

# Netley Marsh CE Infant School

## Newsletter October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we are already nearing the end of the first half term! I have been so impressed at how quickly the children have settled back into school and adjusted to the 'new normal' of school routines. As you will know, our teachers and LSAs have worked incredibly hard to ensure that our learning environments and approaches to teaching were ready to support all children in returning to school, after such a long period of uncertainty. It has been brilliant to see how our resilient learners have settled, engaged and moved forward. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us! The start of Reception is one of my favourite times of the year and we have all been really impressed at how the children have settled into their new classes.

### Governance

Our Federation is led by a committed body of governors, with a vast skillset, who not only represent a cross section of our community but also work strategically to evaluate the success of all the schools within the Federation and lead the direction for improvement (they also count as my boss!) Over the past number of years, Marie Kirk has been The Chair of Governors and given up many hours of her own time in order to ensure that our schools are performing at their best. I would like to thank Marie for her work over the years and let her know how her time and efforts have been invaluable to the development of the Federation. We have now appointed a new Chair of Governors, Jennie Wright, who previously was nominated on the governing body as a parent governor. Jennie has been a governor for many years and I look forward to working alongside her.

### Covid

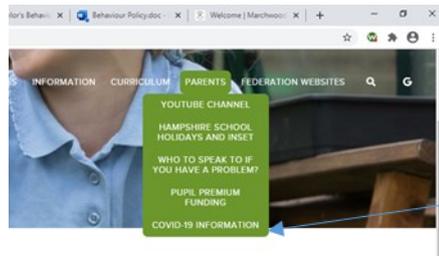
I would like to thank every parent and family we work with for their patience, as we continue to navigate through such challenging times. As with every organisation around the country we are continually reviewing, adapting and amending what we are doing, to ensure that not only all our school community are safe, but also that we are providing the best provision for our children. My thanks to everyone who has followed government guidance, sought a covid test when needed and informed the school of the outcome. It is all our responsibility to act and do the right thing and this has helped to ensure our schools are safe and can remain open and fully staffed.

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We will continue to send out updates regarding covid as things change and alter. There is a bank of information on our website including how to register for home kits and guides to help you know when and when not to send your child into school.

As always, if your child is ill, please let them rest and get better. However, should your child be isolating because of close contact with a positive case or a family member showing symptoms, please use your child's Tapestry account to access work, tasks and challenges to ensure that your child is able to keep up with their learning. If you are not receiving any communication through Tapestry, or have issues accessing content sent by your child's class teacher, please phone or email the school as quickly as possible so that we can help resolve this.

For more information on our distance learning approach, you can read our policy on the website, under the curriculum drop down menu.

### **Online home learning**

We have had great feedback from parents who have accessed some of our online platforms for learning, including programmes such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics. These can provide a great way to support your child at home, as well as at school, to catch up on lost learning time. This year, all schools have been allocated funds to spend on enhancing provision, to support children in making the best progress possible. As part of this spend, we have opted to purchase a subscription for every child, within the federation, to use both in school and at home. Your child will soon have a password and user name coming home for your use.



### **New starters 2021**

If you know someone who is looking for a school place for September 2021 please encourage them to make contact with the school office. Unfortunately, all schools in Hampshire have been asked to not show new families around, however each school's Head of Learning will be hosting a number of group zoom meetings, to talk about their school and we are currently exploring some other exciting opportunities to show off the work we do. We will soon be offering virtual tours of all our schools and look forward to showing off our fabulous schools to as many people as possible – watch this space....

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## **Harvest**

Thank you all for your Harvest offerings! They have been gratefully received and will make a real difference for families in our community.

## **Good bye and welcome**

Graham Ratcliffe, our site manager who works across all our schools is retiring at the end of this month. We have been greatly appreciative of all he has done. Graham always performs above and beyond what is asked of him and we wish him the best of luck for the future. We welcome Leon White as his replacement. Leon comes with a wealth of experience (having been in a similar post at the Mayflower Theatre) and we look forward to working with him.

