



Nunney First School

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15th January 2018

Newsletter 5

Dates

January	
Wednesday 10 th	First swimming session for terms 3 and 4. Swimming then continues every week across terms 3 and 4, which are both short, 5 week terms.
Friday 12 th	Rocktopus (a children's rock band) visit Nunney School to perform for pupils
Saturday 20 th	Family Bingo Night - arrive from 7.00 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm
Sunday 28 th	Rocktopus Concert at the Cheese & Grain 2.00 - 4.00 pm - details below
Tuesday 30 th	Members of a Whale & Dolphin Conservation Group visiting to speak to pupils in Otter Class
Wednesday 31 st	Scholastic Book Fair - after school in the library 3.00 - 3.30 pm
February	
Thursday 1 st	Scholastic Book Fair - after school in the library 3.00 - 3.30 pm
Friday 2 nd	Deadline for Y4 PGL residential visit payments Skipping day - the whole school will be involved. Details to follow. Scholastic Book Fair - after school in the library 3.00 - 3.30 pm
Monday 5 th	Y4 visiting the Merlin Theatre to meet author, Emma Carroll, who will be talking about her book, Sky Chasers - see separate letter.
Friday 9 th	Last day of term 3
Monday 19 th	First day of term 4 - clubs and swimming start straight away
March	
Wednesday 7 th	NSPCC visiting to lead separate 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies for pupils in Hedgehog and Otter classes. More details below.
Tuesday 13 th	Parent Consultation Meetings (1 of 2) 2.30 - 5.30 pm
Tuesday 20 th	Parent Consultation Meetings (2 of 2) 2.30 - 5.30 pm
April	
Monday 9 th	First day of term 5
Wednesday 11 th - Friday 13 th	Y4 residential visit to PGL Liddington

School Office Unmanned On A Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Afternoon From Monday 15th January

From Monday 15th January the school office will not be staffed on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon when Mrs Furlong will be working in the office at Hayesdown First School. Therefore, it would be helpful if your communication with Mrs Furlong could take place in the mornings or on a Wednesday afternoon. Thank you.

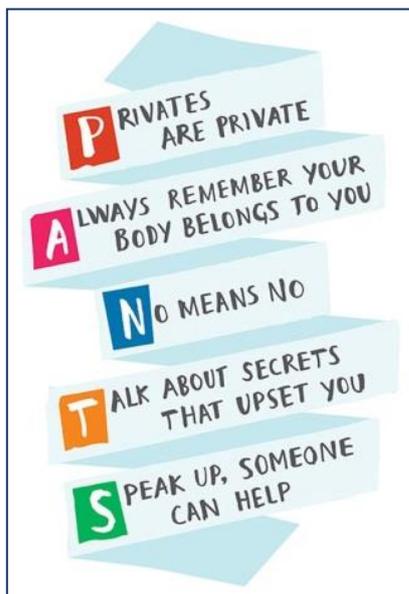
In Mrs Furlong's absence, TAs and teachers in the classrooms will respond to the phone and main school doorbell. In the interest of not interrupting children's

education, it would be helpful to keep communication on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon to that which is urgent and cannot wait.

Collections Taken At The 'Baboushka' Performances

Thank you for the support you showed for the children's superb performances of the musical Baboushka. £145 was raised through collections taken at the two shows. This has been passed to All Saints Church, whose fundraising committee is raising money to install a toilet in the church.

NCPSS Underwear Rule For Children - Teaching Children How To Stay Safe From Abuse



Across terms 3 and 4 as part of our personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum, teachers will be using resources produced by the NSPCC to teach children how to keep their bodies safe from abuse. The NSPCC has designed these high quality materials for schools and teachers to use with early years children and those in KS1 and KS2. They have called the programme 'Let's talk PANTS'. The teaching resources use a friendly dinosaur called Pantosaurus and include a catchy reminder song, word searches and lesson plans for different age groups.

The NSPCC also provides resources for parents and carers to use with their children to teach them how to keep themselves safe from abuse without using words that feel uncomfortable. It would be great if

you could work in partnership with the school to deliver these important messages.

The resources are parent friendly and easy to access. Simply enter '**NSPCC + Let's Talk Pants**' into your search engine.

School Closure In The Event Of Severe Weather

In consultation with Mr Andrews, if a decision to close the school is made, details will be shared in the following ways:

1. Information will be posted on the Somerset Learning Platform: <https://slp.somerset.gov.uk>;
2. A text will be sent - in times of high demand it can take some time for messages to come through so this is not fool proof;
3. A message will be placed on the school website - this will be located on the homepage as a 'News' item.



I will endeavour to update messages on a regular basis and keep you fully informed. If you do not have Internet access, please arrange to phone a friend who has an Internet connection.

Arrival At School After 8.45 am

If you bring your child into school after 8.45 am and the children are in their classrooms rather than on the circles on the playground, please take them round to the school office so that they can be entered on the registers and a school dinner ordered for them as required. There have recently been a couple of occasions where

parents who are still on the playground chatting, have let late arrivals in and by going straight to their classrooms, the children haven't been entered on the attendance or dinner registers. Your collective support in helping us to manage the accurate completion of the attendance and dinner registers would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair Wednesday 31st January - Friday 2nd February

We do hope that you will support our Book Fair and bring your child/children in to look at and buy a book. The Book Fair will be open after school on the evenings above, from 3.00 - 3.30 pm. Leaflets showing the books available will be sent home a week before so even if you are unable to come in with you child/children, you can send them in with the money and Mrs Andrews will ensure they get the book they would like. There will be many different fiction and non-fiction books to choose from as well as posters and other items linked to reading.

