



Nunney First School

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Newsletter 8

Dates

June	
Saturday 16 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Sunday 24 th	Nunney Village Open Gardens Day - school grounds open to showcase the work of Mucky Pups - 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th	National School Sports Week. Mrs McCormack has arranged a week of exciting events - please see details below.
Friday 29 th	SPORTS DAY - parents/carers invited to watch the sports (9.10 am - 12.00 noon) then join the children for a picnic lunch 12.00 - 1.00 pm. Details below.
July	
Sunday 1 st	Summer Fete 2.00 - 4.30 pm - details below
Friday 6 th	Year 4 pupils to spend the day in their allocated middle school
Saturday 7 th	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse, Frome - see below
Monday 9 th	Annual Written Reports go out today
Tuesday 10 th	'Festival of Words' and picnic 10.00 am - 1.30 pm - parents invited . Further information below.
Wednesday 11 th	Final swimming session for this academic year
Saturday 14 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 th	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly - Year 4 parents/carers invited to attend 9.00 - 9.45 am followed by coffee/tea and cakes until 10.15 am
Thursday 19 th	Year 4 Leavers' Disco - details to follow
Friday 20 th	Last day of term 6 for pupils
Monday 23 rd	INSET Day (5 of 6) - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 24 th	INSET Day (6 of 6) - school closed to pupils
September	
Monday 3 rd	INSET DAY (1 of 5) - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th	First day of term 1 for Nunney pupils

INSET Days for 2018-2019

1. Monday 3rd September 2018
2. Monday 5th November 2018
3. Monday 7th January 2019
4. Friday 15th February 2019
5. Monday 25th February 2019

Kindly note that the last day of term 6 in the 2018-2019 school year is Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

Changes To Swimming Arrangements For 2018-2019

Swimming is part of the Key Stage 2 PE curriculum, and the expectation is that by the time children finish Year 6, they can swim 25 metres unaided.



In September 2018 the way we teach PE and sport, including swimming, at Nunney will change. Sports coaches will spend more time at the school, working in partnership with teachers to provide high quality sports teaching for all pupils across the week, rather than just on a Wednesday afternoon, offsite, at Tytherington. As part of this change to ensure that our children access a broad range of PE and sports teaching at different points in the week, swimming will no longer be provided for 30 weeks of the year for all children. Swimming costs a lot of money, not all parents have chosen to make the voluntary contribution this year, and it also takes considerable time out of the curriculum by the time changing and travel to and from the pool have been taken into account. Evaluation of children's swimming skills also shows that whilst Nunney pupils' confidence and enjoyment in the water is high, their actual swimming ability is no better than children who have swam for 8 consecutive weeks in Years 3 and 4 at Hayesdown First School.

So, for next year, only pupils in Otter Class will swim. 8 swimming sessions have been booked for them at Frome Sports Centre where the pool is larger and they can develop their swimming stamina. These lessons have been arranged for the Spring term 2019.

All children will access a minimum of 2 hours per week of PE and sports teaching, where their teachers will work in partnership with professional sports coaches to build pupils' fundamental movement skills and engage them in gymnastics, dance and a range of different sports across the year. There will also be increased opportunities for pupils to participate in interschool sports tournaments and perhaps a competition or two!

National School Sports Week 25th - 29th June



Monday 25th June - today, pupils will experience the challenge and thrill of climbing a 4-sided rock wall. For Reception pupils and those with less confidence, there will be a wooden hut equipped with hand and foot holds for children to climb.



Tuesday 26th June - children will work in mixed-age colour teams to complete a range of 'Crystal Maze' type challenges that will draw on their physical, problem-solving and teamwork skills. In the afternoon, pupils in Years 2 - 4 will try their hand at archery.

Wednesday 27th June - across the morning there will be a range of sports tournaments and competitions for pupils to participate in on our school field. In the afternoon, children will go swimming as usual.

Thursday 28th June - will be a circus skills day for everyone. There will also be a circus skills show for pupils to enjoy.



Sports Day - Friday 29th June **Please join us for this!**

A traditional Nunney Sports Day led by Mrs Andrews will take place on Friday 29th June. We do hope that you will be in attendance to cheer the children on, and enjoy the thrill and

challenge of the many races that will take place across the morning including the longstanding Nunney Mile for children in Years 3 and 4.

