



Nunney First School
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 9th October 2017
 Newsletter 2

Dates

October	
Thursday 12 th	Visit to Green Farm, Downhead near Shepton Mallet to include a Harvest Service Bring Harvest food donations into school - details below
Monday 16 th	Open Morning (1 of 2) 9.15 - 11.30 am - details below
Friday 20 th	Last day of term 1
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY - 2 of 5 School closed to pupils
Tuesday 31 st	First day of term 2 for pupils
November	
Thursday 2 nd	Individual and family photographs - details below Parent Consultation Meetings 2.30 - 5.00 pm
Friday 3 rd	Otter Class visit to Bristol Museum PSA Halloween Disco 6.00 - 7.30 pm
Monday 6 th	Parent Consultation Meetings 2.30 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday 8 th	First swimming session of term 2
Friday 10 th	Open Morning (2 of 2) 9.15 - 11.30 am - details below
Friday 17 th	Children In Need Spotacular Event - wear something spotty to school. Details will be provided in Newsletter 3
Saturday 25 th	Christmas Bingo 7.00 pm for eyes down at 7.30 pm
December	
Friday 1 st	PSA Christmas Fair 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Wednesday 6 th	Final swimming session of term 2
We are in the process of finalising Christmas events/dates and will share these with you in Newsletter 3, which will be published as soon as we come back from the October holiday.	

Harvest Visit To Green Farm, Shepton Mallet - Thursday 12th October 2017

Arrangements for our Harvest visit to Green Farm are in place and the weather for Thursday looks promising! Children should wear a school sweatshirts and trousers suitable for a farm visit (jeans acceptable). Wellies and coats are also essential! It would be helpful if school shoes could be brought to school in a bag to change into after the visit. A water bottle and mid-morning snack are also required.



One of the activities across the morning is the opportunity for children to cook dampers (unleavened bread made from wheat flour and water and baked in wood ashes). Teachers will be aware of children who are wheat/gluten intolerant and shouldn't eat this bread.

Children will eat their lunch on return to school at 1.00 pm. Hot meals will be served as normal, but an hour later. This is why it is important to send your child with a snack to eat mid-morning.



Children are also invited to bring Harvest donations of dried or tinned foods into school on Thursday. These will be taken to Frome Food Bank where volunteers make up food hampers for families in Frome and its surrounding villages who, for many different reasons, come upon hard times.

Thank You To Parents Who Attended The 'Meet The Teacher' Meetings

Children of all ages gain enormous benefit from having parents/carers who are actively engaged in and supportive of their schooling - it really does make a difference to their outcomes. Teachers trust you found the meetings informative and left with a clear understanding of what your child/children will be learning this year and ways in which you can support them. During Parents' Meetings at the start of term 2, there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher for a discussion about their learning and the knowledge, skills and understanding they are currently working to master.

Appointment Of A New Teacher For Otter Class

This week an advert will be placed to appoint a fulltime teacher to replace Miss Murtagh who resigned during the summer holiday. The teacher we choose to fill this post will start after the Christmas holiday when Mrs Baxter will return to teach part-time in Hedgehog Class with Miss Alison and Mrs McCormack will resume her non class based Deputy Headteacher role. I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking Mrs Baxter, Miss Alison and Mrs McCormack for stepping in to fill this unexpected vacancy, negating the need to cover the class with supply teachers, who good though they may have been, wouldn't have known our school or the strengths and needs of children in Otter Class.

I will keep you informed of the outcome of interviews that will take place at the very beginning of term 2.

Starting And Transferring School - September 2018

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2018 has begun and the website is live for parents and carers to make their on-line application. For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a middle school the deadline date for applications is 15th January 2018.



For further information you can view the Starting School booklet and apply on line at www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions Somerset's Admissions Team prefers online applications. However, you do have the right to request a paper application form from Somerset Direct and can do this by phoning 0300 123 2224.

Please be aware, even if you currently have a sibling at this school, or a sibling at a middle school, you **MUST** still make an application. Failure to do so may result in your child not getting a place at your preferred school.

Open Mornings - Monday 16th October & Friday 10th November

We will be hosting two Open Mornings so that prospective parents who are looking for a school place for their child, can come and look around our school. The aim of these mornings is to share the fantastic work that goes on at Nunney First School and allow parents to get a feel of our school in action. The mornings will run in exactly the same way for children with Miss Heal and Mrs Battersby being available to give guided tours of classrooms and the school grounds. The Open Mornings will be held on Monday 16th October and Friday 10th November from 9.15 am - 11.30 am. If you know of any parents who are looking for a place for their child please let them know. We look forward to welcoming some new parents and children to our school.

Are you looking for a school for your child?

Open Mornings
Monday 16th October
Friday 10th November
9:15am - 11:30am

Why not pop in and see our school at work?

a rich curriculum

high standards

nurture and care

fabulous outdoor learning

working together

The perfect place for your child to grow and learn.

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