## **Relationship Education**

Over the Summer, Mrs Thomas (Copythorne Infant School) has been busy finalising our Relationship policy and PSHE policy. These are currently posted on our website, under the Curriculum – Curriculum Documents sections. These policies have not yet been formally agreed by the Governing Body and are currently on the website for consultation. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Please email thoughts to your school's admin team.

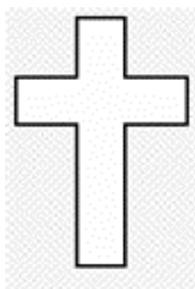
Currently, I am minimising my movements between schools and spending longer periods at each school due to current covid guidelines (as well as wearing a fetching visor when walking around the school). Please feel free to speak to me on the gate if you have any concerns or questions, or contact your child's school office and they will be able to put you in contact with me if needed. In the meantime, I continue to look forward to seeing what each and every child achieves over the coming year!

Kind Regards



Mr M Bowen

**Executive Headteacher**



## **A Prayer for our schools**

We give you our school.

We give you all the teachers and staff who  
work here,

We give you all the children who study here.

We pray our school would be place of great  
discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and  
where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected and all  
are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Cool Milk

A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It is also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, rehydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class. It is free up to the age of 5 and then it is chargeable.

For more information or to register your child please visit : [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

## No Nuts Policy

As we have pupils in school with severe nut allergies please ensure that no items containing nuts are included in your child's packed lunch.

Many thanks .



After half term we are going to trial offering hot dinners to all year groups.

We are working with many restrictions due to COVID but we hope that we have found a way to safely offer hot food within the timeframe available.

However, this will be subject to review and parents should be aware that we may have to revert back to packed lunches for short periods due to HC3S staff isolation, illness etc.

The menu, which will consist of 2 options each day, on a 3 week rotation, can be found on our school website using this link:

[HC3S Hot Meal Menu](#)

However, please note that on the first day back the choice will be Pork Sausages or **Quorn Nuggets**.

## Thank You

We are incredibly lucky that a local family

have once again approached the school to offer financial assistance in these difficult times.

As the government are not providing food vouchers for children on means tested Free School Meals during the half term holiday, this family have stepped in and provided us with money to purchase supermarket vouchers for all these children at Netley Marsh.

This will enable those children to have a hot dinner throughout the half term holiday and is very much appreciated.



## Flu Vaccine



This year all children at Netley Marsh Infant School will be offered the opportunity to have the flu nasal vaccine in school. The school nursing team will be visiting on Friday 11th December to immunise those children whose parents have given their consent. Your consent needs to be given online this year due to Covid regulations and the link and codes to do this are below.

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

The unique code for your child's school is **SH116302** Submit your form by **09/12/20** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, telephone **02380 475221** and the team will be happy to help.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children every year, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.



OPEN SIGHT  
HAMPSHIRE

Open Sight is calling for all children in England to have a mandatory pre-school eye test as currently, around 12% began their education journey with an undiagnosed sight problem.

They have produced this short video to raise awareness of the importance of children's eye tests: [Open Sight Video](#)



Huge thanks to the Lye family, who have made a very generous donation to the school. As Covid has meant that they aren't able to support us via events and raffles, they have given us £200 to purchase books or any other items we need.

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know the FNMSA normally holds many fun events during the year to help raise money to enhance the children's learning, this year we will struggle to hold any events due to current restrictions so are asking for your help with the following fundraising ideas:

5th November - Crazy Firework Hair or sock day - your child can come to school with their hair in a crazy style or colour and/or wear crazy socks for the day - in return we ask for a minimum donation of £1



26th November - we have arranged a Bag2school collection. Bag2school collect unwanted clothes/textiles and will give us 40p per kilo for them. Please check [Bag 2 School](#) to find out which items are accepted.



Please collect any unwanted clothes (from friends and family too if possible) and bring them to school on Thursday 26th November from 8.45 onwards. There will be a trailer in the Church carpark (Year R and 1 side) where you can put your bags of clothes. You can use any plastic bag to collect your clothes but we will have

Bag2school bags available for you to collect outside school from Wednesday this week.

