

# Nettlestone Primary School



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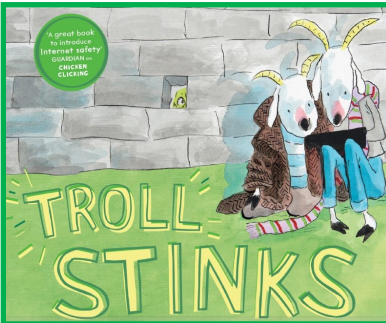
Executive Head teacher Miss K Howarth Head of School Mrs A Jacobs



8th November 2024

VALUE OF THE WEEK: FRIENDSHIP

## WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



We started our term with the focus on our value of Friendship. Mrs Jacobs read the text 'Troll Stinks'. The story shares what happens when characters find the Farmer's mobile phone—Billy Goat and his friend Cyril decide to play a trick on the troll; because all trolls are horrible but Mrs Jacobs challenged this thought whilst sharing the story.

The story shares that Cyril and Billy didn't return the phone to its rightful owner but decided to go on a journey and capture lots of silly pictures of themselves instead. They then browsed through the contacts and found 'The Trolls' contact details and remembered what they had been told by Grandpa Gruff that trolls just want to eat us! The two young goats started to message the troll with annoying messages and moved on to hurtful, nasty messages. They then decided to go and hunt down the troll and take a picture to share with everyone but they found, to their horror, just a tiny, frightened troll who was very, very upset.

This scenario led to an apology from the two little gruff's and they played a game called Making Friends, which we all agreed, in our whole school assembly, that everyone should always play!

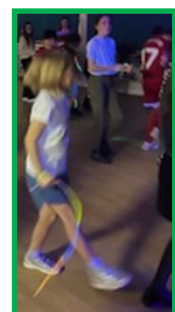
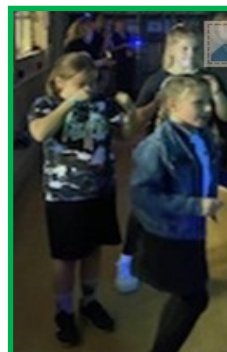
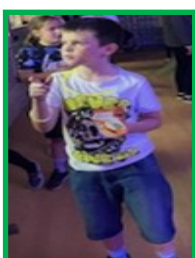
The school value for next week is also friendship and this is very apt as next week is Anti-bullying week, culminating in Children in Need on Friday. Mrs Jacobs invited the children to share their understanding of what it means to be a 'good friend' and she shared the message that it is always best that if 'we can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all!'



## THANK YOU FONS!

It was amazing to see so many of our children enjoying the 'Firework Disco' last night. Thank you to FONs for all of the organisation and treats! It was a super evening with lots of dancing and funds raised of a staggering £454.09!

Well done and Thank you.



## READING, READING, READING!

Well done to the children who took part in the Half Term reading challenge set by Mrs Feist. Our reading challenge Hall of fame for this challenge are...

Pre School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jude Archie	Olivia Isabelle Cassie Rafferty Samuel	Iris Georgia	Charlie Milo Lola Amelie Ella	Mila Rose Alice Ruby	Alex Journey Lois Oskar Maddie	Fleur Jack Th	Amelia Esme Noah PT



## PLEASE HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE—CHILDREN IN NEED



Next Friday, 15th November, Nettlestone will be supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal. Special Pudsey biscuits will be on available for the donation of 50p each and we will be challenging our community to create the longest line of pennies around the school. All monies raised will be donated to the annual appeal.

Please ensure that your children brings a few extra pennies to school to participate next week.

## WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE—NEW TO YOU UNIFORM!

FONS's have a large selection of very good quality 'new to you' uniform. If your child is in need of a new jumper, cardigan, skirt, trousers for the winter please do contact FONs to see if we can help. They have a variety of sizes and only require a very small donation to FONs funds for most items.

We would like to 'make a difference' and encourage our families to embrace sustainable living and many of our items look like brand new!

Jenny Everett is responsible for managing our stock and so please send a message to FONs (via Facebook Messenger) for her attention if you would like to see if we have items to suit your child.

Please can we also remind parents to ensure that items coming into school are clearly named. We know that some 'new to you' stock may be named incorrectly and it really does help reunite lost items if your child's name is really clear on the labels. Please check this weekend to make sure that your child's name remains clear on their uniform.



## WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

You know Christmas is getting closer when the various Christmas themed adverts land on our television screen! It barely seems that half term is over and Christmas begins these days!

We understand that families are really keen to show their appreciation and gratitude to the adults in school at Christmas time but this year, as in previous years, we are urging parents once again to think carefully about what they are planning.

Given the current economic context and the additional financial pressures that are being experienced by many of our families please know that a simple and heartfelt 'thank you' really is enough. Please see the accompanying communication coming home today.

