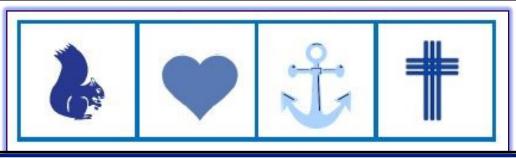
# **Nursling C of E Primary School**



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 7-18th October 2024

# **Head teacher's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Thankfully, we are ending the week in a better position than what we started and everyone has recovered nicely.

In school, I have been focusing on the teaching of maths. Times Tables Rockstars has certainly picked up pace and it is good to see that we have some very competitive children and teachers! In class, the children are now completing morning arithmetic. This involves them answering a number of questions every morning to keep them over-learning facts they have already been taught, as well as new ones, so that they have the ability to answer questions accurately and at speed.

Occasionally we get a comment from a parent that the maths work is too easy for their child and therefore needs to be challenged by moving on to the next classes work. This is a common misconception of challenge. We work very closely with the maths hub and take a lot of guidance from the Local Authority by attending their core group meetings. The key message is not how much work a child completes but how deep that child is understanding their learning. Challenge comes in a variety of ways but the most common is when a child independently works through a variety of problems, maybe involving multiple steps, with the ability to apply learnt knowledge using mathematical procedures. Problems and investigations may be open ended and involve a degree of trial and error. They may also be linked to everyday life such as reading bus timetables, working out the difference in time when shown a digital and analogue clock face or working out change when paying with real money. Something children do not have as much experience of now that everything is paid for by card. Applying mathematical processes into daily life is a great example of challenging your child to learn through investigations and trial and error.

Give it a go this weekend and see what happens! Mrs Jearrad

### Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
87.4%	82.2%	82.5%	84%	80.1%	89.7%	88.1%	84.8%

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



# TTRS competition!

Each week we will be running a competition for **Key Stage 2** on Times Table Rockstars.

This week the children have been focusing on the 2 times tables.



# Don't miss next week's competition......

Next week's competition is a head to head between staff and children. We had a trial this week and the children (and staff) have been super competitive! We are particularly focusing on effort this week, so the more time you spend practising, the higher your score!

# Cyril's Awards

### Year 1

Isabelle and Miles -They have both been working so hard with their writing, we are so impressed! They have been thinking it through, making sure their sentances are the best they can be and even editing to double check. Well done!

#### Year 2

Millie is our Cyril Squirrel this week. We were particularly impressed with Millie's castle and resilience in DT this week. She tried using the different skills we have learnt and applied them to making her castle. Millie did not give up and she wasn't afraid to ask for help when she needed it. Well done, Millie!

Olin is our second Cyril Squirrel. Olin also made an incredible castle completely independently in DT. He focused and used the different skills to make his structure strong. Olin was very proud of his castle and we are too! Keep up the great work, Olin!

#### Year 3

Penelope- has made a fantastic start to year 3. She has been trying hard to improve and make her work even more fantastic. Penelope is also an amazing friend and role model to everyone in the school. Well done Penelope, keep this up!

Elliot- Elliot has been great this week especially in maths! Elliot enjoys maths and it's been wonderful to see his place value knowledge grow since starting year 3! Fantastic job Elliot!

#### Year 4

Evie always works hard on her English and maths. However, she has excelled in her technology and her sewing this week. She has also being able to help and support others within the class. Well done Evie.

George always works enthusiastically in all areas of the curriculum. I'm particularly pleased with the effort he put into his sewing this week as it's safe to say although he struggled with tiny ends of the threads, he persevered. Well done George.

### Year 5

Kimberly has earned this week's Cyril through her perseverance shown in maths, as well as a determination to improve in her writing. When finding the learning tricky, she has shown a resilience to carry on and keep going, always trying her hardest.

Leo has tried incredibly hard this week, particularly with his focus and productivity. He has been sailing through the maths, as well as getting his head down in English, taking real responsibility for improving his writing.

#### Year 6

Anna consistently demonstrates the five R's. Fantas-Work!

Oliver has made a super effort with his book bingo!



# Out of school Achievement









Children have BIG feelings that can feel difficult for parents to manage or support sometimes - all parents probably feel like this at one time or another!

**Families Matter** are an excellent local charity, who run lots of great workshops and discussion groups for parents that could really help.

Attached is a flyer for their upcoming workshop - 'Managing your child's angry feelings'.



## **Allergies**

We are sending out a letter today about allergy awareness. Please do read the Fact Sheet attached to the letter for further information.

If you need to update your child's records, please speak to the school office.

