



Newsletter 1

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Your help and support have been very much appreciated

Thank you very much indeed for making the return to school flow so smoothly. Your cooperation and thoughtfulness in working with staff to get the new school year off to such a positive start has been deeply appreciated.

Our move to three classes is working extremely well and I have been most impressed at the creative ideas teachers have used to reengage children in learning. Children have been really enthusiastic in lessons and excellent at taking responsibility for handwashing and the rules we have in place to keep everybody safe and well. As you can see below, pupils look very smart in their school uniform and with stock flying off the shelf, we have recently placed our third uniform order since June!

We are delighted to welcome Miss Mead as teacher of Hedgehog Class and extend a very warm welcome to our seventeen Reception pupils and their families as well.



*Miss Mead
Teacher - Hedgehog Class*



*2020
Reception Entrants*

Dates for terms 1 and 2

October 2020	
Friday 2 nd	Member of the BBC Symphony Orchestra leading a virtual music workshop for Otter Class
Tuesday 13 th	Somerset Waste Partnership leading a remote presentation for all classes called 'Talking Rubbish!'
Wednesday 14 th	School Nurse Immunisation Team administering nasal flu vaccines to all pupils where parents have given permission for this to happen - details provided in emails sent on 22.09.20 and 30.09.20
Thursday 15 th	Harvest Service in school - details below

Friday 23 rd	Schools Against Waste workshops led remotely by Somerset Waste Partnership for Hedgehog and Otter classes Last day of term 1
November 2020	
Monday 2 nd	First day of term 2
Across the first 3 weeks of term 2	Parents' Evenings - a chance for you to talk to your child's teacher about their achievements, progress and next steps - meetings will be via video conference. Details below.
Saturday 7 th	Open Morning for parents of prospective September 2021 Reception entrants 10.00 am - 12.30 pm - entry by appointment only. Details below.
Tuesday 10 th	Individual and sibling photographs - dependent on responses to email sent 04.10.20 PSA Meeting (remote) - 7.30 pm. All parents/carers welcome. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend so that access details can be send to you.
Wednesday 11 th	Remembrance Service in school for pupils
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	National Anti-Bullying Week - For 2020 the focus is UNITED AGAINST BULLYING and children will engage in activities that help them understand how collectively, they can help prevent bullying.

INSET Days for 2020 - 2021

1. ~~Thursday 3rd September 2020~~
2. ~~Friday 4th September 2020~~
3. Monday 4th January 2021
4. Monday 22nd February 2021
5. Thursday 1st April 2021

Term Dates For 2020 - 2021

Term dates for this academic year are at the foot of this newsletter. They are also on the school website and will be emailed to each family so that you can keep them to hand. We ask parents to ensure that family holidays fall in school holidays. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays in term time will not be authorised by the school and Somerset County Council may enforce fixed penalty fines for unauthorised holidays in term time. Schools are open for 190 days over the year, leaving 175 days for family activities and holidays.

Parents' Evenings - First Three Weeks Of Term 2 (2nd - 20th November)

These meetings are extremely important because they provide an opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about their progress, next steps and things you can do at home to support their learning and wellbeing. In the next week, teachers will give Mrs Haines (Admin Assistant) three dates (late afternoons/early evenings) when they will be available **for you to book 10 minute video conferences**. As soon as Mrs Haines has the dates, we will send a text message asking parents to call the school office between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm to arrange an appointment. A link and login details will then be sent via email. If you do not have the facilities to meet your child's teacher via Zoom, do please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made for this important meeting. Thank you.

Harvest Celebrations - Thursday 15th October

This year we will be holding our Harvest celebrations in school and sadly, we are unable to invite parents and family members to join us. However, we will be making this a special event for the children who, weather permitting, will be coming together outside to share their learning about Fair Frome and the fabulous work undertaken by this local charity.



In recent times of need, Fair Frome volunteers have gone above and beyond to support those who have needed a helping hand. Many families in Nunney as well as Frome have benefitted from the coordinated hard work of Fair Frome volunteers. Fair Frome's Food Bank has provided food parcels for anyone in need and also offers cooked hot meals at venues in Frome, vouchers for food and 'take away' treats, as well as supermarket gift cards and money for school uniform essentials for those on benefits or low incomes.



