

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

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Happy New Year: We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and are refreshed and ready for the New Year. In our first collective worship this term we discussed the idea of New Year Resolutions, how the start of a new year is a chance to reflect on the successes of the previous year and to look forward to the successes of the year to come. We reflected on the idea that our New Year resolutions can impact ourselves, our family, our local community and the wider world. What are your New Year Resolutions?

Advent Challenge: If your child has taken part in our Advent Kindness Challenge, please send in their challenge sheets. It doesn't matter how many days they have completed, they will still receive a certificate in our Celebration Assembly.

Website: We have been updating our website to ensure it provides key information for parents and prospective parents. If you have any feedback on the website, including any additional information you feel would be useful to have on there, please let us know. The curriculum mind maps showing your children's learning will be on the website by the end of next week.

Time to Share: Parents/carers are invited to join us after school (3.15-4pm) to have a look at their child's books with them. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning with them and to see the progress they are making. For pupils in Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6 Time to Share will take place on **Tuesday 29th January**. For pupils in Year 1, 3 and 5 Time to Share will take on place **Thursday 31st January**. Please collect your child from the playground as normal at 3.15pm and then enter the school via the playground doors, your child's books will be set out in the classroom. When leaving please leave via the office, as the side gate will be shut and locked.

Two stars and a wish: Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on the school. We have looked at all of the feedback and are already putting into action some of the 'wishes'. There were some common themes within the feedback, which are shared below:

Stars:

- Staff are friendly, there is good communication and parents are invited to a range of school activities
- Teaching and learning is a strength, and learning is fun
- The nurturing and Christian ethos demonstrated by pupils and staff
- Children's individual needs being met
- Amazing and local school dinners

Wishes:

- An electronic payment system to pay for school meals, visits etc. *We will raise this with the finance department of the MAT to see if this is something we can do in the future.*

- End of term assemblies to be held in the afternoon not the morning. *We will still continue to have separate Key Stage assemblies, but we will alternate the mornings and afternoons. This term Key Stage 2 will have their assembly in the morning with Reception and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon. I am aware that for some parents the mornings are easier than the afternoons, so this will hopefully strike a balance for all. As a school we appreciate how supportive parents are at attending school events.*
- End of term assemblies have become a bit repetitive and too much focus on attendance certificates. *We are looking at ways to reinvigorate the end of term assemblies, and include a range of certificates especially now that behaviour certificates are presented weekly.*
- To be more environmentally friendly – reducing plastic and reducing paper based communications. *Our Guardians of the Planet team are supporting the school in becoming more environmentally friendly, the NSA are using reusable cups and encouraging people to bring their own cup. We will look into how we can reduce the use of paper based communication.*

Christian value of the half term: This half term our value is 'Perseverance'. We will be looking at:

- Persevering with the truth
- Persevering to finish the job
- Persevering to the end
- God's persevering love
- Perseverance and self-belief

This is one of our core values and we will be thinking about how we demonstrate this within our learning and behaviour in school.

Contact details: Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for parents/carers and emergency contacts. In the unlikely event that the school has to close due to severe weather we will inform parents via the website, by text and the school closures website <https://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/schools?qtype=primary> . We do endeavour to keep the school open and will only close the school if completely necessary, taking into account the safety of pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Upcoming Dates

15th January - Year 3 at BT all day

29th January 3.15-4pm - Time to Share for Reception, Year 2, 4, and 6

31st January 3.15-4pm - Time to Share for Year 1,3 and 5

5th February - Safer Internet day

15th February - PD Day (children not in school)

18th – 22nd February half term holiday

7th March - World Book Day

8th March - Reception and Year 6 class photos

8th March - Year 5/6 Football and Netball tournament at Bucklesham Primary School

Week beginning 11th March - Bookfair available after school

11th – 12th March - Bikeability (Group 2)

12th March 3.30-6pm - Parent's Evening

14th March 12.30-3.30 - Year 6 at BT

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15th March - Red Nose Day
20th March – Year 5/6 Netball and Football tournament at Kesgrave High School
22nd March – Year 3/4 visit to Foxburrow Farm
29th March 10am - Easter service at St Martin's Church and Easter lunch
5th April End of term assembly Year 3 -6 at 9.15am, Reception and Year 1/2 at 2.45pm
8th-22nd April - Easter holiday
23rd April - St George's Day (pupils may come to school in team/activity uniforms).
6th May - Bank Holiday Monday
13th – 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs week
27th – 31st May - half term holiday
29th June - Summer Fayre
10th July - Sports morning and picnic lunch
23rd July 10am - Leavers' Service at St Martin's Church, leavers' lunch
25th July – 1st September - Summer holidays
2nd and 3rd September - PD Days (children not in school)

Please be aware that there is a chance that the dates of some events may change. If this happens, we will let you know as soon as reasonably possible.

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**