### **COMMON ALLERGENS**



You can be allergic to any food but most reactions are caused by just 9 foods:



# Parent Tour dates for September 2025 intake

# STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

We are pleased to announce that our Year R tours will be taking place from 11 – 11.45am on:

- Friday 8th November
- Monday 11th November
- Thursday 21st November
- Tuesday 26th November

To book a place, please call the School Office on 02380 732289. We look forward to welcoming you!

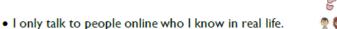
### E-safety

#### EYFS & Key Stage I

Think then Click

These rules help us to stay safe when I go online:

- . I only go online with a grown up.
- I am kind online.
- I keep information about me safe.











#### Key Stage 2

#### Think then Click

- We ask permission from an adult before using the Internet.
- We only use websites and search engines that an adult has chosen.
- I always talk to an adult if I'm not sure about something or if something happens online that makes me feel worried or frightened.
- I will not use technology to be unkind to people.
- I will only post pictures or videos on the Internet if they are appropriate and if I have permission
- · We immediately close any web page we are not sure about.
- · We never give out personal information or passwords.
- We don't talk to people online unless we know them in real life
- We never arrange to meet anyone we don't know.
- I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers



We hope you found the Pip and Pap workshop helpful this afternoon. The next session will be on Friday 6th December.

<u>www.pipandpap.com/familyhub</u> and <u>www.phonicsplay.co.uk</u> using the log ins your child will be coming home with. Familiarise yourself with the content and resources available. We recognise helping your child with phonics can be daunting as you weren't taught this way, but there are so many helpful resources available on these websites to support you.

You can also visit <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@PipandPap">https://www.youtube.com/@PipandPap</a>

Important Dates
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Virtual Parents Evenings	Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October 2024		
Harvest Service 2pm St Johns Church	Tuesday 22nd October 2024 Collect children from church		
Individual Photos (new date)	Thursday 24th October 2024		
Open Classroom 2.30pm	Thursday 24th October 2024		
INSET day	Friday 25th October 2024		
School Resumes	Monday 4th November 2024		
Year 1 Trip	Tuesday 5th November 2024		
Year 3 Trip	Thursday 7th November 2024		
Prospective Parent Tour (Year R 2025)	Friday 8th, Monday 11th, Thursday 21st, Tuesday 26th November 2024		
Year 5 swimming all week	11th—15th November 2024		
Year 2 Trip	Wednesday 20th November 2024		
PTA Non Uniform Day	Friday 22nd November 2024		
Year 5&6 Hockey - Romsey School 1pm - 4pm	Friday 22nd November 2024		
NHS Flu Immunisation	Thursday 5th December 2024		
Year 3/4 Music concert 9.15am	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		
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 AutumnTerm			
No after school club provision			
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR	CHANGES AND UPDATES		

## PE uniform reminder

Football kits are not to be worn for PE.

Plain t-shirts in the colour of their house or ones with a logo.

Plain black shorts.

Plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings / jumper.

# 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.

# Safeguarding your children

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

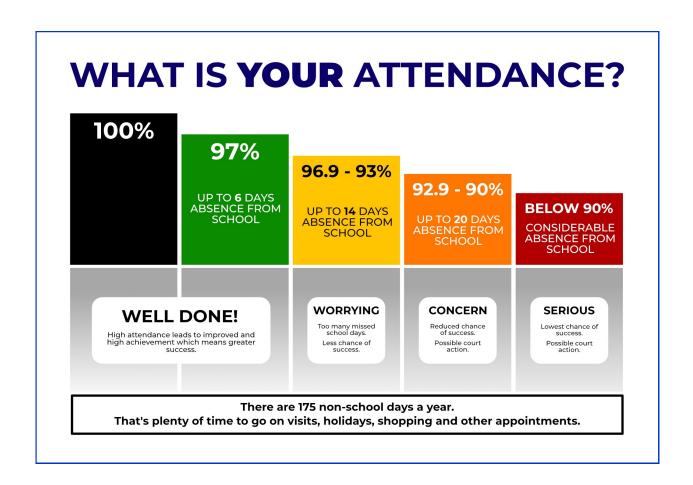
# Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

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.

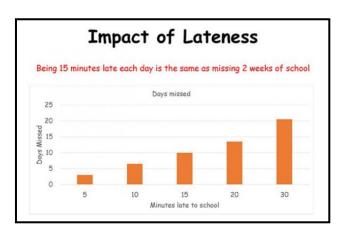
If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

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. <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news">https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news</a>. 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 21st October 2024 is week 1 in the cycle.



# **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 Procedure 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 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 Skeels</b> (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	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, <b>Mrs. Jackie Barker</b>						