The theme for our Harvest Service is 'Tins 4 2020' and we are asking children and staff to donate tins of food to support the work of the Food Bank. During the service, pupils will work together to arrange the tins to make a large 2020 on the playground. We hope to organise a drone to fly over the display and take a photograph for the children to see.

Please send tins into school between **Wednesday 7th and Monday 12th October**. Children will place these in boxes in the classroom where they will be left undisturbed for 72 hours before we use them in our service.

Frome Food Bank is particularly keen to receive:

- Tins of meat that can be heated up
- Tins of cold meat
- Tinned sauces for rice (curry sauce etc.)
- Tins of vegetables
- Tins of soup
- Tins of fruit
- Tinned custard

Thank you in advance to everyone who is able to provide donations however big or small.

Flu Vaccine Available For All Children At Nunney School - Wednesday 14th October

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to children to help protect them against flu. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and can be even more harmful to adults and the elderly. To relieve pressure on hospital beds and ensure there is capacity to treat those with severe coronavirus symptoms, the NHS needs to keep flu infections as low as possible this winter. The mass immunisation that is being offered will help to achieve this.



Nurses who work for the School Immunisation Team will administer the vaccine to your child in school if **you have completed the online return to give permission for this to happen**. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. The nasal spray is quick, painless and as effective as the injected flu vaccine.

The deadline for completing your online return (see email sent on 22nd September) is Wednesday 7th October.

Starting And Transferring School – September 2021

The admissions process for school places for September 2021 has begun and the website went live on 4th September for parents/carers to make their online application. For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a middle school the **deadline for applications is 15th January 2021** and the **national offer day is 16th April 2021**.



For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school (Frome College etc.) the closing date for applications is 31st October 2020 and the national offer day is 1st March 2021.

The primary and secondary admission guides for the 2021 admissions process can be found on the Somerset County Council website 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 do not have access to the Internet at home, please let Mrs Haines know and she will be happy to help you, using a school computer.

2021 Reception Places At Nunney First School – OPEN MORNING



We would love to keep our three classes and maintaining interest in Reception places is key to doing this. Due to COVID-19, tours in school time are not appropriate at present so we are in the process of producing a video showing all that Nunney First School has to offer.

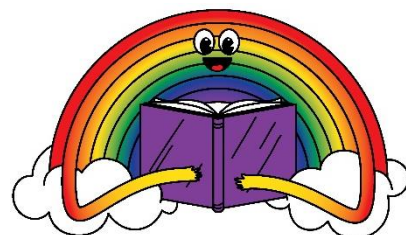
We will also be offering appointments to view the school on Saturday 7th September between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm. To maintain social distancing, visits will be by appointment only. Visitors will be asked to wear masks and the school will

be thoroughly cleaned before children return on Monday morning.

If your child is happy and learning well with us, we do hope that you will recommend our school to friends and family and encourage those who have children due to start school next year, to contact the school office to arrange a visit for 7th November. Support you can provide with this would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Rainbow Reading

There is evidence aplenty to show that children who read regularly with their parents/carers at home make considerably stronger progress in reading than those who do not. Children are always keen to climb the colours on the reading rainbows displayed in each



classroom and we kindly ask you to support them to do this by making a real and consistent effort to spend time reading with and to them, each day. Thank you.

Greetings From All Saints Church, Nunney

Greetings to all the school community from the Messy Church/Open the Book teams! We miss you all and cannot wait for the day when we can come into school again to lead fortnightly assemblies and termly Messy Church events.

In the meantime, we wanted to let you know that if you are struggling with anything and would like us to pray for you, we would love to do this. All you need to do is drop us a line at nunneyprayers@gmail.com and we will pray for you in our community prayers on a Monday morning. Alternatively, you are welcome to pop into the church any time and add a prayer to the prayer tree.

With love from

Caroline & Henry and all the team





Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2020/2021 Academic Year (Including Nunney First School's Inset Days)

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September 2020					October 2020					November 2020								
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2020					January 2021					February 2021								
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
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Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	
March 2021					April 2021					May 2021								
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31	
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
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Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
June 2021					July 2021					August 2021								
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
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Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2020 (37 days)
 Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2020 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2021 (30 days)
 Term 4: 22 February – 01 April 2021 (29 days)
 Term 5: 19 April – 28 May 2021 (29 days)
 Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2021 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2020/21

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2020	Easter Monday	05 April 2021
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2020*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2021	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

*Replacement bank holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend