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Newsletter 8

Thank You

As the close of the school year approaches, Mrs Battersby, Mrs McCormack and I would like to thank parents, staff, governors and pupils for working so hard this year. Excellent focus and commitment have been shown as we have come together to introduce new ways of working, designed to raise standards and ensure that every child makes good progress. We are extremely privileged to have children who are enthusiastic and well-motivated to learn, dedicated governors and staff who are willing to embrace change and are passionate about working to achieve the very best for the children in their care. This is an excellent combination, which has brought many successes this year and will serve us well into the future.

I know we are now ready for a well-deserved rest, so we wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday and look forward to working with you again in September.

Dates

July	
Wednesday 19 th	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly - Year 4 parents invited to attend 9.00 - 9.45 am
Friday 21 st	Last day of term 6 for pupils - school closes at the normal time of 3.00 pm with Construction Club running as normal
Monday 24 th	INSET Day (6 of 6) - school closed to pupils
September	
Monday 4 th	INSET DAY (1 of 5) - school closed to pupils Office is open if you wish to purchase school uniform
Tuesday 5 th	First day of term 1 for pupils Early Birds Club opens at 8.00 am
Wednesday 6 th	PE - no swimming this week
Monday 11 th	After school clubs run from today
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 vision tests - letters will be sent out to parents via school Year 1-4 Swimming/PE commences at The Lighthouse, Tytherington
Wednesday 20 th	Year Reception commence swimming/PE with whole school

PSA Summer Fete - A Huge Success

Huge thanks must be extended to PSA members who worked so hard to put on a truly spectacular Summer Fete, which resulted in an amazing profit of £1,249.47. This level of fundraising for a school with on 38 pupils on roll, must I'm sure, be unprecedented. We would also like to say a very big thank you to staff, governors and community members who helped to man stalls and to families who came along to enjoy and spend money on the day. There was a lovely atmosphere and the weather couldn't have been kinder. Well done everyone!

Leavers' Service - Wednesday 19th July 9.00 - 9.45 am

We hope that parents of children in Year 4 will be able to join us for a Leavers' Service that Year 4 pupils have put written with support from Miss Murtagh and Mrs Andrews, where they share their memories of Nunney First School and their hopes for the future. Parents from other year groups are more than welcome to attend the service as well.

New Class Teacher For Hedgehog Class

You will be aware from information shared in Newsletter 7, that the teacher who will be joining Mrs Baxter to teach Hedgehog Class is called Miss Heal! To prevent confusion that will be unavoidable if we have two adults working in school who are called Miss Heal, our new teacher will be called **Miss Alison**. We look forward to welcoming her to Nunney First School.

September 2017 Before And After School Clubs

Early Birds Club will run from Tuesday 5th September allowing parents to drop children at school ahead of going on to work. Please book places through Mrs Furlong in the office. The charge for this is £2 per morning.

After school clubs resume in the second week of term 1 and will start on Monday 11th September. A club will run each night of the week. Details of the clubs are being finalised; these will be sent home on Tuesday 5th September.

Handwriting Policy

Many Nunney parents are keen to help their children at home. One of the things that has been done to support this process is to develop a new Handwriting Policy, which was approved by governors on 10th July. This is available on the school website. A hard copy can also be obtained from Mrs Furlong in the office, on request. The Handwriting Policy explains the order in which handwriting skills are taught and provides helpful hints and guidance. Your child's teacher/s will also be pleased to provide you with ideas to support your child's handwriting at home. Please be aware that you only have to ask!



Nunney Flower Show - Saturday 2nd September 2.00 - 4.00 pm At Nunney Village Hall

We would like to encourage everyone to be involved in entering this local community show. There are many different categories you can enter - something for everyone. Entries need to be delivered to the Village Hall between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm on 1st September where entry cards will be collected.

If you would like to be involved in **SELECTING** Mucky Pups entries, please meet at the polytunnel at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 30th August. Any volunteers to help **PREPARE** Mucky Pups entries (children must be supervised), would be greatly appreciated. If you are available to help with this important task, please meet at the polytunnel from 8.00 am on 2nd September. Entries must be exhibited by 10.00 am sharp for judging.

With thanks

Sarah Leakey

Opening Of The Castle Climbing Frame

Thank you to everyone who came along to share in the opening of the castle climbing frame. It was lovely to see so many people at this special occasion, where thanks were expressed to those who played a major role in raising the £10,000 required to fund this project across

our school's 120th year. Across the last 12 months, fundraising events served to further strengthen our school community and have resulted in the creation of something very special for the children. The weather and setting were perfect and it was lovely that the children were at the heart of what was a really joyful occasion. Thank you for being part of this.



Summer Reading Challenge - Please Support Your Child To Participate

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books during the summer holiday. Parents/carers can sign children up at any library or mobile library van. After registering, children read six library books of their choice, collecting rewards, clues and stickers along the way - all for FREE! On enrolling, librarians will give your child a folder of materials to get them started on the challenge.

In early October, every child who completes the challenge of reading 6 library books will be presented with a certificate and medal in assembly. Children starting school in September 2017 can join in and middle schools will be thrilled if Year 4 pupils participate and will present them with their medals and certificates as well.

READ THE BOOKS, CATCH THE CROOK!



The theme for the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge is **Animal Agents**. There are strange goings-on in the local library and a team of Animal Agents invite children to use their wits and powers of observation by collecting clues as they read, which they can use to solve a mystery and catch a crafty crook.

The challenge runs from **Saturday 15th July** until Saturday 16th September.

The Summer Reading Challenge website allows children to log books they have read during the summer - and beyond. They can also find new books to read recommended by other children, watch exclusive author videos, take part in competitions and play games. Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



😊 **Happy Holidays!** 😊