



Newsletter 3

20th January 2020

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Diary Dates

January 2020	
Monday 13 th	Across a ten week period, Kate Adams, a singing teacher from the Somerset Music Service, will be working with Hedgehog and Otter classes each Monday morning. She will be developing our harmony singing and teaching us some new songs to enjoy. 
Saturday 18 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 st	Height and weight checks for Reception pupils whose parents have not opted them out of the National Child Measurement Programme
Tuesday 28 th	First swimming session for Otter Class (hereafter, runs for 8 consecutive weeks)
Wednesday 29 th	Book Fair - open before and after school up to and including Monday 3 rd February
February 2020	
Friday 7 th	Messy Church 3.00 - 4.00 pm in the hall
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day - details below
Friday 14 th	PSA Bake Sale 3.00 pm Last day of term 3
Saturday 15 th	Bingo Evening - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Monday 24 th	INSET DAY 4 of 5 - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 25 th	First day of term 4 for pupils Swimming continues for Otter Class - session 4 of 8
Wednesday 26 th	PSA Meeting 7.30 pm in 'The George at Nunney'
Friday 28 th	Dogs Trust visiting to run workshops for the children on how to be safe around dogs
March 2020	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day - details to follow
Thursday 12 th	Parents' Evening 2.30 - 5.00 pm (1 of 2)
Saturday 14 th	Jumble Sale in the school hall 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Monday 16 th	Parents' Evenings 2.30 - 5.00 pm (2 of 2)
Friday 20 th	Messy Church 3.00 - 4.00 pm in the hall
Tuesday 24 th	Final swimming session for pupils in Otter Class
Friday 27 th	PSA Family Easter Egg Hunt 3.00 pm
Saturday 28 th	Easter Bingo - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm

INSET Days for 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

In June 2019, the Government announced its intention to move the May bank holiday (May Day) from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020 to align with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please note that the school will be closed for the national bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020.

Bank Payments For School Fees

We are now able to offer parents/carers the facility to pay for school meals, clubs, educational visits and activities by BACS (online bank payments). The details for making a payment into the school account are:

NATWEST BANK Sort Code: 60-14-24 Account: 55762395

**A reference MUST be included: activity, child's name (initial and surname)
e.g. Term 4 clubs JBLOGGS**

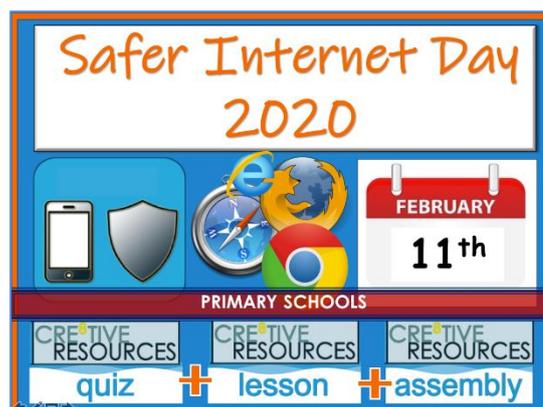
If you have made an online payment for any activity e.g. school meals, trip, clubs PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL STRAIGHTAWAY, TO LET US KNOW. In the case of online payments, we will not allocate places at clubs until we have received your email notifying us of your online payment. Your support in making his work for everybody would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

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Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th 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 takes place each February and this year, pupils and staff at Nunney School will be engaging in quizzes, online interactive tasks and other activities linked to the theme of 'Together for a Safer Internet.'

Activities across the week of 10th-14th February will encourage conversation about the safe and responsible use of technology and inspire young people to create a better internet for the future.



Fundraising For Our Library And IT Suite - £6,694 Raised To Date ☺

I am pleased to share that since June 2019 when our library and IT suite fundraising project was launched, we have raised 41% of the £16,000 we need to create a truly fabulous library and research center for the children of Nunney School. Much of the money raised to date has been donated by Nunney residents and families of children



currently on roll at the school. Huge thanks go to you all. Profits from the last PSA Bake Sale were also donated to this cause, as was £2,000 raised by governors and Nunney School support staff through a number of fundraising ventures. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to this project.

We have decided to use money raised to date to complete phase 1 of the project, which includes installation of the electrical sockets required, the large interactive whiteboard and the computer that links to the whiteboard. Being able to demonstrate that we have already raised 41% of the money needed will place future grant applications in a strong position and I hope to be able to complete and submit two of these before the end of term 3.

Just before Christmas, through a raffle run in her shop called Skull and Dagger Tattoo, one of our parents raised an amazing £675 for the library and IT suite appeal. If anybody has additional fundraising ideas, do please let us know; it would be lovely for the children if we could complete this project by the end of this school year.

We Are Working To Achieve The Eco-Schools Awards

We are delighted to have embarked on work that will help us earn the Bronze and Silver Eco-Schools Awards set-up and run by the environmental charity, 'Keep Britain Tidy'.



A number of children have enthusiastically completed application forms to join our Eco-Schools Committee and later this week, the composition of the committee will be announced. I am very pleased to share that two parents and two governors have also come forward to join the Eco-Committee. Your support, in partnership with the enthusiasm of the children, gets us off to a great start.

Last week, children worked in family teams to complete an Environmental Review. Analysis of the information gathered will help the Eco Committee identify the first two projects we will work on as a school. We are excited to see what these will be!

An Eco-Schools noticeboard has been created in the corridor leading to the school hall. Please keep an eye on this to find out what we are doing to raise awareness and take action on environmental issues.

Minimise The Risk Of Choking On Grapes

Whilst updating her First Aid training, Mrs Jeffries was made aware that grapes are one of the most common choking hazards. Trainers advised that cutting grapes in half lengthways, can dramatically reduce this risk. When grapes are served in school, we will now be cutting them in half and ask parents to do the same for lunchboxes and mid-morning healthy snack boxes where these are sent into school.



Please cut grapes in half lengthways to reduce the risk of choking.

School Closure in the Event Of Severe Weather



As we enter the winter season, we may experience extreme weather that warrants closure of the school.

In consultation with Mrs Thomas, Chair of Governors, if a decision is made to close the school, details will be shared in the following ways:

1. Information will be posted on the Somerset Learning Platform:
<https://slp.somerset.gov.uk>
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 School Story dojo message will be posted
4. A message will be placed on the school website - this will be on the homepage as a 'News' item.

I will endeavour to update messages on a regular basis and keep you fully informed. If you do not have Internet access, please arrange to phone a friend who has an Internet connection.

We Are Advertising For An Apprentice Teaching Assistant (TA)

We are seeking to appoint a Level 2 or Level 3 apprentice to work in Hedgehog Class. The post is for 30 hours per week and is term time only plus INSET days. Subject to satisfactory completion of pre-employment checks, the anticipated start date is Monday 20th April 2020.

The training period is 12 months for the L2 qualification and 18 months for the L3 qualification. The successful applicant will attend Wiltshire College one day per fortnight across the training period. The rest of the training is completed on the job.

The wage to include training is £4.15 - £4.50 per hour depending on experience.

The post will be advertised later this week on the National Apprenticeship website. I would be grateful if you could signpost anybody who might be interested to this website. Thank you.