Finally when doing any online shopping please consider using our Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile links to shop through, it doesn't cost you anything but the retailers you buy from then give us a donation.



[You shop. Friends of Netley Marsh Infant School gets money. For free.](#)

<http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk> and choose Netley Marsh School Association as your charity.

Please email [friendsofnetleymarsh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnetleymarsh@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

FNMSA

## Meditation Spa sessions -

Scheduled to meet in St. Matthew's Church, Netley Marsh for really simple and varied meditation sessions led by Rev'd John Reeve. The sessions all start at 8.00pm and will include a variety of exercises aimed to help us control the way we think so we don't 'over think' our lives and find ways to energise the way we look at life - even when its really challenging and busy.

There is no charge for any of the sessions - but places do have to be booked. To book your place contact John either by e-mail : johnreeve6@aol.com or by text : 07341815617. You can attend just one of the sessions or you can book in for all scheduled sessions...

Thursday 22 October 8.00pm  
Monday 9 November 8.00pm  
Thursday 19 November 8.00pm  
Monday 30 November 8.00pm

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

During the first week back after half term we will be fundraising for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As well as the traditional paper poppies, we have been supplied with a variety of items to raise money for the Poppy Appeal, as shown in this photo.



The suggested donation for the Reflectors , rubbers, pencils and sharpeners is 50p, wristbands £1 and Snap bands £1.50.

As parents cannot come into school, we will be collecting money via book bags. If you wish to purchase something, please put your donation into an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and the item required. They will then be given an item from the selection which has been quarantined in their class bubble.

## Harvest Donations



Thank you for all the generous donations that were delivered to the church by our families for this year's harvest appeal.

Revd John arranged delivery to St James homeless centre in Southampton, and they were bowled over by all the gifts.



## Science City

As part of the curriculum, Ospreys have to undertake a longitudinal study over the course of a year. The children will work the garden in the newly created 'Science City' area (between YR and the church yard) to see the changes that occur during the year.

They have used some of the bottle tops that families have saved up for us to make this amazing art representing The Federation's values of Love, Respect and Compassion, which will be displayed in this area, to be seen as visitors come out of the church.

Thank you to the parents who have responded to our appeal for supplies to help with the bug hotel, artificial pond, sensory and plant areas. We look forward to seeing the results of the project over the coming year.



LIMITED  
SPACES  
AVAILABLE



# OCTOBER HALF TERM 2020

**A WEEK OF ACTION PACKED FUN!**

**FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR R TO 8 FROM ANY SCHOOL**

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES ONLINE**

**SHERBORNE HOUSE SCHOOL**  
*Chandlers Ford*

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October

**BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
*New Forest*

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October

**MORE INFO & BOOKINGS AT [WWW.ACE-SPORTS.NET](http://WWW.ACE-SPORTS.NET)**

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## Data Collection Sheets

In order to check that all the contact details and other important information about your child that we hold on our system are up to date, we need to ask everyone to check and return the data collection sheets that we have sent home. The sheet will be found in the same envelope as the on-line learning information that is being sent home this week and is on a pink sheet of paper for easy identification. Please ensure you sign and return your sheet even if there are no amends required!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 23rd October</b>	<b>Last day of this half term</b>
<b>Monday 2nd November</b>	<b>First day of new half term</b>
Thursday 5th November	FNMSA Crazy hair and sock day
<b>Friday 13th November</b>	<b>INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
Wednesday 18th November	FNMSA funded pantomime in school
Thursday 26th November	FNMSA Bag2School Collection
Sunday 29th November	Totton Lantern Procession (Virtual event)
Sunday 6th December	Founders Day—School 165 years old!
Friday 11th December	Flu Immunisation Team in school
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn Term</b>
Thursday 24th November	Santa starts his rounds!
<b>Monday 4th January</b>	<b>First day of Spring Term</b>

We are also working on some Christmas events, including Christmas Dinner, details and dates will follow.

### Remaining INSET Days for 2020—21

Friday 13th Nov 2020

Friday 12th Feb 2021

Friday 23rd Jul 2021