

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 15th—Year 5 & 6 Mentoring Meetings
 Tuesday 16th - Year 3 & 4 Mentoring Meetings
 Tuesday 16th - Reception Class Assembly
 Tuesday 16th - 9.30 & 1.30, New Intake Tours
 Wednesday 17th - Reception Mentoring Meetings

Wednesday 17th - Cross Country Relays
 Thursday 18th - Year 1& 2 Mentoring Meetings
 Thursday 18th - Year 6 Physics Festival
 Friday 19th - INSET Day - School Closed to pupils

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October - HALF TERM - Children return to school 29th October

Attendance updates:

Year R	100%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	87.7%
Year 3	97.01%
Year 4	96.63%
Year 5	98.34%
Year 6	96.96%
Whole School	96.73%

School Attendance Target

2018/19 **96.5%**

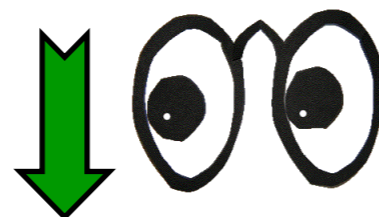
Education Welfare Service will monitor any pupil under 90% as this is considered to be Persistent Absence. Please be aware that we will need to ask for evidence, such as doctor appointment cards, to present to EWS should medical advice be sought.

Please remember we are unable to authorise any absence from school due to holidays during term time, this is government legislation not an individual school or Federation decision. We will be obliged to pass on information of any absence to EWS who may wish to issue a Truancy Penalty Notice. The current fine is £60 per parent per child.



LOOK!

Menu Change
for Thursday!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage Pasta Bake	Chicken Stir Fry & Noodles	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	MSC Salmon fishcake/ fishfingers with chips	
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Risotto	Vegetable wraps with Rice	Quorn Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with a Garlic Slice	
Dessert	Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Apple & Raisin Strudel & Custard	

Yoghurt & fresh fruit is available daily as a dessert choice

ALL HOT MEAL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9.15AM

DON'T BE LATE...THE COOK CAN'T WAIT!!!



Changing lives for changing times



Nettlestone Primary School

News from Nettlestone Primary School and across the Federation

Executive Head teacher Miss Howarth Head of School Mrs Jacobs Office Administrator: Mrs Ayling

12th October 2018

Value of the week: **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Following yesterday's gas leak we are back to full service today. I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents, grandparents and friends for your help and understanding with regards to the emergency closure. Once the gas had been smelt, our emergency procedure was smoothly put into action and the children evacuated calmly and sensibly. Their behaviour was impeccable while they were waiting, and classes played games, practised their country dancing and ran races to keep themselves occupied while we were waiting to be given the all clear.

Once the initial gas cloud had passed, we had to allow time for the gas remaining in the building to dissipate and during this time we were unable to reconnect the supply to the school. This meant that the kitchen was shut down and we were unable to provide meals for the children. A gas engineer from SGN attended to check us over, his investigation did uncover a leak from a valve that was replaced promptly that afternoon.

We are sorry that the events of the day lead to the postponement of the Spooky Disco, however, I am sure you'll agree that the safety of our children, staff and parents is paramount and we could not afford to take risks.

As soon as FONS are able to rebook, we will let you know the new date.

Teachers2Parents

A comment that we have been increasingly receiving from parents is that they are not receiving our text messages, however our end of the system tells us that they have been delivered. A common theme has emerged and it appears to be linked to whether you have downloaded the Teachers2Parents/EduSpot app. It transpires that Teacher2Parents have been encouraging parents to download it by attaching an advert to the end of our text messages without our consent. This has now been removed.

We do not and will not be using this app, and we would encourage parents to uninstall it from phones. If you have the app installed, you will not receive our messages via text, but they will be hidden in the app. Please help us to ensure you receive our communications in a timely fashion by reverting back to text message. Thank you for your support.

Sports Roundup

* U-11 Girls Football Friendly vs Oakfield *

After a sudden surge in interest for girls football to Miss Marsh, we managed to organise a friendly game to give those players a chance who may never have played football before. The game was played in great spirits and the sportsmanship on show was a joy to watch. It was so rewarding to be able to coach both teams through the game as well. Overall a 1-1 draw was certainly a fair result. Many thanks to Oakfield for the game and we look forward to future friendlies against them at different age groups and in a variety of sports.



Cross Country Club #4

The Cross Country Club had a lovely adventure this week as the children went for a fully off road run. Lots of different terrains and areas to explore. Whilst the last few weeks we have had a time or distance to beat, today was just about exploring and finding new, more interesting routes. Excellent effort once again.