In preparation for the lead up to Sports Day, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school EVERY DAY. Thank you.

On Sports Day itself, children should come to school wearing a t-shirt that is the colour of their 'team'. This will be red, green or blue. Your child will probably know the colour of the team but please ask their teacher if they are not sure.

You are warmly invited to bring a picnic in to eat with the children at lunchtime. No hot lunches will be served on Sports Day but Fosse Way Kitchen will provide packed lunches for those children who have ordered them through Mrs Furlong. An order form for lunches on Sports Day and for the Festival of Words, accompanies this newsletter.

Children will come out of their classes to start the races at 9.10 am. After dropping children at school at 8.45 am, parents are asked to go straight across to the field where seating and hot drinks will be available.

After lunch you are welcome to take your child into their classroom to have a look at work in their books. As a special treat, once lunch has finished, you can take your child/ren home if you wish. Afternoon school will start at 1.00 pm for parents who don't want or are unable to take their child home at the end of lunchtime - the choice is yours!

Classes for 2018-2019

We have 12 Reception pupils joining us in September, which is great news for Nunney School. For next school year, Reception and Year 1 pupils will be in Hedgehog Class and Miss Alison will be their teacher. Pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 will be in Otter Class and will be taught by Miss Simmons and Mrs Baxter, who will provide additional teaching capacity in Otter Class where there will be children from 3 different year groups. Mrs Baxter will work all day on a Monday plus a Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Good Bye And Good Luck To Mrs Grainger

Mrs Grainger, who is one of our teaching assistants in Hedgehog Class, is leaving us for a new job at Norton Hill School in Radstock. Mrs Grainger has been an important part of our school across the last 13 months and we wish her every success in her new job. Her last day with us at Nunney is Thursday 21st June.

Sausage Sizzle Fundraising - Saturday 7th July



Sponsored by **Bunnings Warehouse** in Frome, with sausages cooked by Mrs Andrews, Mrs Garrod, Mrs Jeffries, Mrs Black and Miss Brown, we hope to raise additional money to pay for the final leg of our hall and library refurbishment, which is to strip, sand and varnish our beautiful oak floor so that it looks as good as new!

The BBQ will be on-the-go all day in the car park outside Bunnings Warehouse (by Sainsbury's) so if you are out and about between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 7th July, please stop by and purchase a delicious sausage sandwich from one of the Nunney Fundraising Five, in recognition of their outstanding commitment to our school.

Festival Of Words - Tuesday 10th July 10:00 am - 1:15 pm Parents and family members are welcome to join us if you are able to.

This event involves a pleasurable walk through the village of Nunney, stopping off at different locations such as Penny's Mill, the park, All Saints Church, the castle and the quarry. The children will provide us with a short 'performance' at each station, designed to celebrate the pleasure, power and magic of words. There will be poetry, stories, a song and a few jokes to enjoy as well, along the way!

The logo for the Festival of Words is set against a light green rectangular background. The word "Festival" is written in a large, black, serif font at the top. Below it, the word "OF" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "Words" is written in a large, black, serif font, matching the style of "Festival".

Mrs Andrews is arranging for ice-creams to be available from the Spar, which the school will buy for the children as a mid-morning treat. Parents/family members are welcome to buy their own as well! We will all take a picnic to enjoy at the quarry before returning to school for the afternoon.

The children are currently designing 'words are wonderful' tabards to wear on the day of the festival. We do hope that as many family members as possible will be able to attend at least part of this event.

Summer Fair - Sunday 1st July 2.00 - 4.30 pm



There will be lots of attractions and plenty to do at this event organised by staff and volunteers.

Raffle books should be returned by Friday 29th June at the latest. Donations for toy, book and bric-a-brac stalls are most welcome. Please send these into the school office at your convenience. Thank you.

**Pre-School Deputy Leader
required at Nunney Pre-School**



We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring, motivated and well-organised Deputy Leader to join our small pre-school team.

The position would suit someone who has experience of working in an early years setting and is looking to step up to leadership, or someone who already has deputy leader experience.

- Temporary position (maternity cover) - start date 4th September 2018
- 20 hours per week: Monday - Friday (8:30-12:30)
- £8.50 per hour

For further information, job description, application form or to arrange a visit, please email office@nunneyschool.com

Closing date for applications: Thursday 28th June

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