If as a school, parents spend £200 or more, the school receives free books to the value of your purchases. Your support in helping us reach the £200 target would be very much appreciated.

Swimming Costs - Make The Voluntary Contribution Or Lose The Swimming



Pupils at Nunney School are very lucky to receive 30 swimming lessons across the school year. This said, costs for this are expensive to the school and we therefore ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the fee for the swimming instruction, whilst the school pays for transport and hire of the gymnasium at Creative Aquatics, where children engage in sport and multi skills sessions for the other part of the afternoon.

This academic year to date, a small number of families have chosen not to make the voluntary contribution and this is placing the viability of weekly swimming sessions for all pupils in jeopardy. Unless all families make the voluntary contribution, it is likely that we will have to review swimming arrangements for next academic year and provide a significantly reduced number of sessions for pupils in Years 3 and 4 only. Please take this into account when deciding whether or not, you are going to make the voluntary contribution. Thank you.

Please Drive Slowly On The Road In Front Of Our School



At drop off and pick up times, Catch Road is crossed by many children who attend the school and nursery and their parents who often have younger siblings with them.

To improve pedestrian safety, there is a 20 mile per hour restriction on the road in front of the school. In the interests of the safety of everyone, PLEASE OBSERVE THIS. Thank you.

Consultation On Nunney First School's Admission Arrangements For The 2019/2020 Academic Year

Information and live links to the consultation documentation are available on the school website (School Office / Consultations). Whilst there are only minor amendments to the existing admissions arrangements, which serve to improve clarity, we are still required to consult on these.

Consultation opened: Friday 15th December 2017

Consultation closes: Wednesday 31st January 2018

The consultation period allows parents, other schools, religious authorities and the local community to raise any comments or concerns about proposed admissions arrangements.

Rocktopus Concert - Sunday 28th January

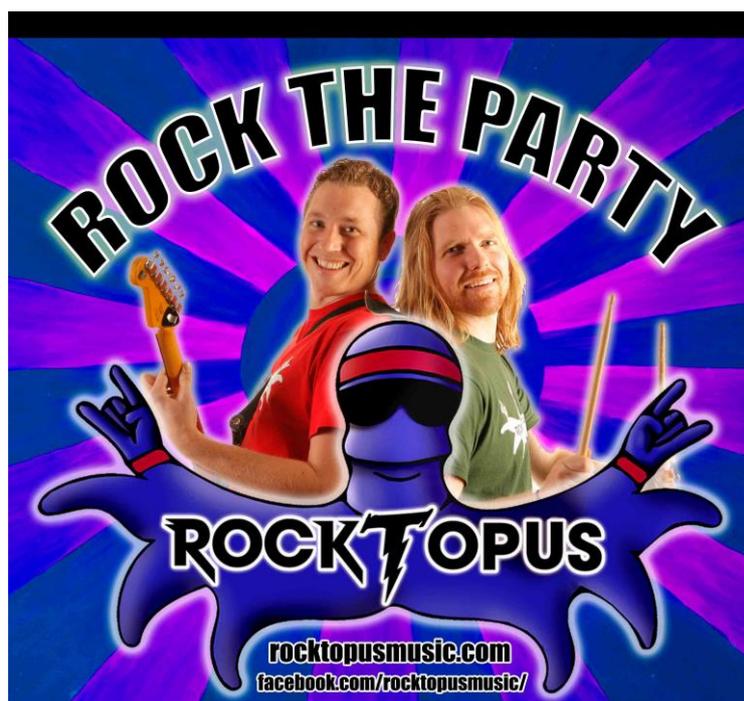
Rocktopus visited Nunney School on Friday afternoon and worked with the children to write a song about dragons. The children had a fabulous time and Rocktopus were brilliant with them. In fact, the session was so good that we plan to invite the band back later in the year to work with the children on a more extended project.

Below is a message from band members, Andy and Tom - both talented musicians and trained primary school teachers!

Hello everyone. We're so excited to get back on stage and rock out with you all on the 28th Jan. This show is going to be spectacular - we're really putting everything into it.

Just giving our mailing list a quick tip - If you book online and select 'family ticket' you save £4 on entry. A family ticket is 2 adults and 2 children. Go to www.cheeseandgrain.com to book tickets. Tickets are only £5 each!

There's going to be face painting, party games, ocean craft, songs from the album and a load of new songs including 'Thumb War', 'Wobbly Tooth', and 'Dad Dancing'. Can't wait to see you there. Spread the word!



ROCK THE PARTY

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@ The Cheese and Grain- Frome
Sun 28th Jan 2018 2 - 4pm £5 entry

Learn the moves Sing the songs Join The Band!	An exciting entertaining event for the whole family	Epic party games - face painting - ocean craft - album signing and more!
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Child ticket: £5 Adult ticket: £5 Family ticket: £16 (2 x adults 2 x children)

Tickets available from the Cheese and Grain Box Office or online at:
www.cheeseandgrain.com Box Office: 01373 455420