



# Newsletter 1

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## Welcome back to the new school year!

It has been a very positive start to the 2019-2020 academic year and it was lovely to see the children enthusiastically returning to school, looking extremely smart in their uniforms. They all seem to have grown over the holiday and have quickly settled into their new year groups.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lindow and Mrs Haines to our staff team. Mrs Lindow teaches Otter Class and Mrs Haines is our new receptionist. Do please introduce yourself to them at a convenient point - they are keen to get to know everyone but have many new faces and names to learn!



*Mrs Lindow*  
Teacher - Otter Class



*Mrs Haines*  
Receptionist



*2019*  
Reception Entrants

We also extend a very warm welcome to thirteen Reception pupils and their families. We look forward to them feeling part of and being actively involved in the life and work of our school.

## Diary Dates

September 2019	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception pupils attend full time from today
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Final day for returning permission slips for children to be given the nasal flu vaccination by the School Nurse Immunisation Team - details below. Vaccinations administered on 12 <sup>th</sup> November.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
October 2019	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reading meeting for RECEPTION parents 8:50 - 10.00 am - details to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Otter Class visit Bristol Museum - details provided in a separate letter
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble Sale 10:00 am - 12:00 noon - raising money for our library and ICT suite appeal. Jumble donations including toys and bric-a-brac welcome. Please drop these into school on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October.

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Harvest Service in All Saints Church. Family and friends welcome 2:00 - 2:45 pm - details below
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and family photographs - details to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	'Messy Church' 3.00 - 4.15 pm. Children and parents/carers welcome. Details below.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term 1</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
<b>November 2019</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day of term 2</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	'How We Teach Maths' meeting for RECEPTION parents 8:50 - 10.00 am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Final Payment for Year 4 PGL residential visit
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	National Anti-Bullying Week - this year the focus is on SMALL CHANGE. BIG DIFFERENCE. We will be engaging in activities that explore the ideas of: Change starts here. Change starts now. Change starts with us.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service in school for pupils Parents' Evening 2.30 - 5.00 pm (1 of 2)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse Immunisation Team administering nasal flu vaccines to all pupils where parents have given permission for this to happen - details below
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 2.30 - 5.00 pm (2 of 2)

### INSET Days for 2019 - 2020

- ~~Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019~~
- ~~Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019~~
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### School Office Opening Hours

We are delighted have a receptionist back in our school office and would like to say a very big thank to parents and carers for your helpfulness and understanding across the last 9 months when the office has been unmanned. Mrs Haines' hours of work are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 am - 1.00 pm	9.00 am - 10.45 am	9.00 am - 12.15 pm	11.00 am - 3.30 pm	9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Outside these times, teaching assistants and teachers will be pleased to help you. Mrs Garrod has kindly agreed to continue taking payments for clubs and educational visits etc. from parents/carers on the playground in the mornings.

### Nunney Flower Show Success

Nunney pupils were proud winners of first, second and third prize awards at the Nunney & District Flower Show. Prize money won by Mucky Pups will be used to support the work of our green-fingered pupils across the year. Particular thanks are extended to Sarah Leakey,

James Turner and Tracy Black for their committed contribution to the work of Mucky Pups, and to those who helped to water the polytunnel over the summer holiday.

Many pupils also won individual prizes and cups in the craft, photography and handwriting categories. Well done to everyone who took part and those who came along to enjoy the Flower Show last Saturday.



### Parents' Evenings - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 10 minute appointments between 2.30 and 5.00 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.

### End Of Day Collection Arrangements



Please be aware that staff will only let children leave school at the end of the day with adults each parent has explicitly told us may collect their child/ren. Therefore, it is extremely important that you let us know in person or by phone if somebody different is collecting your child, even if this is another parent who is known to school staff. Your support in communicating collection arrangements and facilitating the smooth collection of pupils at the end of the school day would be very much appreciated.

### Harvest Service - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2.00 pm in All Saints Church, Nunney

The children will be leading our Harvest celebrations and we invite you to join us for a 40 minute, child friendly service in Nunney Church. 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 after school Football Club and those without family at the church, back up to school for 3.00 pm.

This year, our harvest collection will be going to the charity 'WaterAid'. WaterAid works in countries across the world, transforming lives by bringing clean water, decent toilets and hygiene to the world's poorest and most marginalised people.

