



Newsletter 5

3rd March 2019

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March 2019	
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day - details in Newsletter 4 and on Class Dojo. Come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book.
Saturday 9 th	Jumble Sale in the school hall 10.00 am - 12.00 noon - donations of jumble and bric-a-brac are most welcome
Wednesday 13 th	Bedtime Stories 6.00 - 7.00 pm in the hall Maths mastery workshop for parents 6.00 - 7.00 pm in Hedgehogs Class - details below
Saturday 23 rd	Bingo Evening 7.00 pm - eyes down 7.30 pm
Monday 25 th	Singing Celebration - a show for parents/family members - 2.15 pm in the school hall. Details in Newsletter 4.
Tuesday 26 th	Final swimming session for pupils in Otter Class Parent Consultation Meetings (1 of 2) 2.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday 30 th	Quizzical Quiz Night 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start in the school hall - the last event was a fabulous success raising money for the School and Pre-School as well. Book your team's place through Sam Munnings on the Nunney Facebook page.
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	Easter egg hunt for pupils in Reception - Year 3 Last day of TERM 4
Tuesday 16 th	National School Place Offers Day - notification of Reception and Year 5 September 2019 school allocations
Tuesday 23 rd	First day of TERM 5
May 2019	
Monday 6 th	May Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th	Life Education Bus visiting Nunney School - details to follow
Friday 10 th	Class and Year 4 leavers' photographs - 11.00 am
Saturday 11 th	Bingo Evening 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm eyes down

INSET DAYS 2018 - 2019

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

Term dates for 2019-2020

Please be aware of the term dates for the 2019-2020 academic year and ensure that any holidays you are planning do not fall within term time. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays in term time will not be authorised by the school.

Our term dates are aligned with those set by Somerset and local schools. We endeavour to arrange INSET days to fall in line with Frome middle schools and Frome College. However, this is not possible in all cases.

Term dates 2019-2020

1. Monday 2nd September - Friday 25th October 2019
2. Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2019
3. Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2020
4. Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April 2020
5. Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2020
6. Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2020

INSET Days 2019-2020

1. Monday 2nd September 2019
2. Tuesday 3rd September 2019
3. Monday 6th January 2020
4. Monday 24th February 2020
5. Monday 20th July 2020

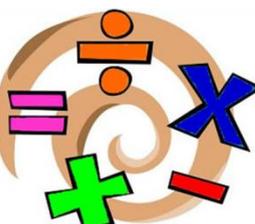
A separate calendar showing these dates is attached for you to keep.

Bedtime Stories at School 6.00 – 7.00 pm WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH

After you've had tea, slip into your pyjamas/nightclothes and dressing gown and come back to school for bedtime stories, an interactive book quiz, a singsong and hot chocolate. Younger siblings are welcome to attend. Teachers and TAs will be there to help you enjoy the evening.



Maths Mastery Workshop For Parents 6.00 – 7.00 pm WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH



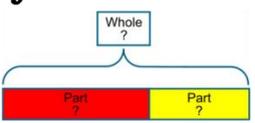
Find out how we teach maths at Nunney First School and strategies you can use to support your child

Wednesday 13th March
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
whilst children attend the bedtime story event!

Drop your child/ren in the hall then come across to Hedgehog Class. The event will be led by Sarah Savage, a Director of Learning who works for The Bath & Mendip Partnership Trust.

Methods, equipment and approaches explained – no prior knowledge required.

A complimentary cup of hot chocolate for all who attend!



PLEASE TRY TO COME ALONG
..... THIS IS IMPORTANT
FOR YOUR CHILD/REN

Everything
you need to
know to
help your
child with
maths

Playground Developments



I am delighted to inform you that permission has been granted to demolish the long stone wall that separates the playground and Hedgehogs Class. This will open the playground up and help to make Hedgehog Class feel like part of the main school building. With new tarmac laid once the wall has been demolished, Miss Alison has plans in

place to install a Play Pod full of exciting equipment for the children to use at break and lunchtimes, as well as the addition of some new playground markings designed by the children.

With the help of a community-minded, volunteer workforce, and fundraising led by Nunney School's famous five (Mrs Andrews, Mrs Garrod, Mrs Black, Mrs Jeffries and Miss Brown), we plan to take the wall down over the Easter holiday. Mrs Andrews is coordinating volunteers with expertise in the building/landscaping trades to help with this. Please keep an eye open for her posts on the Nunney Facebook page or let her know if you can help with this project. Thank you.

School Jumble Sale - Saturday 13th March 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

As spring approaches, why not have a wardrobe and cupboard tidy and see if you have anything that can be donated for next Saturday's jumble sale. Clothing, bedlinen, shoes, toys and bric-a-brac are most welcome. Mrs Andrews and Mrs Garrod will be pleased to take donations from you. Thank you.



