Club room. The wooden boat has really come to the end of it's life and we would love to develop this area so that it can be used at play time and also for After School Club.

Please do support these worthy events and see the changes happen!

Kind Regards

Mrs J Jearrad

## Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
92.2%	97.7%	98.2%	95.2%	95.5%	98.9%	97.4%	96.5%
The expected attendance for each student is a minimum of 96%. In- dividual children identifying as under 96% will be engaging in conver- sations with staff to ensure their attendance improves.				***	Attendance Matters		

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

### Cyril's awards

#### Year R

Hugo- For working extremely hard this week with his beautiful writing and for being a super helper! Well done Hugo!

Celine- For always being a kind and caring member of Chestnut Class. Well done Celine!

#### Year 1

Ella and Bertie - They have both been working so hard in maths this week, we have been practising fluency and word problems and they both put 100% effort into their work, really thinking about how to find the right answer and not giving up- well done!



#### Year 2

Jacob is our first Cyril Squirrel this week. He has showed an incredible attitude to learning his lines for the nativity! His focus and enthusiasm do not stop there, and his learning behaviours in lessons have really impressed us all! Well done!

Monroe is our second Cyril Squirrel this week. He has shown a real focus during lessons this week and is keen to show off his new knowledge. He has especially impressed us in using his phonics and SPaG learning to spot new sounds whilst reading. Well done!

#### Year 3

Evie- for trying really hard in all subjects this week. She's put one hundred percent effort into everything this week and always continues to try her best.

Ed- has been super engaged this week always putting his hand up and sharing ideas with the class. Keep up the good work Ed!

#### Year 4

Vienna has been working really hard on a English, maths and her science this week. I was very impressed with the efforts she put into her understanding of food chains in and around Nursling. Well done Vienna.

Roselia has worked particularly hard on her English and her instructional text. She showed that she is able to write clear instructions on how to prepare food. I look forward to seeing her Christmas recipes.

#### Year 5

Ellie has done fantastically in her writing this week! She is improving with every day and really working hard to not only include everything we have learnt, but to engage the reader with exciting writing, well done Ellie!

Red receives our Cyril this week as he always shows the school's values in everything he does. He is a pleasure to have as part of our class, and rarely makes poor choices. He is a polite, conscientious, hard-working boy who deserves recognition for his attitude and effort in school.

#### Year 6

Emma has been working really hard on her presentation and I'm really pleased to see it paying off! Keep it up!

Jenson has been working hard on his writing, which is a pleasure to read! He takes everything we say on board and knocks out some beautiful work!

## Out of school achievements



Well done to all our 'Out of school achievers this week. We are blown away with what a talented bunch of children we have at Nursling!

