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**Newsletter 1**

Welcome back to the new school year! Mrs McCormack, Mrs Battersby and I really enjoyed meeting the children last week and look forward to working with you all as we continue to build on the great progress Nunney First School made last year. The school has settled back into 'normal' routines really quickly and I trust that your child/children will soon have lots to tell you about their exciting term 1 projects.

**Dates**

<b>September</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Murtagh attending Child Protection training. Otter class covered by Mrs Kerton, a supply teacher employed by The Partnership Trust.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming and sport at The Lighthouse, Tytherington starts today and each Wednesday hereafter.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mucky Pups starts today - in school time
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> - afternoon	An opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's teacher/s and the school's leadership team. Details below.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	BINGO evening 7.00 pm for Eyes Down at 7.30 pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reception children in full time from today
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Before and after school clubs start today. Details below.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hedgehog parent/carers 'Meet the Teachers' meeting to hear about class projects, routines and expectations - 2.30 - 2.55 pm. Details below.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Frome Children's Carnival - we'd love as many children as possible to join us for this special occasion! Details below.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nunney School's official 120 <sup>th</sup> birthday! Join us for tea and cake in the school hall between 2.00 and 5.00 pm. Archives to look at and Happy Birthday to sing!
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils to spend the day at Hayesdown First School where they will participate in an exciting theme day. Details below and a permission slip attached.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	HARVEST SERVICE 2.00 pm at the school - Parents and carers welcome to attend. Details below.
<b>October</b>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Steam Engine Show / Car Boot Sale 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last day of term 1 for pupils</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY - 3 of 6
<b>November</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>First day of term 2 for pupils</b>

## INSET Days for 2016 - 2017

- ~~1. Thursday 1st September 2016~~
- ~~2. Friday 2nd September 2016~~
3. Monday 31st October 2016
4. Tuesday 3rd January 2017
5. Friday 10th February 2017
6. Monday 24th July 2017

### Meet the Teachers and School Leadership Team - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Class teachers and the school's leadership team look forward to welcoming you to events on the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

We would be extremely grateful if you would make every effort to attend. However, we do understand that for parents/carers who work, this might not be possible, in which case you will receive any hand-outs and are welcome to contact your child's teacher before or after school.

- From 1.00 pm            An opportunity to meet your child's teacher for a one-to-one 10 minute conversation - please sign up.
- 2.30 - 2.55 pm        Otter parents/carers to meet Miss Murtagh to receive information about class routines, expectations, class topics for terms 1 and 2, ways to support your child's learning and other important information that will help you work with the school to ensure your child enjoys school and makes good progress.
- 3.05 - 3.25 pm        As members of the school's Leadership team, Miss Heal, Mrs McCormack and Miss Murtagh would like to talk to all parents/carers in the hall. TAs will look after the children until 3.30 pm.
- 3.30 - 4.30 pm        Further appointments available for parents/carers to meet one-to-one with teachers - please sign up.

### Thursday 22nd September 2.30 - 2.55 pm

Hedgehog parents/carers to meet Miss Bougourd and Mrs Baxter to receive information about class routines, expectations, class topics for terms 1 and 2, ways to support child's learning and other important information that will help you work with the school to ensure your child enjoys school and makes good progress.

### Before and After School Clubs Start Week Beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Club	Day	Time	Led By	Year Groups	Cost
Football	Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Mrs Andrews & Mrs Loveless	Y2, Y3 & Y4	-
Construction	Friday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Mrs Garrod	Y2, Y3 & Y4	-
Gardening & Wildlife	Friday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	Mrs Leakey	Y2, Y3 & Y4	£2 per week
DASH (Do Activity Stay Healthy)	Friday	8.00 - 8.45 am	Mr Milburn	Y2, Y3 & Y4	-

As we move through the year we will offer additional clubs on other nights of the week. However, in the first instance, we wanted to make a start with clubs that have previously been in place and are a firm favourite with pupils at Nunney First School.

If your child is in Years 2 - 4 inclusive, please complete the attached club slip and return it to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September so that we know who to expect at each club. Thank you.

### **Frome Children's Carnival - Saturday 24th September**

With the enthusiasm and commitment typical of everything she undertakes, Mrs Andrews has arranged for the school to take part in the Frome Children's Carnival as part of our 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Please meet at Frome Victoria Park at 1.45 pm.

Children can dress in Victorian costume or wear their 20<sup>th</sup> century Nunney school uniform. Staff from Nunney First School will walk with the children and we will carry artefacts and school equipment from 120 years ago and today. Along the route, we will distribute the superb leaflet last year's Year 4 pupils produced about the lovely things happening at Nunney, which will help to promote our school.

Parents/carers are not required to join the procession. However, we would be delighted if you could join the congregation lining the short parade, to clap and cheer the children on their way. The route is suitable for children of all ages. It starts and finishes in Frome Victoria Park.

A permission slip is attached.

### **Collaborative Project With Hayesdown First School - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September pupils will travel by coach to Hayesdown First School to participate in a singing and arts day led by Mr Chris James, an Australian singer and wellbeing teacher. Children from both schools will work together in year group teams, learning songs and completing arts based activities that focus on respecting and looking after our bodies and minds. Miss Murtagh has had the privilege of working with Chris James on two previous occasions and has kindly arranged this exciting opportunity for both schools.

Staff from Nunney and Hayesdown have already met to plan the day and are excited about the opportunity to get to know each other and work in partnership.

Children should wear their school uniform and bring a coat. Castle Kitchen will provide a packed lunch for each child who would have been having a hot school meal on this day. We kindly ask you to provide a drink for your child. The coach will return to Nunney in time for the end of the school day at 3.00 pm.

We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £1 per child to help towards the cost of Chris James's singing workshop. The school will pay for transport.

### **Harvest 2016 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 - 2.50 pm at Nunney First School**

This year, members of All Saints Church will be joining the school in a joint parish and school Harvest celebration, led by the children. If the weather is kind the service will take place outside, in front of the polytunnel, flower and vegetable beds on the school field. The service will be a traditional celebration of the harvest we have received and will provide an important message about giving to others with the same generosity as nature gives to us.

It would be lovely if as many parents and carers as possible could join us for this community Harvest Celebration.

Gifts of dried and tinned produce will be collected to give to the Frome Food Bank. Children should bring these into school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We hope that we will be in a position to send a text to remind you!

### **Texting Service - Teachers2Parents**

We are in the process of setting up a texting service that will enable school staff to send short reminder messages to parents/carers about things like club start dates, educational visits, special events, key meeting dates and school closures in the event of severe weather or emergency situations. We hope to have this setup in the next two weeks and will send you a text to let you know when this has happened!

### **Important Information - Action May Be Required**

We will obtain parent/carer mobile numbers from the School Information Management System (SIMS) where contact details you have provided for your child are held. If you do not want to be part of this service, please let Mrs Furlong, Admin Assistant in the school office know by Friday 16th September at the latest. Thank you.