

Nacton Church of England Primary Newsletter Autumn No. 2



12th October 2018

School councillors: Congratulations to our newly appointed school councillors: Louis, Harry, Lucia, Elizabeth, Tamzin and Giselle. We have already held our first school council meeting and the children are all set to gather the views of their class on how we can improve the school, including coming up with rules for the safe and happy use of the Wesco equipment.

School captains: We are also delighted to announce that Daniel and Cerys will be our School Captains this year. Congratulations to you both, I look forward to working with you both over the coming year.

Chair of Governors: Following the resignation of Melanie Munday, after many years supporting the school as a governor and Chair of Governors, we have successfully appointed a new Chair of Governors. We are delighted that Mrs Angela Laithwaite is our new Chair. We are currently advertising for the role of Parent Governor. Please consider joining our active and enthusiastic Governing Body.

Curriculum Maps: To find out what your child is learning at school, please visit the school website, hover over 'parents' and choose 'curriculum maps'. These show you what topics and skills your child is learning/working towards this term. As always, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about learning.

New Lunch Clubs: Premier Sport are going to be running some new clubs for us at lunch time after the October half term. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the children will be able to take part in a 'Stay Active Club', this involves lots of fun games that the children can join at any point, for as long as they wish. On a Friday lunch time there will be a club for our school teams where they will be coached to improve their skills ahead of competitions. There is no charge for pupils to take part in these clubs.

Lunchboxes: Recently we've had quite a few pupils who are forgetting whether they are school dinner or packed lunch. It would be really helpful if you could make sure your child puts their lunchbox in the black lunchbox box outside the Annexe themselves as this serves a useful reminder when they order their lunch choice.

NSA: A big thank you to the parents/carers who have taken on new roles within the Nacton School Association. The school really appreciates the hard work that you put in to help raise much needed funds for the school.

Data Collection Sheets: Please return your data collection sheet if you haven't done so already, it is really important that we have the up-to-date information. Thank you.

Improvements to the school: As mentioned in the last newsletter we are going to be having nearly all of our internal doors replaced over the October half term holiday. We will also be having our

sports/playing field levelled and re-seeded. Although this means we won't be able to use the field for a number of months it will mean that we will have a field that can be used for a wide range of sport without contending with dips and bumps! Thank you to the Parish Council who are happy for us to use Victoria Field (opposite school) for some playtimes when needed.

KS2 Data: We are delighted that our KS2 data is once again well above national average. Our pupils achieved 85% combined reading, writing and maths scores, with the national average being 64%. The scores reflect the hard work that the children and staff put in, not just in year 6, but throughout their primary education. For more information, our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 data can be found on our website under 'Information', 'school data' and then 'summary of pupil outcomes'. There is also a comparison with the Suffolk and National averages.

Absence from school: We ask that you kindly try to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours, we understand that this isn't always possible. Please take note of the term dates for this academic year, these can be found on our website, and try to avoid booking holidays during term time. Absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. **Year 6 parents please note that KS2 SATs will take place in the week commencing 13th May 2018, it is vital that your child is in school during this week.**

End of Term Assembly: We will be continuing to hold our end of term assemblies, which parents are invited to. These are always very popular and well attended which is brilliant but means that children and parents are squashed into the hall which is uncomfortable and also very hot. Therefore this year we are going to trial having an end of term assembly for Tigers (Year R) and Lions (Year 1 & 2) in the morning at **9.15am** and an end of term assembly for Leopards (Year 3 & 4) and Jaguars (Year 5 & 6) in the afternoon at **2.45pm**. This term the end of term assemblies will take place on **18th December**.

News from Nacton Pupils

Year 5/6 Residential: On the 24th September 2018, Jaguars (Year 5&6) went to PGL at the extraordinary Bawdsey Manor. We had lots of fun doing exciting activities including: Giant Swing, Trapeze, Challenge Course and much more. We also went to Woodbridge Park to build rafts and paddled them in the River Deben. In the evenings we had lots of entertaining activities such as campfire, where we got to eat yummy melted marshmallows. We also told stories and sang extremely loud songs. Surprisingly we had an unexpected mission because Stove the Dragon, who is PGL's mascot, had unfortunately gone missing. It was up to Nacton to find out who the culprit was! We had lots of fun and made many memories. We won't forget our time at Bawdsey Manor.

By Amelie, Sienna and Lilia

Governing Body

This term I have been appointed as Chair of Governors at Nacton, having been a parent governor for two years. The governors are active in coming in to school to monitor and also to support the staff.

We have a meeting with all of the governors each term, and we are all also on working groups to monitor finances and management, the curriculum, and premises matters. The governors bring a healthy variety of skills from our different "walks of life" which ensure we have expertise in order to govern well. I'm really pleased to be part of this team in our lovely school.

Angela Laithwaite (Ethan, year 3)

Useful Contact Numbers

Looking for advice on your child's medical needs? Contact:

School nurse: 01473 275838

School Nurse Chathealth text number 07507 333356

Are you concerned about the welfare or safety of a child? Contact:

Customer First: **0808 800 4005**

Out of School Notices

The inclusion of details of extra-curricular, local and out-of-School activities in this Newsletter in no way implies that they are supported or endorsed by Nacton C of E Primary School, its Governors or any member of Staff. Parents are advised to make the appropriate enquiries regarding supervision, insurance and other matters.

Premier Holiday Camps

Premier are providing **Half-term** holiday camps at local venues across Suffolk & Essex this half term. There's a whole range of themed Sport and Dance courses running every weekday for ages 4 - 12.

Standard Days run from 9:00am – 3:30pm, as well as Extended Day's which run from 8:30am – 5:00pm with a Flexi-Registration and Flexi-Collect on extended days.

Each day is planned and structured so the children can develop a range of skills in a whole host of different sports and dance topics, as well as most importantly having fun in a safe environment, all whilst staying active and healthy. Full details are available on their website.

Prices available at www.premier-education.com/your-child/premier-camps for further details.

Promotional Offer – Book any 2 days or more per family and save 20% using code '2DAY20' to redeem. Bookings to be made via www.premier-education.com or by calling 01473 598005.

Maggie Davis Textile workshops @ Manor Farm Studio

Half term textile workshop 1 Distressing fabrics - Explore and experiment with the properties of denim.

Suitable for aged 10 and above.

Cost £36.00 Sewing machine provided.

Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 2nd November

10.00 – 13.00

Half term textile workshop 2. Experimental textiles with free machine embroidery.

Suitable for aged 10 and above.

Cost £36.00 Sewing machine provided.

Thursday 1st November 2018

10.00 – 13.00

Manor Farm Studio, at Homeleigh Cottage, The Street, Little Bealings Woodbridge.

If interested in a workshop please email maggiedavis@manorfarmstudio.co.uk