Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
25.11.2024

Nightingale Families,

This week some of our preparations for the holidays begin! The stage is up, ready for rehearsals and performances to take place and it was wonderful to hear Reception children singing so beautifully in the hall this morning as I did my Monday jobs.

The Early Years Christmas Performance means that assemblies will be mostly held in classrooms for the next couple of weeks. Our FLOCK Value of the week is Be Fair.

It is also not long to go before the Christmas Fair - thank you to anyone who has already said they can either come and help set up or with the stalls and activities themselves. If you can't help run a stall but are available to help set up and get things all festive, please do let someone in the Friend's know.

A few parents have asked about School Council as Year 1 have already voted for their representatives, but Year 2 had not. The representatives for Year 2 will be decided at the start of this week so that I can enjoy lunch with our new School Council on Thursday. Reception children also choose representatives, but this does not happen until after the school holidays so that they have the Autumn Term to settle in. Year 1 and Year 2 will meet with me a couple of times before the end of term to get things ready for a full School Council meeting in January. We already have our first visitor booked in with Amanda Cooper, our catering manager, who is coming in to have lunch with us in the new term and discuss all things food!

Wishing you all a great week.

Mrs Kingsley & The NIANS team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term (up to 22.11.2024)
88.87 %	**93.2 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%. Thank you for your continued support.



End of School Day

Could we remind that after collecting children at home time, please leave the school site promptly. We have children in After School Club on site and the school gates need to be shut and locked straight afterwards. Thank you.

Nursery Christmas Bake Sale



Message from the Friends

Reminder that the Christmas Fayre will be after school on Friday 6th December, it will open at 3:25pm as we have teacher volunteers helping so we need to give them time to get set up and ready!

The event will be cash only! Please where possible bring coins or small notes as we may not have the change available.

Also a plea from the friends to encourage any bakers out there to bring along some cakes/biscuits/sweet treats for us to sell at the fayre (any non bakers we will gratefully accept shop cakes as well!!!)

Thank you for your support. We do really appreciate it and love seeing all the raffle tickets in the postbox! If anyone has lost them or would like more tickets then please collect some from the office.

Rockify Music Lessons

We are hoping to offer music lessons again by Rockify in Spring term. If you wish to sign your child up, please contact them directly.

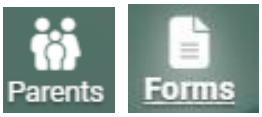


Reception & Fledgling joint Christmas Performance

Reception & Fledgling joint Christmas performance is on Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December. Both shows start at 10am and last approximately 45 minutes.

You can book your place by:

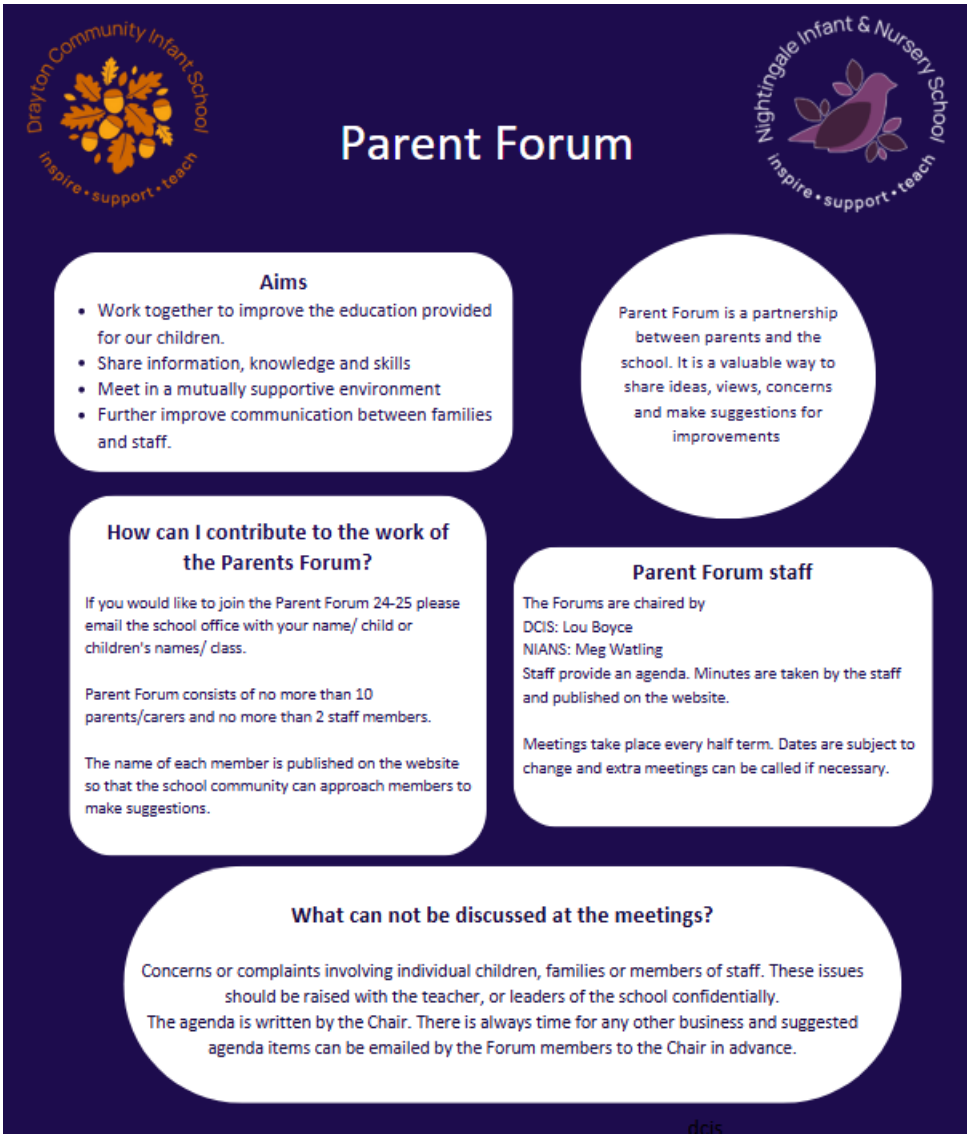
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Click 'Parent' icon
Select 'Form'



You will find more information on the form.

