

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

Autumn No. 1



September 13th 2019

Welcome back: It has been fantastic to welcome all of the children back to Nacton after the summer holiday. They are already demonstrating a good attitude towards their learning as they settle into their new classes.



We are delighted to welcome our new Tigers; George, Alex, Sienna, William, Indie, Zak, Elena, Ellie, Mia, Rafa, Enya, Hugo, Reuben, Zara and Archie. 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.

The staff organisation this year:

Tigers Class – Miss Smith with Mrs Walker

Lions Class – Mrs Plowright with Mrs Butcher

Leopards Class – Mrs Boyle and Mrs Henderson with Mrs Potter, Mrs Nice and Ms Parkin

Jaguars Class – Miss Clayton with Ms Patrick and Ms Parkin

Pupil elections: Congratulations to our new School Councillors; Connie, Isabella, Emilia, Scarlett, Ella and Zach. Congratulations also to our new Guardians of the Planet: Tamzin, Tianna, Maggie, Ava, Ethan and Orin.

After School Clubs: We are happy to be able to offer all KS2 clubs for the autumn term to Year 2 pupils! Please return permission forms and any payments to the school office. Clubs will start from Monday 16th September.

Parent's evening: We will be holding parent's evening on **Tuesday 8th October** and **Thursday 10th October**. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they are settling into the new academic year. Miss Smith will be available for Tigers' parents on **Tuesday 8th October** and **Wednesday 9th October**. When meeting with the teacher it is preferable that your child/ren aren't in the room with you, there will be 'waiting areas' outside each classroom but please bear in mind that we can't provide supervision to children whilst you meet with their teacher. Please book an appointment via the school office.

Snack: Pupils in Tigers and Lions have a piece of fruit/vegetable provided daily for their snack. Key Stage 2 pupils are welcome to bring in their own snack, but are **not** to bring in crisps, sweets or chocolates etc.

School lunches: We are delighted to welcome Miss Lloyd Smith as our new school cook, she was joined by Mrs Jarrett last week while she was getting used to the kitchen and school. Miss Lloyd Smith has experience of working in school kitchens before and is delighted to be part of Nacton School. If your child has a dairy intolerance please note that a number of items can be made to suit their requirements including; pizzas (without cheese), smokey Joe chicken (without cheese) jacket potatoes (without cheese), the mashed potato and swirl cake can also be made without milk. Please note that the pasta bolognese does not contain cheese only the pasta bolognese bake does.

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 'Trust'. On our website is an activity sheet with discussion points and ideas for you to use at home. We are very lucky to have a group of keen and enthusiastic volunteers who lead our Tuesday collective worship, we very much appreciate the time they give up to do this.

Summer works: We were successful in gaining a grant to put the school onto mains drainage. Over the summer holiday the required groundwork was carried out in the school grounds. In the October half term the work should be finished as we will be officially connected!

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 correct cash payments in an envelope stating your child's name and what the money is for, this ensures that the money is credited to the correct items. A school lunch costs £2.30 per day for pupils in Key Stage 2.

Term dates: The term dates for this academic year and the next are on the school website. Please note that in the reports sent out at the end of last year the May bank holiday was incorrect, in 2020 the May Day bank holiday will take place on **Friday 8th May** not Monday 4th May.

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**

Upcoming Dates

September

13th Fencing Enrichment Day

October

8th Parents evening

9th Parents evening (Tigers only)

10th Parents evening (exc. Tigers)

17th Harvest Service

November

5th – Guardians of the Planet to Waste Energy site

29th Christmas decoration afternoon

December

6th Curling Enrichment Day

17th Christmas service, jumper day, lunch, film and FC

18th Christmas party

19th End of Term assembly

January

10th Handball Enrichment Day

March

5th World Book Day

20th Archery Enrichment Day

27th Easter service

April

2nd End of Term assembly

23rd St George's Day

24th Athletics Enrichment Day

May

8th Bank holiday – 75th anniversary VE (Victory in Europe) day

July

8th Sports morning and picnic lunch

10th Pop Lacrosse Enrichment Day

21st Leavers service

22nd End of Term assembly

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.