We know that the weeks leading up to Christmas can be super busy for families and so we thought it sensible to share an overview what we are planning well in advance to help you manage your hectic schedules.

### **Planned activities for December:**

**Monday 2nd December**—Christmas Post Box opens

**Friday 6th December**—Clubs finish (Coolkidz available by booking only until 19/12/24)

**Monday 16th December**—Nativity Performance (Years 1 & 2 only—1.30pm and 5pm)

**Tuesday 17th December**—Nativity Performance (Years 1 & 2 only– 5pm)

**Wednesday 18th December**—Santa Dash (all year groups)

**Thursday 19th December**—Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 19th December**—EYFS Singing Around the Tree 9am (Preschool and Reception Classes)

**Friday 20th December**—Key Stage 2 Carol Service 9am at St Peter's Church.



**School finishes for Christmas break 3pm on Friday 20th December**

**School reopens to pupils at 8.30am on**

**Monday 6th January.**



## WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Monday is Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day. A important day to commemorate the signing of the treaty to end World War 1 and thank all soldiers for their service and sacrifice during this and other conflicts since this date.

In school we will be marking this special occasion by supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal and Mrs Jacobs will be hosting a special assembly to explain the significance of the 11th hour on the 11th day on the 11th month. Please be advised that children are invited to wear their poppies with pride on Monday.

We will also be encouraging the children to engage with the 2 minute silence to show their respect.



## MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES—SLEEP MATTERS!

Whilst the 2 week half term break was very welcome we know that bedtimes routines can suffer when school based habits are not in place.

Around 50% of children will have sleep issue at some point. If you are currently experiencing this within your family you are definitely not alone.

Sleep plays a very important part of your child's health and wellbeing and we often get asked how best to support families struggling with bedtime routines.

We have been alerted to a new national sleep helpline which may benefit families that just need some healthy advice and reassurance around their child/children's bedtime and sleep related matters. It is confidential, hosted by specialist advisors and promises to offer practical support and guidance to all those who make contact.

An advertisement for the national sleep helpline. It features a photograph of a woman and a child looking at a book together. The text on the right side of the ad reads: "the national sleep helpline", "Does your child suffer with sleep issues?", "Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?", "Will your child not sleep in their own bed?", "WE CAN HELP", "03303 530 541", and "Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am".

the national sleep helpline

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**WE CAN HELP**

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## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

### **Workshop Alert: Nettlestone Online Safety Session for Parents!**

**Date:** 14th November

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Are you concerned about your child's online safety?** We are hoping that as many parents of children in Years 5 & 6 as possible will join us for an informative workshop designed specifically for primary school children. Learn how to keep your kids super safe in the digital world!

#### **Topics Covered:**

- Understanding online risks
- Setting up parental controls
- Safe social media practices
- Recognizing and preventing cyberbullying
- Tips for healthy screen time

#### **Why Attend?**

- Gain practical tips and tools.
- Ask questions and seek advice
- Connect with other parents

### **Don't miss out on this essential workshop!**

Let's work together to ensure our children navigate the internet safely and responsibly.

Please sign up via the online form coming out this week. See you there!



## POETRY CORNER

Here am I  
A poor old Guy;  
Legs in a bonfire,  
Head in the sky;  
  
Shoeless my toes,  
Wild stars behind,  
Smoke in my nose,  
And my eye-peeps blind.

Old hat –old straw  
In this disgrace;  
Where the wildfire gleams  
On a mask for my face.

Ay, all I am made of,  
Only trash is:  
And soon—soon,  
Will be dust and ashes.



Remember, remember the  
5th of November

Gunpowder, treason and  
plot.

I see no reason why  
gunpowder treason

Should ever be forgot.

If you are celebrating Bonfire Night this weekend  
please do so safely by reminding yourself of the  
firework code.

## MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES—PHARMACY FIRST

We have been contacted by the Director of Public Health this week to ask that we promote a new service - Pharmacy First. This service enables patients to be referred to, or walk into, a community pharmacy for a minor illness or an urgent medicine supply.

There are five conditions that commonly affect children that are included in the service; ear ache, sore throat, infected insect bites, impetigo and sinusitis.

By going straight to the local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and medication (if appropriate).

This may help children get on the road to recovery sooner and prevent them missing school.

We have also been asked to promote the Healthier Together app which is a great source of information for parents and carers across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The app, which can be easily downloaded, provides parents and carers with information to help keep their child safe and healthy, as well as helping them decide what to do when their child is unwell.



**NHS**  
Hampshire and Isle of Wight

### Think Pharmacy First

You can now take your child to your local pharmacy to get treatment for these five common conditions:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 and over)

By going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and even medication (if appropriate).

