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 Newsletter 1

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. The children have settled back into 'normal' routines really quickly and I trust they will soon have lots to tell you about their exciting term 1 projects.

We are delighted to welcome 12 Reception pupils and their families to Nunney School. This is the largest Reception cohort that has joined us for five years and we look forward to them feeling part of and being actively involved in the life and work of our school.

Teachers would welcome parent and grandparent volunteers to help with a range of activities including gardening, cooking, sewing, reading and art/craft. Enhanced DBS clearance is required but this can be easily arranged through Mrs Furlong in the office. If you have time to offer, please speak directly to your child's teacher or Mrs Furlong. Thank you.

Dates

September	
Monday 10 th	Reception pupils stay for lunch this week After school clubs run from today
Friday 14 th	Reading meeting for RECEPTION parents 8:50 - 9:30 am. Additional detail can be found on a leaflet sent out on Thursday 6 th Sept.
Monday 17 th	Reception pupils attend full time from today OTTERS 'Meet the Teacher' meeting 2:30 - 3:00 pm - details below
Saturday 22 nd	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Monday 24 th	HEDGEHOGS (Reception & Year 1) 'Meet the Teacher' meeting 2:30 - 3:00 pm - details below
Wednesday 26 th	Whole school visit to ASDA in Frome - details to follow
October	
Saturday 6 th	Jumble Sale 10:00 am - 12:00 noon - raising money to replace the leaking canopy over Hedgehogs outdoor learning area. Jumble donations welcome. Please drop these into school on Friday 5 th October.
Monday 8 th	School Harvest Service in All Saints Church. Family and friends welcome 2:00 - 2:45 pm.
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th	'Maths Week' celebrated by all of the schools in our Trust. There will be lots of exciting maths events and activities taking place. Details to follow.
Monday 15 th	Open Morning (1 of 2) for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2019 - PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! ☺
Saturday 20 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Friday 26 th	Last day of term 1
November	
Monday 5 th	INSET DAY - 2 of 5 School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6 th	First day of term 2 for pupils
Wednesday 7 th	'How We Teach Maths' meeting for RECEPTION parents 8:50 - 9:30 am.
Friday 9 th	Open Morning (2 of 2) for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2019
Tuesday 13 th	Parents' Evening 2.30 - 5.15 pm (1 of 2)
Saturday 17 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Monday 19 th	Parents' Evening 2.30 - 5.15 pm (2 of 2)
Wednesday 28 th	Nasal spray flu vaccines given to children by School Nurses where parents have provided permission for this to happen - further details to follow.

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 3rd June 2019

'Meet the Teacher' Meetings (dates above)

Class teachers look forward to welcoming you to 'Meet the Teacher' meetings where you will receive information about class routines, expectations, the class projects for the year, ways you can support your child's learning and other important information that will help you work with the school to ensure your child enjoys school and makes good progress. Meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

Please try to attend. However, we do understand that for parents who work this might not be possible, in which case you will receive any handouts and are welcome to contact your child's teacher before or after school.

School Office Opening Hours - Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30 am - 12 noon

The 2018-2019 budget was extremely difficult to balance and careful thought was given to making the required savings without directly impacting on provision for the children. One of the steps taken has been to reduce administration hours to reflect the number of pupils on roll at Nunney, and transfer the excess to a larger school in our Trust, where more office hours were needed. This means that Mrs Furlong is only with us three mornings a week. Whilst this is a loss to the school, I know that other staff will be there to help when you need to contact the office and Mrs Furlong isn't present. Plans are also in place to setup an answer phone, so you can leave messages when the office isn't staffed.

PE Kits Needed In School Please

Pupils in Otters will be doing PE in school every Tuesday and Wednesday, and children in Hedgehogs will have their PE lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. Please ensure your child has their PE bag on their peg every day, as occasionally, the days when PE is taught may change.



PE kit comprises green shorts or jogging bottoms, a white, round necked T-shirt and a pair of daps or trainers. Shorts, joggers and PE T-shirts can be purchased through the school office or local supermarkets / chain stores.

2018 Flower Show Success

Nunney pupils were proud winners of 2 first, 3 second and 2 third prize awards at the Nunney & District Flower Show. Prize money received will be used to support the work of Mucky Pups. We hope you liked the produce from our polytunnel and gardens, which was on sale after school last Friday. Particular thanks are extended to Sarah Leakey for her outstanding contribution to the work of Mucky Pups, and to those who helped her with the watering over the long and very hot summer holiday.

Middle School Open Days / Evenings For Year 4 Parents And Pupils

Oakfield Academy - Thursday 13th September

Daytime tours 9:15 and 11:20 am by appointment (tel: 01373 462539).

Open Evening 6:00 - 7:30 pm with the Headteacher's presentation at 6:00 pm.

Selwood Academy - Tuesday 18th September - details to follow in a flyer

Spectacular Fundraising - £2,586 Raised Across The Summer

Huge thanks and congratulations are extended to the school and village communities for working amazingly hard at events across the summer, raising money for Nunney School.



- Profits from the Summer Fayre came in at £1,440.
- Mrs Andrews and her team raised £350 selling refreshments at Nunney Street Fayre.
- £58 was made at a tombola, which school staff ran at the Nunney & District Flower Show.
- Thanks to an idea initiated by Angie Williams, backing from Gordon Hedges who owns 'The George at Nunney' and Scarlett's (Year 1 pupil) parents who work at The George, £150 was raised for us through the BBQ held at The George on the evening before the Street Fayre.
- Supported by NCA, our dedicated team of governors and their families manned one of the car parks at Nunney Street Fayre on 4th August and received £588 from NCA for their efforts.



Everyone's hard work and commitment to Nunney School is outstanding, and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Having raised sufficient money to refurbish the hall and library floors during the October holiday, we now turn our attention to fundraising to replace the Perspex roof that covers part of the outdoor learning area attached to Hedgehog Class. This is aged beyond repair and every time it rains, water pours through, damaging the equipment below and creating significant work for staff in emptying water from containers of equipment and drying this out. With such outstanding commitment to fundraising, I'm sure it won't be long before we can source quotes and have a goal to aim for.

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 13th and Monday 19th November

Parent consultation meetings take place in the second and third weeks of term 2. These meetings are extremely important because they provide the opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about their progress, next steps and things you can do to support their learning and wellbeing. 15 minute appointments between 2.30 and 5.15 pm will be offered on both days and signup sheets will be provided nearer the time. Please reserve your preferred date in your diary. Thank you.

Harvest Service 2018 - Monday 8th October 2.00 pm in All Saints Church

The children will be leading our Harvest celebrations this year and we invite you to join us for a 40 minute, child friendly service in Nunney Church. Our collection will be going to the charity, 'Send A Cow', which for 30 years, has been helping African families grow their own food and lift themselves out of poverty. The charity provides training in farming and business development, and focuses its support on smallholder farmers, many of whom are widowed, disabled or have HIV/Aids.



The children will be bringing home recycled plastic milk cartons (washed and sterilised!) which they will have decorated, and we ask you to fill these with coins of your choice. Pupils will then work in teams to count how much money the school has raised to support the work of 'Send A Cow'.

If you are attending the service, you are welcome to take your child/ren home with you at the end. Staff will walk pupils who are attending an after school club and those without family at the church, back up to school.