

Netley Marsh CE Infant School

Newsletter May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

One more half term until Summer! Time flies when you're having fun!!!! As the government roadmap allows an easing of restrictions, and a sense of normality is on the horizon, we shall be looking to reinstate some of our events going forward. Sports day is looking promising (no rain please) and we shall be celebrating the achievements of our Year Twos as they prepare for the next exciting step in their life! As always, everything planned is subject to change depending on government guidance and we shall try to keep you all as updated as possible.

Reports

In the coming weeks, your child's teacher will be finalising and sending out their annual school report. This report summarises your child's achievements and will also provide information on your child's next steps in their development. There will be an opportunity, for those who require it, to discuss the report, but I hope that the content of these reports will be sufficient to provide the key information you need to understand where your child's development currently sits.

Home learning

We would like to remind parents that every child still has a subscription for Mathletics and Reading Eggs. These are great resources to support ongoing learning at home. The [Oak National Academy](#) continue to publish great, age specific resources and ideas, which can also be used at home. It has been announced that the National Oaks Academy will continue to publish learning over the Summer holidays as well, for those who wish to access it.

Parent questionnaires

Thank-you to all who have replied to our recent questions, these really do influence our thinking and planning. We will be discussing the results of the most recent question, around bubbles, at our next governing body meeting. Should we plan to change any of our current measures around bubble size, we will, of course, confirm this in writing.

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Planned INSET days for 2021/2022

Term time cards are currently being printed and we will distribute them to all families in due course but here are the dates for next year's diary:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 15th November 2021

Friday 22nd July 2022

Take care and keep safe whilst enjoying the ability to spend time with friends and loved ones as restrictions start to lift.

Yours sincerely

M. Bowen.

Mr M Bowen
Executive Headteacher

God in Heaven
hear my prayer.
Keep me in
thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.



Foundation Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation governor, to join our committed governor body. If you, or someone you know would be interested in finding out more about this position, I would be more than happy to meet and talk through the important work undertaken by our governing body and discuss the commitment needed.



Foundation governors play an integral part within our governing body, holding Federation leaders to account, working strategically together to further improve school standards, but essentially ensuring that our distinctive character, as C of E schools are upheld. Foundation Governor posts are subject to approval from the diocese.

For more information you can read the Foundation Governor handbook [https://cofewinchester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2019/10/Foundation Governor Handbook - 2019-2020.pdf](https://cofewinchester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2019/10/Foundation%20Governor%20Handbook%20-%202019-2020.pdf)

School Email

When contacting the school by email, please note that adminoffice@netleymarsh.hants.sch.uk is the best email address to use, as admin@netleymarsh is only monitored in the mornings.



Pick up and drop off Times Reminder



Please remember that the drop off time in the morning is now from 8.45 until 9am. The playground gates are closed at 9am and children need to be in school by then, to avoid missing out on the morning routines and information about the day.

Pick up times are currently from 2.55 to 3.15pm.

Thank you FNMSA

Thank you to the Friends of Netley Marsh School Association, who provided funds to purchase a wonderful wooden bench, which was handmade in the New Forest, and will form part of a new reflective area which is due to be constructed in the playground for the children.



Weather

Despite the unseasonably cold and wet weather, the children have been able to do lots of activities outside, and one benefit of the weather was getting to see this lovely rainbow over St Matthew's Church.



However we are hoping that it will be warmer for the next half term!

Library Books

Please help us find lost library books.

We currently have over 50 books that have been on loan to children for over 2 months.

If you get a letter advising that your child has overdue books, please **look for them at home** and if you can't find them or are sure you have returned them, **please let us know** so that we can remove them from your child's card.

During Covid times, children have been able to have 5 library books out at a time, but this will shortly be reduced to the usual 2, so it is important that we get the books back to make room on your child's card to take out new books.



Class News

Quails

An interesting parcel arrived in the post for Quails. When they opened it inside was a tub with some tiny caterpillars. The children have been watching carefully and seeing how much they grow every day. They have been keeping a diary and drawing and writing about the changes they have seen. They can't wait to see what happens after the holidays.....



Kingfishers

This week in RE we have been learning about what it means to belong. We have been looking at what this means in the religion Judaism and what Shabbat means. Here are some pictures of the children have created inspired by the theme of Shabbat.



Kingfishers took part in the Hampshire picture book awards. They listened to the four selected stories sent to us by the School Library Service and after many discussions they selected the class favourite. The class favourite was Let's All Creep through Crocodile Creek, but the winner chosen by all schools taking part in Hampshire was Elephant in my Kitchen!

Ospreys

Year 2 visited Bartley CE Junior School's Environmental garden. The children had a great day revisiting some of the skills they learned at Testwood lakes in the Autumn. They enjoyed looking at the plants, watching the newts in the pond and doing some observational drawings of the trees. We were really lucky with the weather and they can't wait to go again.



Oaks Federation Inter School Sports Competition

Y1 and Y2 across the Federation have been working with Ace Sports this half term. This week, Jack has been running a competition at each school involving running, jumping and throwing. He has added up the points and after the final event today, Netley Marsh have been crowned 2021 winners! Some children were also given medals for showing good sportsmanship. We are really proud.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th May	Last day of this term
Monday 7th June	First day of Summer 2 Term
Thursday 10th June	Empathy Day
Wednesday 23rd June 6pm	New Entrants Sept 2021 Parents Evening
Tuesday 29th June 9.15—12	Worship and activity at Bartley (for Y2s going to Bartley in Sept)
Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July	Provisional 'Move Up' days to new classes / schools
Friday 9th July	Y2 Inter school sports day at Netley Marsh
Wednesday 14th July pm	School sports day
Friday 16th July 2pm	Teddy Bears Picnic for New YR only this year
Monday 19th July 2.15pm	Y2 Leavers Service in St Matthews Church
Wednesday 21st July	Reserve sports day if not on 14th July
Friday 23rd July	Last day of this school year

Inset days

Remember that the inset day originally planned for 23rd July was moved to 4th January this year, so children **should all be in school for the last day on Friday 23rd July**

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