

NIGHTINGALE'S NEWS

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Important Dates..

Big Shares

Nursery 12/01/17 & 25/04/17
Reception 03/11/16, 11/01/17, 22/02/17, 20/04/17 & 07/06/17
Year 1 04/11/16, 10/01/17, 24/02/17, 21/04/17 & 08/06/17
Year 2 02/11/16, 09/01/17, 21/02/17, 19/04/17 & 09/06/17

Grand Finales

Nursery 08/02/17, 29/03/17 & 12/07/17
Reception 06/02/17, 28/03/17, 26/05/17 & 18/07/17
Year 1 07/02/17, 31/03/17, 24/05/17 & 17/07/17
Year 2 09/02/17, 27/03/17 & 23/05/17

Grand Finales (Christmas Plays)

Nursery December 5th AM
Reception Dec 7th PM & Dec 8th AM
Year 1 Dec 14th AM & Dec 15th PM
Year 2 Dec 12th at St Edmunds Church, Taverham.
 (More details will follow)

Best Attendance

Well done to Robin class who had the best attendance of 100% last week.

A Fond Farewell

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to Kim Anoff who works in the nursery. We thank her for her hard work and wish her all the best in her future with her studies.

Thank you!

It is the end of my first half term, and I have to say that I have loved every minute of working at Nightingale. Everyone has worked hard to begin the changes that are needed to make our teaching and learning even better. I have had lots of fantastic feedback from parents so far which has been really useful in helping us with decision making processes. Your input is always greatly received.

After extensive investigation, we have discovered that there are some important changes and updates that will need to be made, and we shall strive to put these into place in the next few months. Everyone is working hard towards the same objective to ensure that our children receive the best education possible. I want to create a happy, welcoming school where our children love learning and are excited to come to school. Therefore, it is important that we keep on this journey of improvement, and continue to strive for excellence. The future is very exciting. However, it will be busy and challenging. Together, we can make Nightingale an even better school which it so deserves to be.

Visit from Marion Dawe

This week we had a visit from Marion Dawe, a Senior Advisor for Norfolk County Council. Marion and I spent some time looking at the children's learning and work. In the afternoon, our Chair of Governors joined us to hear the feedback from her report and I shall be sharing this with you after half term once all of the reports are finalised.



Logo update

The most important people in our school, our children have had a good look at all of their amazing designs for our new school logo. Then our executive board of the school met up for the first time this week. They are elected children from year 2, who help and support the school council over the year. Their first task was to choose their four favourite logos out of the completed designs. The staff also had an opportunity to view the children's favourite and to cast their vote. The governors will now have a hard task to choose the final design for the new school logo. Well done to all of the children who took part and especially a big well done to the finalists! We shall announce the overall winner very soon!

Bag2school collection

The Friends of Nightingale has organised a clothes & shoe collection with **Bag2School** in order to raise funds for the school. Bags were handed out this week to all the children.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bin bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from the school on Thursday 3rd November. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the office collection area and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Van Cols School Photographs

This week we have sent home your child's photograph proof. If you wish to place an order please return proof envelope completed with payment to your child's class by Friday 4th November. Any order received after that date will not be accepted as we have a courier that collects all the orders in one collection. If you miss this date you can still order online direct with the company but you will be charged a late fee.

Nursery Fees

Today we have sent home the first nursery invoices using our new finance system. Nursery parents/carers will receive an invoice showing the number of funded hours their child has received free of charge and the number of additional hours. As a result of the work required to get our system up and running we have had to invoice for the whole autumn term, in some cases this has resulted in a large bill being sent to parents.

In future we will invoice in advance on a half termly basis where parents request us to. In the meantime, if any parent/carer would like to talk to us about payment of their invoice please speak to our finance officer Mrs Wells in the first instance.

Recorder and Harmonica Clubs

Last Summer Term we trialed a Harmonica Club inviting pupils from all year groups to learn to play the harmonica in a 6 week course. This was very successful and the children's feedback was very positive. With this in mind we have taken the decision to offer Y2 the opportunity to learn the recorder in the Autumn / Spring Term as we have done in previous years and then for the whole of the Summer Term offering YR, Y1 and Y2 the opportunity of learning the harmonica. A letter will follow after half term.

Gardening

In school the children are always busy in the outdoor areas, in the school garden, composting and looking after the environment. We would like to ask if anyone has any spare bedding plants that the school could have to enhance the outdoor areas of the school. The children would really appreciate any donations so they could enjoy planting them up and watching them grow.

