



Newsletter 4

21st January 2019

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January 2019	
Saturday 26 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Tuesday 29 th	First swimming session for Otter Class
Thursday 31 st	Year 1 pupils from Hayesdown First School visiting Hedgehogs Class
February 2019	
Friday 1 st	Final date for receipt of Year 4 PGL residential visit payments
Saturday 2 nd	Official opening of the footbridge between Church and Castle Streets in the village of Nunney. Details to be confirmed.
Tuesday 5 th	Safer Internet Day - details below
Friday 8 th	TRUST Singing Festival - Hedgehog Class attending. Further details provided next week, in a separate letter.
Thursday 14 th	Last day of TERM 3
Friday 15 th	INSET Day 4 of 5 - school closed for children
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd	February School Holiday
Monday 25 th	First day of TERM 4
Thursday 28 th	Meeting for Year 4 pupils and their parents about the residential visit to PGL - 5.00 - 5.45 pm AT HAYESDOWN FIRST SCHOOL
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	Whole school visit to Wookey Hole Caves - details to follow
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day - details below Bedtime Stories 6.00 - 7.00 pm in the hall
Monday 25 th	Singing Celebration - a show for parents/family members - 2.15 pm in the school hall. Details below.
Tuesday 26 th	Final swimming session for pupils in Otter Class Parent Consultation Meetings (1 of 2) 2.30 - 5.00 pm
April 2019	
Monday 1 st	Parent Consultation Meetings (2 of 2) 2.30 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday 3 rd - Friday 5 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to PGL Liddington
Friday 5 th	Last day of TERM 4

INSET DAYS 2018 - 2019

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

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day is a global event that aims to raise awareness of internet safety amongst children, their parents and everyone else! Safer Internet Day happens at the start of every February and this year, pupils and staff at Nunney School will be engaging with quizzes, online interactive tasks and other resources linked to this year's theme of 'Together for a Safer Internet@'.



To ensure that online safety teaching and learning doesn't stop at the end of the school day, we will be providing parents with access to a resource that you can use at home with your children, to inspire conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March



Dressing Up Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Our celebration of books and stories will include a book related assembly and lots of book related activities. Children are invited to bring a favourite book from home into school to share.

Bedtime Stories at School 6.00 - 7.00 pm

After you've had tea, slip into your pyjamas/nightclothes and dressing gown and come back to school for bedtime stories, craft activities and hot chocolate. Parents are welcome to stay. Children can also be left with staff for the hour.



We Are Participating In The Somerset Singing Strategy!

For ten consecutive Monday afternoons across terms 3 and 4, Mrs Rosie Schura, a specialist singing teacher, will be working with staff and pupils at Nunney School, inspiring us to progress in our use of singing and have fun singing a range of new songs.



Save the date - Monday 25th March
2.15 - 3.00 pm

Celebration of Singing Show - we'd love parents and family members to attend!

In addition to the events above, children in Hedgehog Class are currently learning songs for a Singing Festival that involves all of the schools in our Multi Academy Trust. The Festival has a theme of 'This is me!' Songs we will be singing celebrate diversity and uniqueness. All of the schools involved are learning four songs to sing together and will use Makaton, a language programme that utilizes signs and symbols to help people communicate, to support pupils to learn these. We will also have the opportunity to perform one of our own songs for everyone attending to enjoy.

Mrs James, who joined our staff team in January and is covering Mrs Baxter's maternity leave, thoroughly enjoys music and has a musical background. She is offering a lunchtime recorder club for pupils in Otter Class and we anticipate that it won't be long before the Recorder Club has music to share with us all.



Thank You To Our Local Community – Your Generous Support Is Very Much Appreciated

We would like to say a very big thank you to the many community groups and organisations who support the work of our school and add to the rich experiences we are able to provide for pupils.



Nunney Community Association kindly arranged for Father Christmas to visit pupils shortly before Christmas and although he was very busy, our special visitor made time to speak to each child. He also gave everyone a present of a book, and granted special permission to open this gift before Christmas!

The George at Nunney gave us the money they raised through the sale of furniture and electrical items as part of the pub's recent refurbishment, and Nunney Makes Christmas presented us with a donation of £400, profit from their Christmas Craft Sale. These kind donations will help to cover the cost of an exciting, whole school visit to Wookey Hole Caves on 1st March 2019. With an entrance fee of £9 per child, this is a visit we wouldn't be able to run without these very generous donations. Thank you.

School Closure In The Event Of Severe Weather

If a decision to close the school is made, details will be shared in the following ways:

1. Using Class Dojo, a message will be sent through 'School Story'.
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.
4. Information will be posted on the Somerset Learning Platform:
<https://slp.somerset.gov.uk>



I will endeavour to let you know about school closures at the earliest opportunity and will update messages on a regular basis to keep you informed. Please try to avoid phoning the school as the phone is likely to be unmanned or being used to communicate with those who provide services to the school. Thank you.

Mrs Sue Thomas Appointed As Chair of Governors

Shortly before Christmas, for personal reasons, Mr Geoff Andrews stood down as Chair of Governors. Governors have sent Mr Andrews a letter thanking him for his substantial commitment to the school across his time on the Governing Body. I am pleased to inform you that our Vice Chair, Mrs Sue Thomas, has stepped up to be Chair. Mrs Thomas has been a governor at Nunney School since 2016 and knows the school well. I am looking forward to working with her as we strive to ensure that Nunney First School provides an education that supports each pupil to enjoy learning, achieve highly and prepares them to enter the next phase of their education with confidence.

School Safeguarding Leads - Sue Heal and Alison Heal (Miss Alison)

Miss Alison has recently completed the 3-day training required to enable her to be the school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

I would like to thank Mrs Hanna, Head of The Mendip School, for covering this important post whilst Miss Alison undertook the training.

Who do we tell if we are concerned about a child?

A Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is the first point of contact for anybody who has a concern about the safety and/or wellbeing of a child.

We have 2 DSLs at Nunney First School.

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Sue Heal
Headteacher of Nunney First School
Tel: 01373 836429



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Alison Heal
Teacher in Charge at Nunney First School
Tel: 01373 836429



Keeping children and vulnerable adults safe from significant harm is everyone's responsibility. Displayed on a noticeboard in the staff room, are posters that tell parents and members of the public how to report safeguarding concerns. You are welcome to come in and look at these at any time, so that you know where to find this information if you need it at a point in the future. This information is also available on the school website.

Designated Safeguarding Governor

Nunney First School also has a Designated Safeguarding Governor, Charles Horton. The Designated Safeguarding Governor has received training in monitoring the safeguarding work of the school.



Charles Horton
Designated Safeguarding Governor

**Schools and people in the
community SAFEGUARD children.
It is the job of the Police
and Children's Social Care
to PROTECT them.**



Mr Charles Horton is our Designated Safeguarding Governor. He works in partnership with Mr Ray Jones, who is also a governor, to monitor and hold the school to account for the impact of its safeguarding work.