



Friday 1st October 2021

NEVILL INFANT NEWS

Dear all,

I am not sure we ever have a 'quiet' week at school!! This week we have been celebrating and learning about British Food as part of British Food fortnight. What's your favourite British Food ... trifle, pork pie, toad in the hole, fish and chips???

It has been wonderful this week to be able to see more and more children throughout the school and begin to learn their names. I have also been chatting with Mrs Cliff in the Junior School about how we can do more 'joint' things. At our staff meeting this week, we have been thinking about our school curriculum and making it more exciting, motivating and skills-based. Do let us know if you think there are some local stories / histories / places we should try to include.

Don't forget we have some very important dates next week ... see below for more information and our first staff spotlight. We are really enjoying our Reading Morning on a Friday – please do not leave your children unsupervised as teachers may not be present.

Have a great weekend **Mr Whitfield**

CENSUS DAY – IT'S CHEESETASTIC!!

On Thursday 7th October how would your child like to be entered in a special raffle for a Mr Whitfield Goody Bag?? Or even a special £5 Amazon gift voucher??

Having a **free (free for Reception, Y1 and Y2) school lunch on Thursday 7th October means you automatically get entered into both!!!**

It is also Census Day which means the more children who take the free lunch the more money the school receives from the government. All children who have a school lunch will be entered into the raffle inc Nursery and Little Bears!

OPTIONS:

**Pizza Margherita Wrap (Cheese, Ham, Tuna) Jacket Potato (Cheese, Beans, Tuna)
Cheese Pinwheels**

OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This will be a chance for the whole school to further their empathy, understanding and knowledge of part of our society. Throughout the school children will be looking at famous people of colour throughout history and presenting their work during Friday assembly at the end of the term.

Celebrations and events of recognition such as Black History Month, LGBT History Month, Gypsy Roma Traveller month and awareness days (dyslexia, autism, mental health, anti-bullying) enable us to show our acceptance of difference, our appreciation of diversity and deepen our understanding of an inclusive society.



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Staff Spotlight

Name?
Mrs Barker

Role in school?
Learning mentor

Why did you start working in education?
Seeing the daily growth and development is amazing!

Favourite thing about Nevill Rd?
Being able to work in every classroom

Any hidden talents?
I make a really good Victoria sponge cake

Favourite children's book?
Charlotte's Web

Favourite crisp flavour?
Cheese & Onion

Favourite colour?
Green

Greatest achievement?
Being a mum of 2 and helping them to achieve their dreams

Inside or outside?
Inside – warm & snug





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Attendance at School

Being in school on time every day is of great importance, it is a legal parental duty and a right of every child to a good education. It is sometimes thought that parents have a right to take children out of school for up to ten days a year for the purpose of taking holidays - **this is a myth**. There has never been a right to remove children from school for the purpose of a holiday at all.

No holiday will be authorised by the school. Leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

If your child takes leave of absence / holiday without permission your child will be marked as having an unauthorised absence which may result in a fine of £60 per parent/carer per child rising to £120. This fine money does not go to the school but goes to the local council.

Donations for Chelwood

A reminder that we are collecting the following items for the Chelwood Food Bank:
In-date food items / kitchen roll / jam / cordial / biscuits / soap powder / conditioner / razors
toothbrushes

Parking

There have been a number of parents / carers raise issues about traffic and parking around school. When / if you are parking on the roads near school please be mindful of pedestrians and ensure you park safely and legally. Let's try to keep ourselves and each other safe!!

Important Reminders

Again we would like to remind you that dogs are not permitted on school premises at all.
This includes carrying them.

Again we would like to remind you that smoking or use of e-cigarettes/vapes are not permitted on school premises.

Special Dates

Tuesday 5th October – World Teachers Day – show them you appreciate what they all do by simply saying thank you!!

Thursday 7th October – National Poetry Day – Mr Whitfield loves a good limerick, what poems do you know and like?

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>

Sunday 10th October – World Mental Health Day – after the disruptive time we have all experienced over the last almost 2 years make sure you stop for a moment in your busy lives, appreciate what we do have and be thankful for the here and now

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>



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Special
Headteacher Awards

Zoe T
Willow

Stella R-
F
Oak

Jacob D
Lark

Jake T
Snowdrop

Sammy
A
Foxes

Lola G
Little
Bears

Evelyn S-
B
Hedgehog

Ruhan S
Bluebell

Genie E
Buttercup

A very special thank you to the Friends of Nevill Rd and all of you who helped raise

£782 in cake sales and donations for Macmillan Cancer Care