

Nacton Church of England Primary Newsletter Autumn No. 3



2nd November 2018

WWI Centenary: To mark 100 years since the end of World War 1, Jaguars pupils are going to be reciting 'In Flanders' Fields' by John McCrae during our Collective Worship on **Friday 9th November at 3.50pm**. The whole school will also be performing a short song 'We Will Remember'. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.

Poppies: We have a poppy box in school so if you need to buy any poppies please come into the office.

Remembrance at the War Memorial: On **Sunday 11th November** Nacton Parish Council will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial. They are always keen for pupils from our school to be present and to help with the laying of the wreath. If you are able to attend it would be much appreciated.

Attendance: We are delighted that our attendance figures last half term were very high. Overall the whole schools attendance was 98.5%. Lions were the class with the highest attendance, 99%, well done Lions! Tigers were close behind with 98.9%, Leopards 98.3% and Jaguars 98%. Thank you for continued support in maintaining our high pupil attendance.

NSPCC – Speak out stay safe: As outlined in the recent letter the NSPCC will be coming to speak to all of the children about how to keep themselves safe on the afternoon of **Thursday 22nd November**. This programme is run throughout the country in many primary schools and is tailored to the age of the children involved.



Children in Need: Friday 16th November is Children in Need Day, this is one of the most popular days at Nacton. This year the children can dress up in their favourite colour/colours and we ask for a donation to Children in Need for this. We will also have our traditional Great Nacton Bake Off. All children are invited to bake cakes/biscuits etc. Staff will then judge these cakes and a winner will be announced for each class. The cakes will then be sold after school.

National School Meals Week: 12-16th November there will be a special week's menu including all of the children's school meal favourites. The new menu is on the website and a poster is on the front door.

Improvements to the school: The school field has been successfully levelled and seeded, now we just need to hope we have plenty of sun and rain to help the grass grow quickly! All of our internal doors have now been replaced and we just have a few minor bits of work to finish off, which should happen in the next few weeks.

Upcoming Dates

Year 6 Bikeability – 5th and 6th November (half of the Year 6 pupils taking part, the rest will be next year).

Parents Evening – 6th and 8th November

Year 1 and 2 Book Show Visit –9th November

NSA Cake Sale – 9th November

Harvest Celebration at St Martin's Church – 12th November at 10am (NSA serving food and drinks beforehand)

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

Year 5 and 6 Big Sing – 16th November

Open morning for current parents/carers – 22nd November 9.15-10.15

Parents/carers invited to join us for our Christmas Decoration afternoon – 30th November

News from Nacton Pupils

Year 5 BT visit: On Thursday 18th October 2018, Year 5 Jaguars went to BT, Adastral Park. We learnt to code virtual robots and compete against many different schools. We had to code 6 tasks onto our robot then we picked one task to enter against the other competitors. Sophie, Taylor and Sienna got the third most points within the groups. We had such a good time learning how to code at Adastral Park and had lots of fun meeting the BT presenters.

By Corey and Sienna (Year 5)

Year 6 BT: On Friday 12th October Year 6 went away to BT, Adastral Park, for a Crumblebot experience. The seemingly impossible task was to code a robot to follow a black line and to go as fast as possible. We all had a team mate to code with which really helped because towards the end of the day we raced with the other schools. Every school had two robots that were the fastest. In our case it was Cerys and Imogen's and Magdalena and Giselle's. Once the day was nearly over every school raced with their two bots, it was very exciting as the number of robots went down. In the end Nacton came second. We had a great time, we wish we could go again.

By Cerys (Year 6)

Crucial Crew: On Monday 29th October, Year 6 went away to Crucial Crew for a course on safety. We learnt: how to get away from a fire; how to prevent a fire; how to cross a road safely; how to stop cyber bullying; first aid and much, much more. We had fun at Crucial Crew and hope the Year 5s have fun there next year.

By Imogen (Year 6)

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.

Free support group for parents with children suffering mental health difficulties. Come and meet other parents and carers over a cup of coffee & some cake! At the Recovery Hub Ipswich, 175 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich IP3 8EB. Every Monday 7pm - 8.30pm. Further information available at www.teenagementalhealth.co.uk or call 07955803539

Suffolk County Music Service is now offering individual and small group lessons at our music schools! These lessons are of 30 minutes duration, taking place across Suffolk during term-time. We charge set rates that compare favourably against average private tuition charges, payable termly in advance:

- Individual lessons at £16 each
- Small Group lessons (2-4 students) at £9 each

For more information please www.suffolkmusicshub.co.uk or contact us by phone 01473 263400 or email county.musicsservice@suffolk.gov.uk

Realise Futures Learning and Development (a grade 2 Ofsted registered provider of adult education) have been commissioned by Suffolk County Council to provide adult learning opportunities across the county. There are a number of courses being offered. These courses offer an opportunity for parents/carers to come together in an informal setting to learn effective strategies that they can use to build positive relationships with their children. The courses are free and there are spaces available.

Title: Personal Confidence & Assertiveness for Parents/Carers (L02S6400)
Venue: Castle Hill Community Centre, Highfield Rd, Ipswich IP1 6DG
Time: 9.30 am – 12 midday
Day: Wednesday 7th November 2018 for 6 weeks
Cost: Free

Title: Step Ahead in ICT (L02S6000)
Venue: CHANTRY ACADEMY Mallard Way, Ipswich, IP2 9LR
Time: 6.30 – 9.00 pm
Day: Wednesday 14th November 2018 for 6 weeks
Cost: Free

Title: Story Sacks for Christmas (L02S6221)
Venue: CHANTRY ACADEMY Mallard Way, Ipswich, IP2 9LR
Time: 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Day: Wednesday 14th November 2018 for 4 weeks
Cost: Free

Title: Story Sacks (L02S6220)
Venue: Castle Hill Community Centre, Highfield Rd, Ipswich IP1 6DG
Time: 9.30 – 11.30 am
Day: Monday 12th November 2018 for 8 weeks
Cost: Free