

Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter #8-3rd November 2023

Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents/carers

The decision to close a school is never easy and not taken lightly. We always make a decision based on the facts that we are presented with at that time.

An amber weather warning comes with a potential threat to life and recommendations not to travel. With a lot of teaching staff travelling in from Portsmouth and across counties, this was not a risk we were willing to take. Safety always comes first.

Local schools always consult together prior to making these decisions. With Storm Ciaran approaching and the warnings in place, the majority of schools across the south coast including Southampton, Portsmouth, Romsey and the Isle of Wight made the decision to close, giving as much time as possible to families to make alternative arrangements.

The storm came in through Wednesday night causing a lot of debris on the roads and power outages in and around Southampton. With a calmer day on Thursday than was predicted, we are pleased everyone remained safe and well and all school grounds and buildings intact.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jearrad



Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
97.5%	96%	91.5%	94.8%	98.1%	95.4%	97.5%	95.9%

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.



Psalm 24: 1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

I met with the KS2 Class Councillors before half term.

Mable & George, Jude & Evie, Oscar & Ellie, Lacie & Jake are all very passionate about what else we can do in school to help our mental health and well-being. Between them, they came up with a lot of good thoughts and suggestions such as:

- **mindfulness breaks**
- **more time outside on the castle or doing Outdoor Learning**
- **visitors into school to talk about Mental Health**
- **a Yoga day**

They have been tasked to talk to their classes so we can come up with a plan at the next meeting.

Mabel suggested that it would be nice to have someone on the gate every day to welcome everyone into school because it makes people feel happy. We talked about the need to have the teachers and support staff at the classroom doors to welcome the children in every day and it not always being possible with busy schedules or bad weather to have someone at the gate. However, with Mabel's request in mind, I did look into what we could do to increase the number of days so please look out for either myself, Mrs Darke, Mrs Mellor or another member of the Senior Leadership Team (when available) who will be on the gate to welcome you into school at least three times in the week.

We are looking forward to our KS1 Class Councillors joining us at the next meeting.

Mrs Jearrad



Get Creative!

Remembrance Service

Poppies are available at school for a small donation.

There is still time to create a poppy

We want to cover our Spiritual Space (the pagoda on the playground) with poppies, poems, thoughts and prayers for Remembrance.

We will hold a whole school Remembrance Service by the pagoda on Friday 10th November which will give the children an opportunity to share their thoughts and prayers.

You could knit, crochet, draw, paint, make a poppy out of any material (felt, egg cup...) to place into the pagoda!

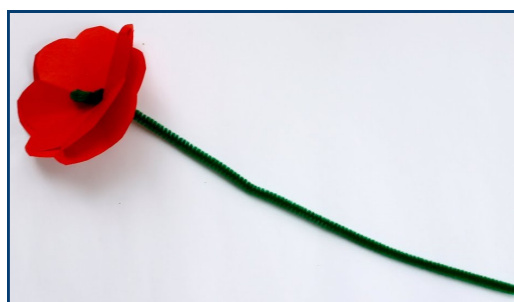
How to crochet a poppy...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2CUghTlFOs>

How to knit a poppy...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-W6otlCuyQ>

<https://tretherras.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Knitted-Poppy-Patterns.pdf>



Cyril's Awards

Year 1 Ellie is blowing us all away in Year 1! She has made so much progress this term- she is writing sentences and always challenging herself with her topic work.

Frankie has also been working really hard, he did some fantastic RE work recently and has been trying really hard with his maths and writing, well done!

Year 2 Pacey has been awesome this week. His effort in his writing has been unreal! Whenever an instruction is given he always follows it. Well done Pacey

Elliott's maths this week has been amazing. We have been learning about using our number bonds on bigger numbers and he has smashed it!

Year 3 Emily had been a superstar this week! She has been confidently answering maths questions and always challenging herself. Well done, Emily Keep up the good work.

Jessie has made a great start to this half term. She has been so engaged during our topic lessons and also produced the most amazing piece of homework! Well done, Jessie.

Year 4 Grace has worked hard all term particularly on her English and handwriting. Keep going Grace

Redfer has really been focusing on his presentation and handwriting over the last few weeks. Keep it up Redfer

Year 5 Sophie is this week's Cyril, for showing an excellent attitude towards her learning and representing the school fantastically during our swimming trips this week.

Oscar - For impressing me with his maths work this week in a tricky module, showing enthusiasm and positivity in the subject, as he does towards all aspects of school.

Year 6 Jacob for being responsible with his learning and working hard.

Sophie for improving her confidence and resilience especially in maths.



Totes Awards

This week Totes awards go to.....

Year 1 Jessica has been working really hard with her reading both at home and at school, she is always eager to please and has a fabulous attitude to her learning.

Year 2 Ryland has been on it this week, he has been reading everyday and he has been completing his reading tasks independently. Great job Ryland



Year 3 George, has been reading so well in class it has also been great to see how much George is reading at home. Well done George you should be very proud of yourself!

Year 4 Liam has been reading with expression in his guided reading and independently. I'm very impressed. Keep it up Liam

Year 5 Zach - For really impressing the year 5 team with his reading during guided reading, showing a real enthusiasm in his reading and comprehension of the class text!

Year 6 Toby - for being responsible with his learning and working hard.

Out of school achievements

Congratulations to all our 'Out of School Achiever's this week.....

To Rosealia, Sienna and Arian for taking part in a performance of 'Alison in Wonderland' playing the parts of deer and playing cards, how exciting!

Mabel for running a race against other teams with her cousins - go Mabel!

Jacob well done for keeping a clean sheet whilst playing in goal for Romsey Town, even saving a penalty!