This harvest time, we will come together to celebrate the fruits of the earth and help to provide communities with clean water to grow crops, prepare meals safely and enjoy the food that we give thanks for at harvest time.

As part of our harvest fundraising and thanksgiving, we are inviting families to take part in two Harvest Challenges:

### Harvest Challenge 1

- 1) Heinz 57 is used widely in advertising to represent the variety of products Heinz produces. There are currently 47 pupils on roll at Nunney School and our first Harvest Challenge is to see if between us, we can bring to the Harvest Service, 47 different types of breakfast cereal, which we will then donate to the Fair Frome Food Bank. This is quite a challenge so keep your eyes open whilst out shopping and let us see how many different breakfast cereals we can place on our harvest display in the church. Which box of cereal will you choose to bring? Will anybody else have chosen to bring the same? The result of our 'Nunney 47 Cereal Challenge' will be revealed during the Harvest Service!



### Harvest Challenge 2

- 2) A quiz about water will come home on 30<sup>th</sup> September for each family to complete. You are kindly asked to send your completed quiz back before the Harvest Service, with a donation of money to support the work of WaterAid. The family with the highest score in the quiz (drawn from a water pail if there is a tie), will be announced at the service as well.

We do hope that everybody will enter into the fun and challenge, raising money for a very good cause in the process. Working together, we really can help to make a difference.

### **Flu Vaccine Available For All Children At Nunney School - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**



The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia. In the autumn/winter of 2019/2020, the vaccine will be available free on the NHS for children in Reception to Year 6 inclusive.

Nurses who work for the School Immunisation Team will administer the vaccine to your child in school **if you have completed and returned the permission form to say that they can do this**. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. The nasal spray is quick, painless and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

Today, your child has brought home an envelope containing information about the vaccine and a permission form for you to complete if you would like them to receive this at school on 12<sup>th</sup> November. **Pleased return the completed form to the school office by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Thank you.**

## Starting And Transferring School – September 2020



The admissions process for school places for September 2020 has begun and the website is live from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September for parents and carers to make their on-line application. For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a middle school the **deadline date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020** and the **national offer day is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and the national offer day is 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

The primary and secondary admission guides for the 2020 admissions process can be found on the Somerset County Council website [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions). Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

Due to budgetary constraints, the Admissions and Entitlements Team will not be writing to parents/carers of children due to start or transfer school explaining how to apply, key dates and where to find further information. Information can be found on the team's website (see above). Facebook, twitter and the local press will also be used to raise awareness.

Even if you currently have a sibling at this school or at a middle school, you **MUST** still make an application. Failure to do so may result in your child not getting a place at your preferred school.

If you don't have access to the internet at home, please let Mrs Haines (receptionist) know and she will be happy to help you, using a school computer.

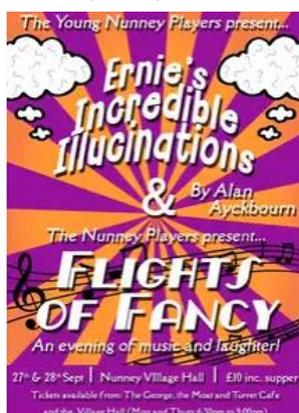
### Messy Church – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.00 – 4.15 pm

Members of Nunney Church will be running 'Messy Church' sessions at Nunney First School. There will be one meeting per term, straight after school on a Friday afternoon. The first session will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 pm.



Messy Church is an informal, fun event for all the family. There will be lots of different crafts and games to choose from, the odd science experiment, a Bible story and song, and cold drinks, tea and cake to enjoy together. There is no charge to attend. All children (younger siblings included) and their parents and carers will be very welcome. Adults leading the sessions have Enhanced DBS clearance. Whilst parents/carers are encouraged to attend, children can come along on their own at their parents' discretion.

### Nunney Players & Youth Group – Performance



The Nunney Players and their youth members present an evening of entertainment at Nunney Village Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Some of the pupils in Otter Class are part of the cast for Alan Ayckbourn's hilarious play called 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations', which is performed in the first half.

The Nunney Players will fill the second half with 'Flights of Fancy', an evening of music and laughter!

Tickets are on sale at the Moat & Turret café and the George Inn. Adults £10 and children £5 including supper. There is a poster on the railings at the front of the school providing more information.