Get your child on the road to recovery and back to school sooner with support from your local community pharmacy.

Visit our Pharmacy First web page to find out more.

## SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

Our little learners have enthusiastically returned to preschool after the half term break. We have seen them engaging in their own interest together with friends and keen to join in with activities within the setting. This week we learnt about Bonfire Night and looked at how fireworks are used at different celebrations. The children made firework pictures and learnt about keeping safe around fireworks and fire. We discussed how fireworks made us and our pets feel. We also talked about the difference in night & day, dark & light.



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This week in Reception we have been learning about Diwali, the festival of light. We have learnt about how people celebrate Diwali around the world. To learn about some of the traditions, we made clay divas and we enjoyed decorating these. We also looked at Rangoli patterns and the different colours. We have also learnt about bonfire and firework night, listening to a story and creating firework prints, and 2d shape rocket pictures. This week we have learnt about number 6 and as well as understanding numbers up to 5, counting actions and identifying different number patterns up to 5. In Drawing club, we have listened to the story 'Room on a broom' and we have drawn characters and the setting of the story applying our phonics to support. We have been recapping some of our phonemes and practising our blending in phonics. Our rhyme this week was Jack and Jill. We had lots of fun listening to sounds and identifying rhyming words.

What a fantastic and busy first week we have had in Rosen Class! In English we started the week by discussing the concept of being 'lost' and related this to our own experiences. We then made predictions about our new book 'Beegu.' We revealed a picture bit by bit and the class had some amazing prediction ideas. We then read the book and expressed our opinions about what we like or dislike. In Maths we have been building on our knowledge of our number bonds to 10. We have been learning all about addition and using the 'count all' and 'count on' strategies. We have started History this term and this week we spoke all about toys! We spoke about what toys are like today and the class loved sharing what their favourite toy is!

Yr 1

Yr 2

A super start to the new half term in Year 2. We have started our new text 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. First, we made predictions of what we think the story was about and what might have happened to the Queen's hat. We then looked at a picture of a circus and thought of some fantastic adjectives to describe and used these in a sentence. After this, we found different verbs for walking and used these to write about the clown. We introduced 'and' to connect two statements and thought of other onomatopoeic words to describe how the balloon was carried away by the wind. We used different punctuation such as exclamation marks to show impact. In Maths, we have been ordering numbers up to 100, counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's. We have started on addition and subtraction by learning about fact families. Our Science lessons were messy as we had to investigate how to make a really slippery slide by testing which liquid would be the best to use. In History, we have been using portraits to find out about Queen Victoria. In PSHE, we have been finding out what makes us who we are.

We have had a positive start to the new term. We have particularly enjoyed starting our new text for our writing learning journey, 'Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Bests Too'. It has been fun learning about El Dia de los Muertos and we drew some amazing sugar skulls, which also helped with our listening skills. We are continuing to use different strategies for addition in Maths and some of us have started noticing some interesting patterns in our answers.

Yr 3

Yr 4

A good first week back for Year 4. We looked at a variety of Remembrance Day poems in English this week and used 'The Fallen and In Flanders Fields' to create some amazing black out poetry - look on Facebook to see them. Maths this week we have been looking at subtraction and exchanging across columns. We also looked at efficient methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations. In PSHE this week we discussed negotiating and compromising and why it is important to compromise sometimes. The children looked at different scenarios and how they would negotiate and compromise to solve the scenario. We started our new topic in Geography this half term looking at the question are all deserts Hot, Hot, Hot?

Our focus in Maths this week has been to apply our understanding of addition and subtraction to multi-step word problems. We have been working hard to ensure we are reading the question carefully in order to choose the most appropriate method. In our English lessons this week, we have been introducing ourselves to our new text for this term ('The Island'). We have been exploring themes, characters and settings within the text and created our own diary entries in response. Following on from our visit to Havenstreet Railway last term, we started to explore the historical context of 'The Beeching Axe' and its impact on the railways.

Yr 5

Yr 6

This week in Year 6 we started a new writing journey based on Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. The novel is set during World War II and we see the world of the evacuee through the eyes of Olive, a young girl evacuated to the coast of Devon with her younger brother Cliff. We have made some thoughtful predictions about the novel during some interesting class discussions. We also created some very persuasive blurbs. In Maths we have focused on the rules of divisibility, prime numbers up to 100, square numbers and cubed numbers. During our reading lessons we discovered the details of the story of Bonfire Night. We were fascinated by the plot that Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes and 11 other conspirators came up with. We were shocked by the punishment they suffered.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