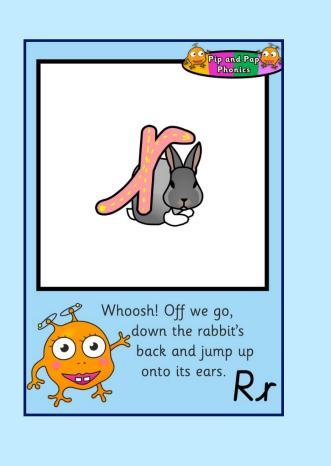


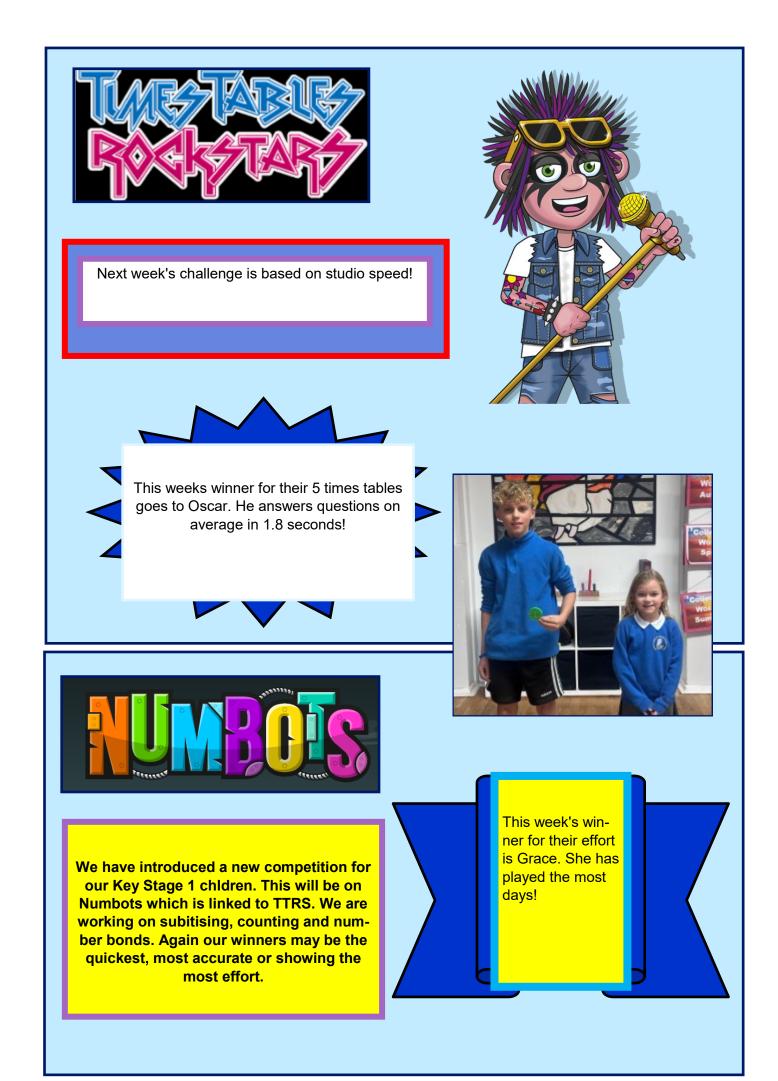
Pip and Pap



Congratulations to Harry for winning the Pip and Pap competition earlier this year, Harry created a fantastic new character for the book!







#### News & Information from Hazel Nest

#### **Important After School Reminder**

After School Club phone number - 07543793590



Now that the dark evenings are drawing in, parents need to phone our After School Club mobile number when collecting their children. We will get the children ready and escort them across the playground to you. Please ensure you let relatives/partners know our pick up procedure and phone number as we are unable to see parents at the gate or answer the door buzzer.

Children must be collected promptly by 5.45pm at the latest. We have had a number of late collections recently which have a detrimental effect on our staff who rely on public transport and have children to pick up. Persistent late collections will be fined as per our terms and conditions policy.

#### Hazel Nest

On Wednesday we had a fun balloon party in the hall, we had competitions to see who could keep the balloon off the ground for the longest time, balloon hiding games and lots of chasing each other!

At After School Club we LOVE cake!! This week it was Mrs Marsh's birthday, Terri made a giant lemon cake and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to celebrate it. If any children are having a birthday and attending After School Club, please let Miss Holloway know and we will organise a cake, birthday crown and a little celebration.







## <u>Useful Links</u>

Family Lives have been recommended by Hampshire's Safeguarding Lead as an excellent source of information for families, please check out their website and their extensive offer of useful information and online help.

#### https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses

Re:Minds is a Southampton based organisation supporting families whose children/young people have Autism, ADHD or other neurodiverse needs and/or mental health needs - with or without a diagnosis. It holds an abundance of information and guidance.

https://www.reminds.org.uk

Attendance guidance for parents/carers

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents

#### Online safety while using devices.

You may have seen in the press recent concerns about children being kept safe and the access that they have whilst online. Last week, I met with many children throughout the school and discussed their views on e-safety and the use of devices.

At school, the children feel very safe while using various medias and technologies. However, some children from all year groups were able to describe incidents where they are playing online games or talking to complete strangers through the games in their own bedrooms. They feel that they were unsupervised and often behind closed bedroom doors.

They were able to describe actions that they would take if they were subjected to offensive or abusive language or material such as report the player or often would just shut down the app or game but some were not confident in reporting it to their parents as they felt they might be in trouble. (Particularly when they thought that the parent wasn't aware that they were using the device e.g bedtime.)

Most key stage 2 children recognised that there is a PEGI rating system in place and certain games and apps are not suitable for primary school children, yet they are still playing /accessing them e.g. games like Fortnite.

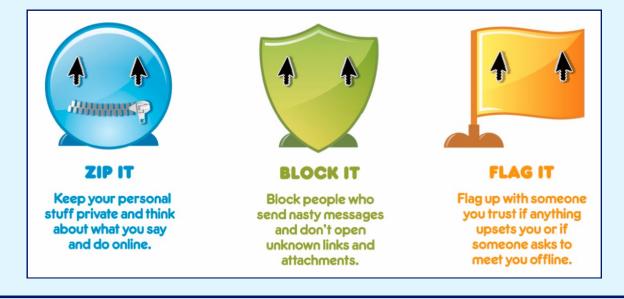
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it, Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

We would encourage you to consider what your children are actually playing or accessing on their devices, particularly while in their bedrooms or rooms on their own, to prevent your child being subjected to any unwanted comments or imagery. Please discuss with your child about "flagging" the incident to you if an issue occurs.