Parent Forum

We are looking to increase the numbers of parents involved in our Parent Forum, particularly for EYFS as we currently have no one to represent our Reception and Nursery classes. If you are interested in hearing more or would like to join our Parent Forum, please email the school office who will pass on your request to Mrs Watling.



Sugar Collection

Again this year we are collecting sugar for local shelters. If you are able to donate, please bring into your child class.

Christmas School Sugar Collection

Help our LOCAL shelters support the homeless and hungry, families in crisis and those fleeing domestic violence in East Anglia

Dear Headteacher,

With your help we have been collecting sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk and Suffolk for 39 years and, this year, we will be continuing this much needed support for Shelters and for families in crisis.We have continued to be successful in our Christmas sugar collections over recent years with totals of well over 5,500 bags of sugar each year, with over 80 schools collecting.

This year as requested by many schools, we are contacting you via email, instead of posting information.

We appreciate how busy schools are in the weeks prior to Christmas, and therefore we aim to keep your efforts to support our Sugar Appeal to a minimum. On our website, listed below, you can find template letters to parents and posters for downloading to publicise the event. You just need to ask the children to bring in the sugar and to store it until we collect it at an agreed collection date. It couldn't be easier !!

- Sugar for Shelters works together with a NORFOLK farm based Christmas food charity (BEFA) founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, to collect sugar from schools.
- The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA) provides the food for more than 10,000 Christmas dinners of which our sugar is an important part.
- Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Last year we collected nearly 6 tonnes of sugar, every bit of which was needed!
- Sugar is a fast energy boost for the homeless.
- Sugar is an essential ingredient for hot drinks and Christmas foods e.g. puddings and cakes.
- Collecting sugar is simple, affordable and helps children focus on the Christmas spirit of giving.
- If collecting sugar at Christmas doesn't work for you there are other ways you can help BEFA. Some schools choose to donate tea, coffee, biscuits or festive packaged foods. Others, usually with older students, historically collected food or money for us from events such as Harvest Festivals, Christmas Parties, Discos, or 'Non-Uniform Days'. The funds raised were used to buy special Christmas foods for the homeless and needy in local shelters.

One of our volunteers will be in contact with you in the next week to discuss if you are able to support us and, if so, how together we can manage your school's collection of sugar.

Should you have any queries, or would like to know more please contact us at Sugar for Shelters.

E-mail helen-lamb@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone Home 01508 492224 Mob 07850 884498

Our website: www.befafoodappeal.co.uk

We look forward to working together for Christmas 2024.

Helen Lamb - Coordinator, Sugar for Shelters



BEFA Registered Charity Number 1066578

Clothing Recycling

We have planned in a clothes collection for Friday 29th November, please bring in all of your bagged up items for recycling during the week for collection on the Friday. Below is a list of items accepted.

What do we collect?

We Only Accept Good Quality Donations For Our Partner Charities

Collection 4 Clothes+

Clothing
- Clothes
- Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts
- Accessories
- Ethnic clothing

Kitchenware
- Pots And Pans
- Cutlery
- Crockery
- Tupperware
- Glasses
- Cups And Mugs

Bric-A-Brac
- Ornaments
- Vases
- Figurines
- Picture Frames
- Knick-Knacks
- Misc. objects

Stationary
- Pencils
- Pens
- Rulers
- Pencil Cases
- Calculators
- Diaries
- Notepads

Pet Accessories
- Collars
- Leads
- Grooming
- Equipment
- Bird Cages
- Dog beds

Wall Art
- Mirrors
- Paintings
- Photographs
- Art

Children's Items
- Soft Toys
- Car Seats
- Push Chairs
- Moses Baskets
- High Chairs
- Childrens Toys
- Board Games
- Jigsaws

Jewellery
- Rings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets
- Watches

Homeware
- Cushions
- Curtains
- New Bedding
- New blankets

I.T Equipment
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Satnavs
- Mobile Phones
- Smart Watches

Other
- Tools
- New Perfumes
- New Toiletries
- Gifts
- Bikes
- Holiday Decorations

Nursery Stay and Play December



Who's who

Mrs. Kelly, Teaching Assistant and Mrs. Powell, Midday Supervisory Assistant





Tots2Teens Clubs

If you would like more information, please go on the link below:
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/tots-2-teens



Dates for the diary

December 2024		
Tuesday	03.12.2024	Flu catch up session in 1.30-2.30 pm
Friday	06.12.2024	Friends Christmas Fayre
Tuesday	10.12.2024	10am EYFS Christmas performance for parents at school
Wednesday	11.12.2024	10am EYFS Christmas performance for parents at school
Tuesday	17.12.2024	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Story at Taverham Church
Wednesday	18.12.2024	Christmas lunch
Friday	20.12.2024	Last day of Autumn Term, school re-opens on 7th January 2025 for Spring Term

Term dates

Norfolk County Council

2024-2025

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday	Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.