Netley Marsh CE Infant School Newsletter October 2022



Our School Vision

Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion. Three separate schools, we journey together to grow physically, spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, so that everyone can fulfil their potential. We strive to preserve the wonder of childhood, whilst ensuring our children are future ready.

"Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

What a busy term, we have had across the Federation! Year Two have attended four days of Forest school, Year R have started in their new classes, Year One have been creating maps galore! We have welcomed new adults to the team, celebrated Harvest and even had an Ofsted visit within the Federation (it was due!). As always, all our children continue to make us proud and as we approach the half term holiday, I hope that all our families are able to enjoy some quality time together.

The Countdown to Christmas!

It may seem very early to mention Christmas, but rehearsals for Christmas plays will be starting very soon! This year, we hope to see a return to an indoor performance, and this year our Christmas performance is on Monday 12th December at 2pm.

Parent consultations

Now that the children have been in school for half a term, it is a great time to find out a bit more about what your child has been learning! Parent consultations are planned for Tuesday November 8th and Thursday November 10th. As of before we will offer one night online meetings and one night face to face. Time slots will be released shortly – if they have not been released already, so please look out for these to book your time slot with your child's teacher. As we have done previously, unless there is a court order in place, we ask that parents do not book separate slots, to ensure consistency of message is delivered.

As always though, I would like to remind all parents and carers, that if you have a concern about your child, please do not wait until parent consultation meetings. It is always better to speak about your concerns earlier, so that the school can help address them.

A huge well done to Mrs Thomas!

Over the past year, Mrs Thomas has been working closely with the diocese education board, to develop a unit of work, to promote children's understanding of diversity all around us, called 'Everybody is Welcome'. This project has been piloted at Copythorne and this Year, both Netley Marsh and Saint Michael And All Angels will be implementing this project as part of our ongoing learning. The project focusses on children, exploring similarities and differences and is routed in key books. The project has been so successful, that the diocese are going to be rolling out training for all church schools across the country! We are so proud that it all started here and we are so thrilled that Mrs Thomas's ongoing work has received such recognition! Well done Mrs Thomas!

WELLDONE

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Ofsted

As you will know, last week we had some visitors from Ofsted. Unfortunately we are not allowed to share the outcome of this inspection, until the report is published (which we are told will be December), but I would like to thank all who took the time to feedback and meet with the inspectors.

School tours

We are currently running lots of school tours, for families looking for schools for September starters. As many of you will know, we continue to take children from outside of catchment areas and we would ask, if you know anyone who is looking for a school place for September, to let them know this and spread the word that tours are currently happening in all our schools! The tour dates are below.

Moki

Many you will be aware that each year, schools are given a sum of money known as the PE premium fund. This money is ring fenced to meet 5 key aims to promote physical activity within school and this plan is published on our website. As part of last year spend, working towards the objectives of we have invested in software known as Moki. These devices are intended to be fun and promote children being physically active during playtimes. Children will be invited to wear a pedometer and be able to share their steps in class. This will then allow teachers to talk about the importance of exercise and to also look at what games and activities create the most steps. Moki also provides challenges, which the class can work with as a whole and even compare their steps as a group, to the steps of their peers in classes across the Federation! The ultimate aim is to encourage children to be more active, and contribute to healthy and fit lives.

Halloween

Just a reminder that as a church school, we do not celebrate Halloween, so when we return on the 31st October, we would respectfully ask that you do not send your children into school with any Halloween accessories.

Mr M Bowen

Executive Head teacher

M. Bowen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st October	2.30pm	School returns & Year R curriculum meeting
Wednesday 2nd November	9.15	Family Worship at St Matthews Church
Friday 4th November	am	Flu Immunisations for the whole school
Friday 4th November	12.00	Special Bonfire lunch
Friday 4th November	3.15 to To 4.15	Firework themed disco
Tuesday 8th November	3.30 — 6pm	Face to Face Parent Consultations
Thursday 10th November	3.30 — 6pm	Video Parent Consultations
Friday 11th November		Crazy & Silly Socks Day (for bottle and chocolate donations)
Friday 18th November		Children in Need day. Wear sports kit / non uniform
Friday 25th November		Cake and mince pie donations for the Winter Fayre
Saturday 26th November	3-5pm	Netley Marsh Winter Fayre. All are welcome
Tuesday 29th November	8.45— 9.30am	Pre -loved Christmas jumpers day
Tuesday 29th November		Year 1 Victorian Day
Wednesday 30th November	am	Praizin Hands Christmas assembly
Wednesday 7th December	9.15	Family Worship
Thursday 8th December		Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
		School Christmas lunch & Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
Monday 12th December	9.30am	School Christmas service at St Matthews
		<u>Please note amended time of service</u>
Wednesday 14th December		Elfridges. Choose a gift for your special grown-up
Friday 16th December		School ends
Monday 2nd January		School returns

INSET Days for next year:

Friday 21st October

Friday 10th February, Monday 26th June

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 8.45 Am - 9.30 Am

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE





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FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER



Thank!



PRE-LOVED
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER

JUMPERS CAN BE DONATED FROM 21ST NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER



ELFRIDGES

CHOOSE A GIFT FOR YOUR SPECIAL GROWN-UP

FATHER CHRISTMAS

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN.
ALL FUNDS RAISED ARE USED TO ENRICH YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
AND THEIR SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT AT ANY OF THESE
EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT FRIENDSOFNETLEYMARSH@GMAIL.COM
OR SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



Or

Catherine Wheel Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Or

Vegetarian sausage hot dogs

(this replaces the jacket potato option for the day)

Served with chips, beans and beans

<u>Pudding</u>

Shortbread biscuit or Victoria sponge