Site Security Whilst After School Clubs Are In Progress



**PLEASE KEEP ME SHUT
AT THE END OF THE
SCHOOL DAY. 😊**

The school takes its safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and connected to this, it is important that the school site is as secure whilst children are at after school clubs, as it is during the school day. For this reason, the green gate to the pavement and road is set to lock at 3.15 pm, as soon as parents have left with children who are not staying to clubs. **PLEASE DO NOT PIN THE GATE OPEN** as this leads to open exit from and entrance to the school whilst the children are here under our care. Should you be asked to leave the playground by a member of staff please don't be offended, we are only doing this as part of our safeguarding arrangements. The gate is electronically set to unlock again at 3.55 pm, enabling you to come onto the playground to collect children from clubs. Your support in helping us to keep your children safe is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Book Fair – Huge Thanks And Congratulations To You

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our latest book fair. It was our busiest book fair in recent times and £409 worth of books were bought, meaning we received over £100 to spend on books for prizes and for our classrooms. We are very grateful for your continued support and hope that you are as proud as we are, of the standards of reading now in evidence at Nunney School and the children's pleasure in reading. Well done everyone.

Wookey Hole Visit



Staff were extremely proud to be out on this amazing visit with your children and received so many positive comments about the children's engagement, knowledge, exceptional behaviour and the fun they were having. I would like to thank the staff for arranging the visit and Nunney Makes Christmas for their generous donation, which made the trip financially viable. I'm sure it was an experience the children will remember for a long time.



World Book Day Book Tokens

In an envelope attached to this newsletter is a book token that can be exchanged in participating bookshops for one of twelve exclusive and completely free World Book Day books!

Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/> to see the choice of £1 books. The voucher can also be used to redeem £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more in participating bookshops. Please note the policy of only one token per transaction. Vouchers are valid from Thursday 28th February - Sunday 31st March 2019. An early visit to a participating bookstore such as WH Smith or Hunting Raven Books in Cheap Street in Frome is advisable if you want to exchange the voucher for one of the twelve specially selected free books.



The World Book Day website is designed for children and includes some fabulous games and interactive resources. You might like to look at the site with your child.

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)



Following Mrs Crawley's resignation as SENCO in January 2019, Miss Alison has kindly agreed to take on this important position in our school. Miss Alison was SENCO for 10 years in her previous post as Deputy Headteacher of a village primary school, and has considerable experience supporting children who have additional needs. Miss Alison is currently working with teachers and TAs to review the additional support that is in place for pupils who benefit from this. She is also talking to pupils about what works for them and how they would like to be helped. She is in the process of meeting with parents of children who are on the school's SEN List, to share what is being done to support their child and to enable them to ask any questions.

Please remember our open door policy and speak directly to your child's class teacher, Miss Alison or myself if you have concerns about your child's learning and what you can do to support them. Kindly note that where possible, teachers prefer to talk after school because first thing in the morning they are busy preparing for the day ahead.

Would You Like To Become A Parent Governor?

Thinking of being
a governor?

We currently have a vacancy.

A vacancy for a Parent Governor has arisen at Nunney First School. Our Governing Body plays an active role in making sure that all children receive the best possible start to their schooling. Governors work in partnership with the Headteacher to plan the school's future direction. They also make recommendations to the

Trust Board on important matters such as the school's budget and staffing. Governors are not involved in the day-to-day running of the school - this is the job of the Headteacher. They bring an important outside perspective and serve to provide a healthy mix of support and challenge.

The Governing Body meets six times a year. Each governor also has other responsibilities, which involve coming into school during the school day, at least twice a year, to carry out monitoring visits. Governing Body meetings take place in the evenings (6.30 pm) and generally last two hours. Training is available to help governors fulfil their responsibilities. Further information about this role is contained in a job description available from the school office.

The initial skills and qualities needed by Governors as per recent Government guidance on appointing and electing governors are as follows:

'All governors need a strong commitment to their role and to improving outcomes for children; the inquisitiveness to question and analyse; and the willingness to learn. They need good interpersonal skills, appropriate levels of literacy in English and sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.'

Subject to eligibility (please see notes on attached sheet), all parents of pupils in the school have a right to put themselves forward to become a Parent Governor. If you feel you can help in this capacity, please complete the attached nomination form and **return it to the school office by 3.00 pm on Monday 18th March.**

If more than one nomination is received, an election will take place. In this case, voting forms together with candidates' personal statements will be sent out on Thursday 21st March.

Members of the Governing Body will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Please speak to Sue Heal, Headteacher, if you are interested and would like to be put in touch with one of our governors for a discussion about the role.



And finally . . . if you believe the role of parent governor may interest you, please be proactive and come forward! The role provides deeper insight into the workings of the school and can be extremely rewarding. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Thomas
Chair of Governors / Returning Officer