



Nunney First School
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 Newsletter 1

Welcome back to the new school year! The children have quickly settled back into school routines and last week it was lovely to hear their holiday news and see their excitement as they engaged in new literacy and maths loops of learning and project work.

We warmly welcome 8 Reception pupils and their families to Hedgehog Class. They are a lovely group of children who appear to have taken to school like ducks to water!

Dates

September	
Monday 11 th	Reception pupils stay for lunch this week After school clubs run from today
Wednesday 13 th	First swimming session of the year
Monday 18 th	Reception pupils attending full time from today
Tuesday 19 th	OTTER CLASS 'Meet the Teacher' meeting 2.30 - 3.00 pm - details sent out last week
Wednesday 20 th	First swimming session for Reception pupils
Thursday 21 st	HEDGEHOG CLASS (Years 1 & 2) 'Meet the Teacher' meeting 2.30 - 3.00 pm - details provided last week
Tuesday 26 th	HEDGEHOG CLASS (Reception) 'Meet the Teacher' and reading meeting 2.30 - 3.00 pm - details provided last week
October	
Tuesday 6 th or Wednesday 10 th - to be confirmed	Visit to Green Farm, Downhead near Shepton Mallet to include a Harvest Service - details below.
Friday 20 th	Last day of term 1
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY - 2 of 5
Tuesday 31 st	First day of term 2 for pupils
November	
Thursday 2 nd	Parent Consultation Meetings 2.30 - 5.00 pm
Monday 6 th	Parent Consultation Meetings 2.30 - 5.00 pm

INSET Days for 2017 - 2018

1. ~~Monday 4th September 2017~~
2. Monday 30th October 2017
3. Friday 4th May 2018 (attached to the May Bank Holiday weekend)
4. Monday 23rd July 2018
5. Tuesday 24th July 2018 (the two July INSET days mean that the school year finishes for pupils on Friday 20th July 2018)

Launch Of Our New School Website

Launch of our new website is imminent and eagerly awaited. I trust that you will find its modern interface easy to use and that the site provides you with the information you need to keep in touch with all that is happening at Nunney School.

We will send a text as soon as the site is live. www.nunneyschool.co.uk

Mrs Anita Crawley - Our New SENCO



On 1st September, Mrs Anita Crawley joined Nunney as well as Hayesdown First Schools as our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Mrs Crawley is an experienced SENCO who brings considerable knowledge and expertise to this important post. Her contract is 3 days per week and notionally she will work a day a week at Nunney and 2 days per week at Hayesdown. Across September, Mrs Crawley will be based at Nunney for 2½ days per week

and from 2nd October she will work from Nunney every Thursday although she will attend on other days if there are meetings. As Headteacher and former SENCO, I will continue to be involved in supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and will be present at meetings at the start of the year as Mrs Crawley acquaints herself with children and their families. We look forward to working with her.

Harvest 2017 - date to be confirmed

Through a contact Reverend Anthony Dickson has with the Diocesan Rural Affairs Adviser, we are in the process of arranging for the whole school to spend a day at Green Farm, Downhead near Shepton Mallet where children will have the opportunity to see at first-hand, what life is like on a working dairy and arable farm. The day will culminate in a Harvest Service led by the Diocesan Rural Affairs Advisor and members of All Saints Church who will join us for the visit.



More information will be provided in a separate letter as soon as details are finalised.

Parents' Evenings - Thursday 2nd and Monday 6th November

Parent consultation meetings take place as soon as we return to school following the October holiday. These meetings are extremely important because they provide the opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about their progress, next steps and things you can do to support their learning and well-being. 15 minute appointments between 2.30 and 5.00 pm will be offered on both days and signup sheets will be provided nearer the time. Please reserve your preferred date in your diary. Thank you.

Absence From School

If your child is absent from school it is important that you call the school to let us know the reason for the absence. You can phone the school between 8.30 and 9.00 am or send an email office@nunneyschool.com. When no reason is provided for an absence it has to be recorded as unauthorised. Such absences also raise safeguarding concerns. Please support us by providing a reason each and every time your child is unable to attend school as we are required to record these.

Swimming - Starts Wednesday 13th September for Y1 - Y4 pupils and Wednesday 20th September for children in Reception

If you are new to Nunney School, please be aware that on a Wednesday children are allowed to come to school wearing sports clothing, which comprises dark green or

grey jogging bottoms, a PE t-shirt or school polo shirt and their school sweatshirt. This provides them with fewer clothes to loose when they visit Creative Aquatics at Tytherington for an afternoon of swimming and sport!

PE Kit - Needed In School Every Day

In addition to the swimming and sport that takes place at Creative Aquatics on a Wednesday, teachers will also be teaching PE to their classes on at least one other occasion during the week. This means that children need to have a PE kit in school at all times and we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child's PE kit is in a named bag on their peg by the end of this week. Thank you.

PE kit comprises:

Dark green shorts or dark green/grey jogging bottoms

Green or white t-shirt

Daps or trainers



HAPPY'S CIRCUS COMES TO RODE VILLAGE Saturday 23 September 2017



The PTA of Rode and Norton St Philip Schools Federation is excited to announce a spectacular fundraising event for September 2017. *Happy's Circus* will be bringing their big top to Rode village for an afternoon of fantastic family entertainment.

Happy's Circus is a professional all human (no animals) age-appropriate traveling circus featuring amazing International artists including acrobats, aerialists, specialty acts, magic, the ever popular *Happy's Circus* clowns and much, much more! Since 1992 *Happy's Circus* has performed to millions of people, specializing in schools fundraising and has helped re-awaken interest in the world of highly-skilled contemporary entertainment. The Show engages the

audience's imagination across all ages, by bringing the joy of one of the only true forms of Variety entertainment still operating in Britain today... *Circus*.

The Circus will be a 2 hour performance including a 30 minute interval. Outside the big top there will be delicious food and refreshments, fairground games and pocket money stalls.

Time: Gates Open 12:30 pm

Location: Rode Playing Field off Church Lane, Rode BA11 6QB

Tickets: £8 per person/ £30 family ticket (to include 4 people of any age)

Tickets available online: pta-events.co.uk/fors

For further information please contact Amelia Christmas on ameliachristmas@aol.com