### PRE-SCHOOL

**Talk to me about...**Fireworks.

**Words to use...**safety, dark, light, sparkle, bright, noise.

**Tips for the week...**please make sure all your child's belongings are named.

**We have been reading...**Big Red Bath by Julia Jarman.

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### YEAR 1

**Talk to me about...** Beegu!

**Words to use...**lost, spaceship, crash, Earth, space, children, parents.

**Tips for the week...**can you use adjectives to describe your favourite toy?

**We have been reading...**Beegu by Alexis Deacon.

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### YEAR 3

**Talk to me about...** the new words I have learnt this week.

**Words to use ...**desiccated, extreme, elusive, rarely, principally.

**Tips for the week...** words with similar meanings are called synonyms.

**We have been reading...** Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Beasts Too by Andy Sees and Nick East.

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### YEAR 5

**Talk to me about...**how to solve multi-step word problems in maths.

**Words to use...**addition, subtraction, using the inverse operation.

**Tips for the week...**ensure you have read the question carefully to make sure you choose the most appropriate method.

**We have been reading...**'Lightning Mary' by Angela Simmons and 'The Island' by Armin Greder.

### YEAR R

**Talk to me about...** Diwali, Remembrance Day.

**Words to use...** celebrations, lights, Rangoli, divas.

**Tips for the week...** to remember how to be safe at bonfires and fireworks or if holding a sparkler.

**We have been reading...** Room on a broom by Julia Donaldson.

### YEAR 2

**Talk to me about...**adjectives to describe a circus.

**Words to use...** beautiful, stunning, grand, majestic, elaborate, magnificent, ornate, spectacular, striking, amazing, marvellous, splendid, lavish, glorious.

**Tips for the week...** an onomatopoeic word is a word that resembles or suggests the sound that it describes. These could be animal noises such as oink, meow, roar and chirp.

**We have been reading...**The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

### YEAR 4

**Talk to me about...** famous deserts, types of deserts, exchanging across columns with subtraction, black out poetry and negotiating and compromising.

**Words to use...** negotiating, compromising, desert, hot and dry deserts, semi-arid deserts, coastal deserts cold deserts and black out poetry.

**Tips for the week...** continue learning your times tables and common exception words.

**We have been reading...** The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold.

### YEAR 6

**Talk to me about...** Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. What do you think will happen at the end of the novel?

**Words to use...** evacuee, Luftwaffe, prediction, prime number, square number, cubed number, data packets.

**Tips for the week...** use any spare time to practise the multiplication tables you find tricky. Recite them to Mrs Newton for a sticker and a marble for the class jar.

**We have been reading...** Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. What will happen to the lighthouse? How will the village 'erase' it and what will happen to Ephraim?

## MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE FOR A FREE SCHOOL MEAL!



School meals are **FREE** for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!

Looking at our numbers over 20 families are not benefitting from this scheme at present and we would like to remind parents that the menu is published each week in the newsletter and ordering your child's meal is super easy on School Money.

Why not make the healthy choice to try a **FREE** meal next week?



## CHARTWELLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Isle of Wight School Meals shone bright in yellow for a wonderful cause! They supported Yellow Day which was run by Mountbatten Hospice.

School kitchens transformed their counters, and students enjoyed their favourite fish and chips with a Lemon drizzle cake for dessert.



Chartwells donated 10p from every hot meal sold, which amounted to 5,741 meals – donating £574.10

Thankyou to all.

## WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

**MONDAY 4th**  
**ANTI-BULLYING**  
Week starts!  
Farm  
Yr4 Swimming  
Flu Vaccine Clinic

**TUESDAY 5th**



**WEDNESDAY 6th**

New Intake after school tours—have you booked an appointment?

**THURSDAY 7th**

Yr5 and 6 ESafety Workshop for parents 2pm

**FRIDAY 8th**

KS1 Celebration Assembly  
Yr1 Showcase Assembly  
Children in Need





# Celebration Assembly

Bethany, Levison, Sonny, Esme, Bella, Maia,  
Maya J., Journey



WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE  
OF YOU!



## FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found at apply for [free school meals](#).

We would encourage any parent who has faced a change in personal circumstances, perhaps related to the cost of living crisis, to consider the criteria and apply if they are eligible.



If the application is approved eligibility can open a gateway to a host of additional benefits for your child including supporting the purchase of school uniform, funding for school trips, additional in-class support.

Please call the school office should you require any further information.



## Lunchtime Menu – from Chartwells

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Veggie Supreme Pizza	Beef Bolognese & Pasta	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken & Vegetable Pie, Mash & Gravy	Crispy Chicken Burger & Chips
Vegetarian	Vegetable Fajita & Rice	Chinese Vegetable & Noodles	Winter Vegetable Hotpot	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers & Chips
Dessert	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple & Cinnamon Sponge	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Sticky Sponge Pudding

Please don't forget to order your meals on School Money before you come to school on Monday!