For further advice or suggestions, please visit <u>https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/online-safety-for</u><u>-schools</u> or talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Booth

**Computing Lead** 



## Important Dates

In-house Cross Country All year Groups	Wednesday 4th December 2024
NHS Flu Immunisation	Thursday 5th December 2024
Year 3/4 Music concert 9.15am	Thursday 5th December 2024
SATs parent meeting 2:45pm	Thursday 5th December 2024
KS2 Athletics - Mountbatten School - 1pm to 4pm	Friday 6th December 2024
Years R,1 & 2 Nativity 2pm & 6pm	Wednesday 11th December 2024
SATs parent meeting 2:45pm	Thursday 12th December 2024
100% attendance tea party	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Christingle Service 2pm St Johns Church	Tuesday 17th December 2024 Collect children from Church
Pantomine (in school)	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 19th December 2024
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 19th December 2024
Open Classroom 2.30pm	Friday 20th December 2024
End of Autumn Term	
No after school club provision	
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR	CHANGES AND UPDATES

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	PE uniform reminder					
I	Football kits are not to be worn for PE.					
I	Plain t-shirts in the colour of their house or ones with a logo.					
I	Plain black shorts.					
I	Plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings / jumper.					
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PI	ease take the time to read the important reminders below, which will really help with the transi- tion back to school					
•	<b>Please label everything with your child's name</b> - 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.					
•	<b>Top up school meal funds</b> - Reminder that the price is increasing to £3.20 per meal effective from September.					
•	<b>Medication in School</b> - 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.					
•	<b>Absence</b> - 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).					
•	<b>After School Clubs</b> - 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					
•	<b>Parking</b> - 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.					
•	<b>Castle-</b> 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.					
•	<b>Bikes and Scooters</b> - 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.					

## Safeguarding your children

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

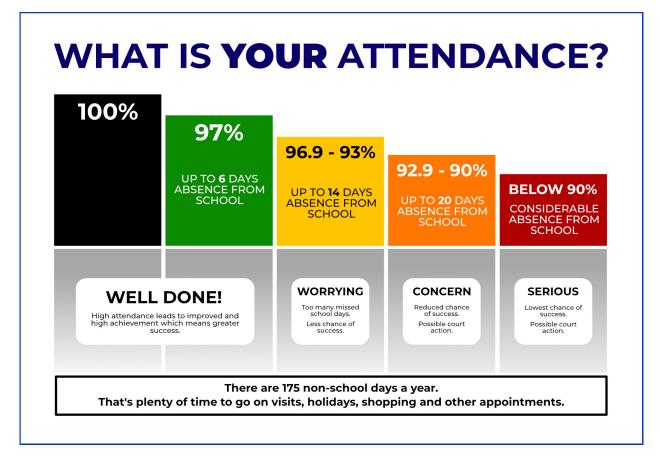
## Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

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.



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.

## 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.

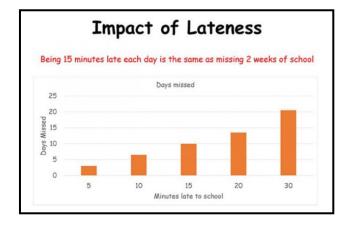
#### If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

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.



## School Dinners

Check if your child can get free 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. <u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news</u>. 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 £3.20 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

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 <u>The week beginning the 2nd December 2024 is **week 2** in the cycle.</u>



## **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 Procedure is on the website.

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

Steps	Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues	Pastoral / Additional Needs	School Administration		
1	In the first instance, please ar- range to speak to your child's <b>class teacher</b> after school by appointment. Appointments can be made via the school office.	If you're struggling with pastoral issues such as routines, attend- ance or you just need to reach out, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to <b>Mrs Mel-</b> <b>Ior (SENCO)</b>	Please speak to Mrs Man- ning, 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 <b>Mr Booth or Mrs</b> <b>Skeels</b> (Assistant Headteach- ers)	Concerns or actions related to Special Educational Needs or pastoral issues still not sorted, ask the office to book you an ap- pointment to speak to <b>Mrs Mellor</b> (SENCO).	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.		
3	If still not sorted?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.				
	Formal Complaints				
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, <b>Mrs. Jackie Barker</b>				

#### Who do I speak to and in what order?

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	VENUE	MANSEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	
	DATES	23RD DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY & 3RD JANUARY	
	AGES	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS	
	PRICE	£20 PER DAY	
2	TIME	9 A M - 3 P M	30
	OUT OF HOURS	8-9AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3-4.30PM £6	
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## Shirley Support Group



#### Friday 6th December 10am

A chance to talk to other parents/carers with neurodiverse children and/or mental health issues. Get advice & support from our team - it doesn't matter where you live, you can attend any group! You can also access the book & sensory library on request \*please allow 48 hours prior notice for this\* Face to face meetings are in Room 7 upstairs in the daytime, Room 3 downstairs in the evening at St James Road Methodist Church, SO15 5HE Children welcome! This venue has free parking, is accessible (has a lift) - Refreshments are available







