

# Nacton Church of England Primary

## Newsletter

### Autumn No. 1



September 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

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**Welcome back to all:** It is brilliant to see the children back after their summer holidays, with many new happy memories along with a mature and positive attitude towards their learning.



We are delighted to welcome our new Tigers; Ruby, Zach, Orin, Ava, Danny, Jack, Oscar, Alice, Arlo, Jake, Anastasia, Olivia, Kevin and Lucy. We wish them all the best as they start their education and become part of our Nacton family. Although several of the Tiger children already have siblings here, we also welcome a number of new families. If you have any questions or queries please let us know.

We also welcome two new members of staff to our team at Nacton. The staff organisation is:

Tigers Class – Miss Smith and Mrs Walker

Lions Class – Mrs Plowright and Mrs Butcher

Leopards Class – Mrs Boyle and Mrs Henderson, Mrs Potter, Mrs Pledger and Ms Parkin

Jaguars Class – Mrs Pipe and Ms Patrick

**Collective Worship:** Each half term we have a Christian Value as a focus in our collective worship sessions and use stories, drama, visitors, poetry and song to explain it. Up until half term we will be looking at 'Friendship'. Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus. During the half term we will be looking at a variety of elements including friendships in good times and bad and trusting our friends.

**New babies:** Congratulations to Jake (Year 1) and his parents for the arrival of his sister and to Oscar (Reception) and his family for the arrival of his brother.

**School Playground:** The gate is opened to pupils at 8.40am by a member of staff. Please ensure that your children (pupils and younger siblings) stay on the playground during this time **not** on the field. This will help the adult on duty keep an eye on the children and will reduce the risk of injuries. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Behaviour Certificates:** following a review of the behaviour management system in place in school we have made some changes to the way that we reward the pupils' positive behaviour choices. We will no longer be presenting Good Behaviour certificates at the end of each term to pupils who haven't received a reminder or moved off the Golden Time Sun. Instead certificates will be presented weekly to pupils who have shown exceptional behaviour and have been moved onto Gold (Leopards and Jaguars) or onto the Rainbow (Tigers and Lions). We understand that children (and adults too!) do make mistakes and this is all part of their learning. Please see the attached sheet that explains the behaviour systems in place in your child's class.

**Summer works:** We were successful in gaining a grant to improve the fire safety of our school. Over the summer we have had our external doors upgraded along with a new fire detection and alarm system. There will be a second phase of works which will upgrade all of our internal doors over the October half term.

**Text message service:** Please note that our text message service is a 'one way' system. We are able to send messages to you but we are unable to receive any replies. If you need to reply to our message please phone or visit the school office.

**Payments:** A reminder that we accept cash and cheque payments for school meals, visits & uniform items. Please put cash payments in an envelope stating your child's name, class and what the money is for. A school lunch costs £2.30 per day for pupils in Key Stage 2.

**School Nursing Service:** ChatHealth is a new and secure text messaging service provided by the School Nursing Service. Children, young people and parents can simply text their concern to 07507 333356 and a school nurse will respond (Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 17.00). The service is completely confidential and is designed to support families on a wide range of issues.

**School lunches:** EATS who provide our school lunches would like to make you aware that the new battered fish served in our school contains mustard and dairy. The allergy information for all of the food served in our school can be found here [www.eats-catering.co.uk](http://www.eats-catering.co.uk). There are also a number of menu changes this term. **On 27<sup>th</sup> September** we will enjoy a 'Day of Fitness' menu to celebrate National Fitness Day on 26<sup>th</sup> September consisting of Smokey Joe's BBQ chicken or butternut squash and red pepper risotto followed by watermelon wedge and fromage frais.

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> October** we will have a special School Day Favourites menu of sausage or pizza with chips, followed by chocolate crunch.

EATS are also running a poetry competition with the winner receiving tickets for a family bowling session. To enter children need to write a poem on what they love about their school and then hand it in to Mrs Sillett. The closing date for the competition is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**.

### **Out of School Notices**

*Huddle Parent Talks* are running a variety of information sessions for parents at Trinity Park including; Family Wellbeing & Nutrition, Friendship Groups & Bullying, and Social Media & Internet Safety. More information is available on their website [www.huddl.uk](http://www.huddl.uk). There are also leaflets available in the school office.