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 Newsletter 3

A separate Christmas calendar providing information about the seasonal festivities we can all look forward to, accompanies this newsletter to ensure that you can quickly access the information you need as we move towards the busy Christmas period. Both documents are available on the school website.

Dates

November	
Monday 6 th	Parents' Evenings 2.30 - 5.00 pm (2 of 2)
Monday 6 th Tuesday 7 th Wednesday 8 th	Mrs Andrews and Mrs Garrod will be selling poppies and Remembrance Day memorabilia on the playground before school
Friday 10 th	Second of our two Open Mornings 9.15 - 11.30 am. Please encourage anyone who might be interested in places at Nunney School now or in the future, to come and have a look. Whilst small can be beautiful, our school would benefit from growing in size. 8:45 am - final date for photograph orders to be returned Adult Quiz Night 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start. Why not enter a team?
Friday 17 th	Children In Need Spotacular Event - wear something spotty to school - details below
Saturday 25 th	Family Bingo Evening - Doors open 7.00 pm. Eyes down at 7.30 pm.
Thursday 30 th	Mufti day in exchange for gifts for the Christmas Fair tombolas
December	
Friday 1 st	PSA Christmas Fair 2.30 - 4.30 pm. Collect your child from their classroom between 2.30 and 3.00 pm. NO CONSTRUCTION CLUB - EVERYONE WILL BE AT THE FAIR!
Wednesday 6 th	Final swimming session for term 2
Tuesday 12 th	Children's Christmas performances to parents and the community - 2.00 - 2.45 pm and 6.00 - 6.45 pm in the Church. No tickets - simply turn up! NO FOOTBALL CLUB - CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES
Tuesday 19 th	School Christmas dinner
Thursday 21 st	Mufti Day - come to school in something you enjoy wearing Class Christmas parties Father Christmas visits Party lunch provided by the school - no hot meal today Last day of term 2 for pupils

January	
Monday 8 th	First day of term 3 for pupils

INSET Days for 2017 - 2018

1. ~~Monday 4th September 2017~~
2. ~~Monday 30th October 2017~~
3. Friday 4th May 2018
4. Monday 23rd July 2018
5. Tuesday 24th July 2018

Children In Need - Friday 17th November THE BIG SPOTACULAR



This national fundraising day is a non-uniform day and children and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing something with spots on! Please send donations in with your children so that they can be added to a spotty bucket we will have on the playground first thing in the morning. These will be passed to Pudsey! A reminder text will be sent the day before.

Advent Calendars Available From The School Office

Nunney Church's PCC has kindly agreed to subsidise an advent calendar for each child on roll at Nunney School and Nunney Pre-School so if you would like one for your child, they will cost only £1 each. The advent calendars are available from Mrs Furlong in the school office and are in stock now. You are welcome to look before you buy!

If you would like to buy additional calendars for other children in your family you are welcome to do so at a cost of £3.99 per calendar.

If we run out of calendars, we can let Mrs Pomeroy know and she can order more.

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award winning artist, Alida Massari.

Features

- Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line from the Christmas story with a high quality colour picture
- 25 Festive Fairtrade chocolates made from an improved Fairtrade blend - 35% cocoa
- Palm oil free
- Charitable donation included in your purchase
- Recyclable box and tray
- Made, designed and produced in the UK



School Attendance Data - What A Huge Improvement!

Well done and thank you for the commitment you are now making to school attendance. The national average for school attendance is 96.1%. Last school year, Nunney School's annual percentage attendance was 93.4%, which is shockingly low and would be judged by Ofsted to be inadequate.

Whole school attendance this year to date is 97.33%, which is brilliant news! Credit and thanks go to you for ensuring your children attend school regularly and arrive on time so

that we can teach them. Please keep up this excellent start - it would be great to finish the 2017-2018 academic year with attendance above the national.

Congratulations To Mrs Andrews

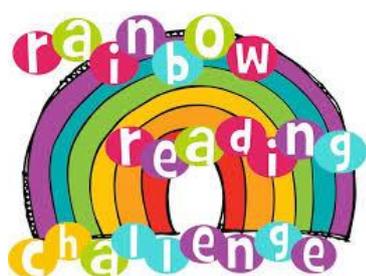
Everyone who attends and works at Nunney School and those who have done so in the past know the significant contribution Mrs Andrews and her colleagues make to our school. It was lovely to see her commitment and work recognised by the Chairman of Somerset County Council, when he presented her with a Chairman's Award for Services to the Community.

Our significant thanks are extended to Pauline Andrews as well as Tracy Black,

Tina Garrod, Fran Jefferies and Liza Brown for all they so willingly and capably do for our school and children both during and also beyond the school day.



Rainbow Reading Challenge



We look forward to seeing names added to and moving through the colours of the rainbow as children engage in our new and exciting Rainbow Reading Challenge, which will be launched on Wednesday this week, by Mrs Baxter.

Who will be the first to gain the honour of being crowned a fully-fledged Rainbow Reader, having moved through all six colours (we're taking the liberty of counting indigo and violet as one colour - purple!)?

There are lots of prizes to be won as children move through the colours by reading regularly at home - stickers, badges, a reading reward card . . . all the way up to afternoon tea with the Headteacher, who will of course, expect children to be reading as they sip their tea and eat their sandwiches and cake!

Don't miss out on the fun - engage in the Rainbow Reading Challenge from this Wednesday evening (8th November)!