Toby for being chosen as 'player of the match' for keeping the morale up in his team, that's fantastic Toby!



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

This year, we are relaunching our involvement with the amazing work completed by Samaritan's Purse. We have had posters up at school for a few weeks now, leaflets went home and the children were told all about it in one of our Collective Worship. In order for the shoeboxes to make it to the children in time for Christmas,

we will need any filled shoeboxes to be returned to school by the 14th of November.



We have a number of shoeboxes available to use at school if you are unable to find a shoebox. The number we have is quite limited so please only take one if you fully intend to fill it. They will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Any questions, please do speak to Mrs Payne or make contact through the school office on her non-working days and she will get back to you.

Here is the link to the Samaritan's Purse website where you will find all the information you made need:

<https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/?>

Collective Worship

This week, in collective worship we have been learning the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den. This is a well known story from the old testament. We have linked this story to the Christian Value of Honesty. Daniel was always honest with his beliefs and praying for God. He was so honest, that when a law was set to stop him praying, he continued and ended up being thrown into a pit with lions. God kept Daniel safe and the law was changed so that Daniel could then pray freely.



Due to the storm and a missed Collective Worship this week, the children have not been sent a specific challenge for our Collective Worship book. However, we have been focusing on honesty and we believe this is a value that everybody benefits from. We would like the children to be encouraged to be honest and discuss what this can mean on different levels.



Year R

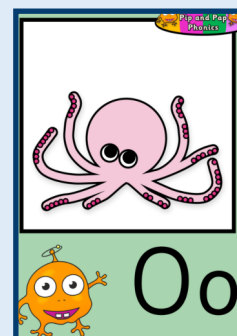
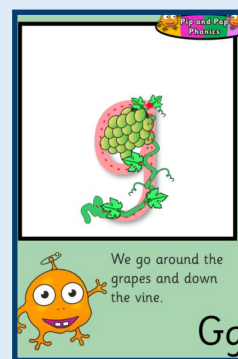


Imagine you are eating a grape - pop one in you mouth as you say "g-g-g"

Join you thumb and finger to make an octopus head. Then let it swim all the way around as you say "o-o-o"

Here is a link to the Pip and Pap Shop:

<http://www.pipandpapshop.co.uk/>



This Weeks Staff Announcements

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Mrs Earle who works in our Breakfast and Afterschool club - she will be greatly missed by all the children and we wish her all the best of luck in her new job



A very big Nursling 'Happy Birthday' from all the children and staff to our lovely Mrs H.C, who celebrated her birthday during Half Term!

The children thoroughly enjoyed finally getting their own back with a surprise glitter bomb.



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.

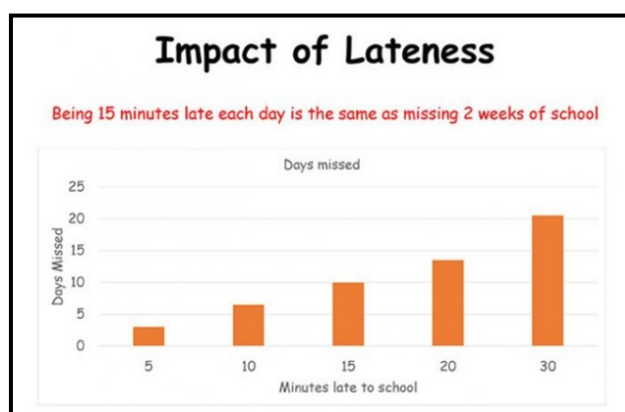
If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

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 we will consider legal action.



School Dinners

Fed up with making packed lunches? Why not order a school dinner?

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.

Please be aware that we have a new Autumn 2 menu - see the link below

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the School For your convenience here is a link to the School Dinner menu. <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/HC3S/Picture-Menus-A4-October2023.pdf>

The week beginning the **3rd November 2023 is week 2** in the cycle.



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 Darke (Parent Liaison).	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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>If still not sorted?</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Still not satisfied? Formal Complaint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad.</p>		
	<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		

Important Dates

Next Term	
Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm	Thursday 9th November
Year 6 Trip to Milestones Museum	Tuesday 21st November
Year 2 Trip to Southampton Art Museum	Tuesday 28th November
Year R Nativity Play	Wednesday 6th December 2pm and 6pm
Showcase Music Concert (KS2)	Thursday 7th December 9.20am
Christingle Service at St Johns	Tuesday 12th December
Pantomime!	Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!	Thursday 14th December
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 14th December
Open Classroom 2.30pm (All Years)	Friday 15th December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 15th December
No After School Provision	
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES	

Breakfast and After School Clubs



Wrap Around Care

Due to the popularity of Cyril's Breakfast and After School Clubs may we remind you that ad-hoc places are not guaranteed to be available. If you would like to apply for a permanent place on fixed days every week then please complete a permanent booking form and return to the school office (conditions apply).

School Term & Holiday Dates

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Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September 2023 = INSET Day

Monday 4th September 2023 = School Resumes for pupils

Monday 23th October - Friday 27th October 2023 = Half Term

Friday 15th December 2023 = Last day of Autumn Term



Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 = School Resumes

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024 = Half Term

Monday 19th February 2024 = INSET Day

Thursday 28th March 2024 = Last day of Spring Term



Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 = INSET Day

Tuesday 16th April 2024 = School resumes for pupils

Monday 6th May 2024 = Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024 = Half Term

Friday 19th July 2024 = Last day of Summer Term

Monday 22nd July 2024 = INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 = INSET Day



Out of School Activates and other information

We Care. *We Respect.* We Achieve.

