Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 08.12.2023

The term "EAL" is used to describe a diverse and heterogeneous group of learners who speak English as an Additional Language. In England, such learners are defined as those who have been 'exposed to a language at home that is known or believed to be other than English' (Department for Education, 2019).

We are currently updating our EAL census – if your child has exposure to an additional language at home, please let the staff know. Exposure could mean hearing a parent talking to a family member on the phone in a language other than English.

Thank you so much for your assistance. The census will help us celebrate and include all the languages and cultures in our Partnership schools.

Little Wandle E book Reading Resources

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 now have access to Little Wandle E books. Please look out for the letter that contains your child's password and log in details.

Clubs

Please note that there will be no clubs now until after Christmas apart from Singing on Monday 11th December. Santa hats and Christmas songs.

Clubs for the Spring term are currently being organised with some information below. Further details will be shared with you soon regarding additional clubs.

Board Game Club Mrs Hart	**Wednesday** Starting **17th January 2024**	**Key Stage 1** **Limited to 12 spaces**	Please email the office to book a space for your child. Spaces allocated on a first come first served basis.

Staffing in our Office

As you will know, Mrs Baldry will be leaving Nightingale at the end of term. Mrs Quinn, our secretary from Drayton has begun working in the Nightingale office this week to ensure a smooth transition. She is enjoying getting to know the children and will be in the Nightingale office in the New Year.

EYFS Nativity Performances

The offer to book tickets for the EYFS Nativity performed by Kingfisher and Fledgling classes are now available on our communication system – Reachmoreparents by Weduc.

There are two offers available, one for the 12th December at 9.30 am and one for the 14th December at 2.00 pm. Tickets are limited to two per child for each performance - four in total. Please be aware that these are available to all children so there is no risk of you not being able to book your tickets to see your child.

If parents need assistance to get access to Reachmoreparents or with booking tickets then please feel free to call into the office for assistance.

Nuthatch Nursery

Nuthatch parents, you are cordially invited to Christmas Stay and Play sessions. Please call the office to book a place.



Christmas Fair

An enormous thank you to all our Friends who planned and helped last Friday. It was so lovely to see so many parents in attendance and getting into the festive spirit.

Menu

Our lunch menu is available on our website, including a downloadable PDF - https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/parents/school-lunches/

Dates for the diary		
December 2023		
Monday	11.12.2023	Year R – NCMP Height and Weight Screening
Tuesday	12.12.2023	9:30 - Nativity - Come and join us as Nursery (**Fledgling's only**) and Reception retell the Christmas story.
Thursday	14.12.2023	2:00 - Nativity - Come and join us as Nursery (**Fledgling's only**) and Reception retell the Christmas story.
Friday	15.12.2023	2:00 - Christmas story and carols at the church - join us to celebrate Christmas with Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday	19.12.2023	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
February 2024		
Wednesday	07.02.2024	Scholastic Book Fair
March 2024		
Monday	04.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Cricket Festival (10 children, names TBC)
Wednesday	27.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Adapted Sports 4 All (names TBC)
May 2024		
Wednesday	22.05.2024	Year R - NCMP with Vision and Hearing Screening (change of date)
June 2024		
Monday - Friday	03.06.2024 - 07.06.2024	Whole School Sports Week (Please come in PE kit all week)
Friday	14.06.2024	Year 1 and 2 Athletics Festival (10 children, names TBC)
July 2024		
Friday	12.07.2024	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children, names TBC)

Term dates

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