Nettlestone RAT Race

Massive congratulations to all the members of the school community who joined us for our annual Nettlestone Road and Trail Race 2018 on Sunday morning. We had a new record number of entries and all the money raised from entries, food and drink will go to helping our school and also a donation to Ability Dogs 4 Young People IoW.

School Photos

Don't forget free deliver on online orders closes on Sunday and Monday for physical orders into the school office.

Parent View

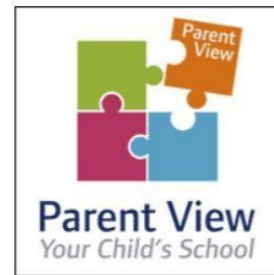
The children have been working very hard to achieve their 'Mission Possible' challengesso friends and family this is your turn!

If OFSTED or any visitor were to go on the Parent View (OFSTED portal) at the moment, our school would be selling ourselves short. YOU ARE wonderful in parental support and interested in school life BUT currently we have only 8 responses.

At Nettlestone we all pride ourselves on how amazingly supportive parents are in all we do. This includes attending mentoring meetings, events, helping raise money for resources, supporting our sports teams, coming to music festivals and productions etc.

We need to find a way of evidencing how fabulous this aspect of school life is because OFSTED will judge us on this and we are expecting them to visit us this year.

Please visit [our website](#), and, scroll down to the Parent View logo and complete the questionnaire, which honestly takes 5 minutes. You will need to log in or register and click on the orange puzzle piece.



Classroom Snapshots

Another busy week in Nash Class - we have been writing our own stories based on the plot of *The Gingerbread Man*, learning to tell time to the hour whilst playing 'What's the time Mr Wolf', adding single digit numbers and representing this in different ways, as well as testing materials in Science to create a waterproof shelter for a toy pony. As part of our memories topic, the children have also been sewing poppies in preparation for Armistice Day. We look forward to seeing you at Mentoring next week.

Another busy week this week in Brittain class. We started our new topic of WW1 this week. Our text for the next 2 week's in English is 'Where the poppies now grow.' The children have really enjoyed reading the text and have learnt about the 4 types of sentences before writing their own statement and question sentences about images from the book. We have learnt about Walter Tull a soldier from WW1, compared playgrounds from 100 years ago to today, learnt about the countries that were involved in the war and have located them on a world map, placed the main events of the war in chronological order and used the technique of pointillism to create images of poppies. In maths we have continued learning about place value and have looked at greater than and less than and comparing numbers. We have also been keeping our bodies moving to help us learn by doing yoga and dances. We had our class assembly on Tuesday where we showed our families our country dancing and what we have been learning about Harvest. A busy week.

In English, Owen Class have been pretending to be Sydney from our book. We have been busy planning, writing and editing a letter from Sydney to his mum. Our secret agent minion spy has set us a new mission in Mathematics. Our first task was to find out what type of Mathematics the problem was and then to show it using mathematical equipment and as a diagram. We have been busy putting together our class assembly. Everyone has written their own part for the assembly.

Cavell Class's study into *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* continues with the completion of our *Chocolate Room* setting description. Some fantastic ideas have been shared and we can really see the children using all of the techniques, strategies and grammatical terms practised in class within their writing. Maths has seen us continue using the column method but this time for subtraction and also solving word problems by choosing which operation and calculation they had to use. Other areas of learning have been Tag Rugby and Dance in P.E, understanding the colour wheel in Art and a focus on friendships and healthy eating in PSHE.

Sassoon Class have been using their investigatory skills in Science this week. We have been planning, conducting and evaluating our own scientific inquiry. This has been a great experience and it has been enjoyable seeing all the different ideas the class have created. In Maths this week we have been learning to read information from a table and answer questions about that information. We have also started to use timetables and again answer questions about those. We are going to going practicing our calculations using a number line to work out time differences. Our study of *War Horse* has continued this week with our diary writing. We have also been working really hard on editing and improving our work using our green pens. In addition, we have been studying some of Siegfried Sassoon's poetry and using dictionaries to help us with vocabulary definitions.

It's been another productive week in Kitchener Class, with children showing superb resilience and making notable progress in areas they find difficult. In particular, we have been working incredibly hard to improve our spelling and punctuation. We were sad to finally finish reading 'Voices in the Park', because we had enjoyed it so much. All the same, we cheered Miss Beale up by writing a further 'Voice' for her to enjoy reading. Some of us pretended to be play equipment in the park; others were trees and some people even pretended to be Victoria the dog! We also finished reading 'Toro Toro' by Michael Morpurgo. Some of us were surprised because we hadn't really enjoyed Michael Morpurgo books before, but thought this one was great, so now want to try some others. Mr Jennings was also pleased with our resilience on Friday's sponsored walk -a big 'well-done' to everyone who took part. The children who stayed in school also made Miss Beale proud with their quality history work. The Year 6 team are very much looking forward to the week ahead.