



Friday 8th October 2021

NEVILL INFANT NEWS

Dear all,

What another busy but very lovely week at school. I met with Miss Whiteley, who is on maternity leave, for a meeting about some exciting maths things coming soon. It is always motivating to hear about new initiatives we will be trying to help make Nevill Road Infants even better.

I have also met with Mrs Caroline Wilke, who is our chair of governors. The governors hold a very important role in school as they act as a critical friend to me and the other senior leaders by supporting and challenging us to be the best we can.

Our staff meeting this week included a great session from Mrs Scott in the Nursery about mental health and how we can look after ourselves; not just through eating healthily and trying to get some exercise but looking after our minds too (*special thank you to the Brookes family for donating a box of flavoured coffees to the staff, it certainly raised our wellbeing!!*)

Yesterday, I met with Mrs Cliff at the juniors so we could work out all of the joint things we will be doing this coming year – it is very exciting for me and the staff.

Have a great weekend. **Mr Whitfield**

PARENT MEETINGS

Due to the ongoing concerns around Covid and transmission of the virus, we will be holding parent meetings via Zoom this time.

A letter will be sent out with more details very soon, but you will be able to join a meeting (in the waiting room) at a specific time to meet virtually with your child's class teacher. If you would prefer a meeting in a different way i.e. telephone, please do not hesitate to let us know and we will endeavour to accommodate this.

Parent meetings are just one of the ways we like to communicate with you and keep you up to date on your child's progress at school. It is a great opportunity to see how well they are doing, how you can help at home and a chance to ask any questions.

Poetry Competition

To celebrate national poetry day yesterday, Mrs Fallon introduced a poetry writing competition in assembly on Monday. I had the absolute pleasure of hearing the children get excited about writing the poems all week, I even had a special limerick performed to me on Friday!!

There was **103** entries and I had the **VERY** tough task of picking the winners:

3rd Place → Owen in Lark Class

2nd Place → Finlay in Hedgehog Class

1st Place → James in Fox Class

OVERALL WINNER → Eve in Snowdrop Class

... and a very special mention to **Lily-Mae in Bluebell Class** who made a wonderful 3D poem about pancakes.



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Staff Spotlight

Name?
Mr 'S'

Role in
school?
Sports
Coach

Why did you start
working in
education?
To help children
and provide a
healthier lifestyle

Favourite thing
about Nevill Rd?
Working with the
children and the
staff are
AMAZING

Any hidden
talents?
DJ'ing

Favourite
children's
book?
The Gruffalo

Favourite
crisp
flavour?
Chilli Doritos

Favourite
colour?
Red

Greatest
achievement?
My son signing
and playing for
Man United

Inside or
outside?
OUTSIDE!!





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Data Collection Forms

The data collection forms that have been sent out to you are very important documents as they are the main way we can confirm that we hold all of the correct details for you and your child. This is especially important in terms of making contact if there was ever an emergency, helping with pick-ups and drop-offs, making sure you get the information you need and keeping us up to date with your details. Your personal details will not be passed on, however some contact information may be passed on for the benefit of your child i.e. school nurse.

These forms are due back in school on **Monday 11th October**

HARVEST & Donations for Chelwood by 15th October

We will be getting together on Friday 15th to celebrate the Harvest festival and sing some jolly Harvest songs we have been learning. A representative from Chelwood Food Bank will also be joining us to collect any donations you have kindly provided.

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 the use of e-cigarettes/vapes are not permitted on school premises.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY REMINDER

Just a reminder that school breaks up for half term on Friday 22nd October and the children return to school on Monday 1st November.

COVID REMINDER

Sadly, the virus remains with us and we must all continue to be vigilant around not spreading it. Please help us to continue with good behaviours; hand washing, covered cough/sneeze etc.

As we creep closer into winter months, it is very tempting to use Calpol if there are a few sniffles and send the children in – please keep in mind that this can mask the symptoms, especially the temperature, associated with Covid.

Please continue to take lateral flow tests and PCR tests- thank you for your help with this.

SeeSaw

Information should have come out to you about new log-ins for SeeSaw, a great home learning / online platform for sharing information between you and your child's class teacher. Please read the information carefully and ask if you need any help with it.



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Special Headteacher Awards

Thalia T-
K
Willow

Jack M
Oak

Oliver H
Lark

Sonali H
Snowdrop

Annabelle
W
Foxes

Saxon G
Nursery

Jake W
Hedgehog

Lily-
Mae G
Bluebell

Emily M
Buttercup

Toby S
Little
Bears

RAFFLE WINNERS FROM OUR CHEESE-TASTIC SCHOOL LUNCH DAY

A staggering **85%** of the children had school dinners yesterday – an amazing success – well done and thank you!!

Raffles winners:

Cayley H in Y2 was picked from the draw to win a £5 Amazon Voucher
Charlie F in Y1 was picked from the draw to win the big bucket of lollipops

Well Done!!!!