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NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Joy is the Flag Flown High, From the Castle of My Heart!

Nutfield Church Primary School

THIS IS A **GOOD** SCHOOL

- Effectiveness of leadership & management ✓
- Quality of teaching, learning & assessment ✓
- Personal development, behaviour & welfare ✓
- Outcomes for pupils ✓
- Early years provision ✓

"Nutfield Primary has improved rapidly over the last year and continues to improve", OFSTED 2015.

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Another fantastic year has been enjoyed by everyone at Nutfield Church. This last newsletter gives just a glimpse in to the many wonderful things that the children have got up to this year. What a happy, fun curriculum the teachers have planned. It has been a delight to see so many learning opportunities. Thank you to the team who made them happen!



Reception

The Reception children settled in beautifully to their first year in school. The change is evident in their social and academic skills and they are definitely ready to move into Year One. In the spring term, they enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year and particularly loved the Chinese workshop. They have also enjoyed cooking various items associated with Easter. During the summer term, they really embraced the Minibeast topic and this led to lots of different related activities, as well as understanding how to care for living creatures in our world. The children have participated in Athletics with children in KS1 and they also took part in Sports Day. Their final topic, 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' led to a very successful Class Collective Worship.

Throughout this year, the children have been preparing exhibits for the forthcoming Art exhibition and this, along with all the above activities, has really made them feel they are part of the whole school. We know they will do very well in Year One!

Years 1 and 2



At the start of the year, Year 2 went on a 'Magical Maths' day. They investigated measurement, shape and symmetry, as well as learning time and problem solving activities in the beautiful grounds of Gatton Park. At Christmas they enjoyed a 'Christmas Journey' with Spark Fish as part of their R.E learning. They learnt lots of things about different religions this year and whilst learning about Christian marriage even organised one of their own! In the Spring term a theatre company came in to school to teach the children about the Great Fire of London. Children in Years 1 and 2 took part in an acting workshop where they re-enacted the events leading up

to the great fire. With the help of Reigate Fire Station, children also burnt the Tudor houses that they made for their homeworks, to re-create the Great Fire of Nutfield. In July, Years 1 and 2 went to Hever Castle. They enjoyed a tour of the castle and a walk around the grounds. The highlight was trying to find our way out of the Yew Maze. During Outdoor Learning Week, they thought about all the different things we could do with a stick! In English they read the story 'Stick Man'. In Maths they built 3D structures out of sticks and wool and in Art, they used a stick as a paintbrush to create a picture and used sticks to create weaving frames.



Years 3 and 4



Years Three and Four have had a very busy year! In the Autumn term, Year 4 spent three fabulous days on residential in Beaulieu, exploring the farm and building shelters in the surrounding forest area. Later in the term, both classes enjoyed a theatre company visit who brought our 'Stone Age to Iron Age' topic to life.

In the Spring term, we celebrated Chinese New Year, embracing Chinese life, culture and dress. We also welcomed the author David Fuller who inspired our children with his wonderful stories. In the Summer term, Year 4 represented the school by travelling to Southwark Cathedral to present the Bishop of Southwark with the Lent Call money we had collected during a special service. The following week, Years 3 and Year 4 travelled to the Natural History Museum. They enjoyed some fantastic exhibits, including an earthquake simulator and a volcano workshop and we were extremely proud of their impeccable behaviour.





Years 5 & 6

This year has been another fantastic year for the Years 5 and 6 team. In Autumn 2016, both year groups went off on their Residentials at Hindleap Warren and High Ashurst, respectively. In October, we all visited the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon after a very successful first unit on Buddhism in our new RE curriculum. The children visited the stunning temple and the grounds. In addition, both year groups also visited the



Globe Theatre as part of their learning in K UW about the Tudors and Shakespeare. Both classes took part in a tour of the Globe and a drama workshop, led by an actress from the Globe Theatre Company. In Spring, while the Year 6 class were working hard preparing for their SATS, Year 5 attended the Sparkfish re-enactment of the Easter Story at Reigate Baptist Church. Year 5 also went to the Royal Observatory in May as part of their learning on Earth and Space in Science. As part of their RE Judaism unit, Year 5 visited Sutton Synagogue. Then,

we were very fortunate to attend some of the Reigate Grammar events organised for local primary schools, and a selection of children from Years 5 and 6 also attended a Geography Quiz at Caterham School. Finally, both Year groups collaborated on a very successful production of 'Alice the Musical'. This was a huge triumph for everyone and was a wonderful way to see Year 6 on their way to secondary school!

Arts Week

Our recent 'Arts Week' was in our second year of running. This year our theme was 'Flourish'. Mrs Abellan has, once again excelled herself and is now our official Artist in Residence. The children had a lovely time painting, printing, using clay and designing their own works of Art. The GEW suite even had a makeover! Children from all over the school painted a huge mural which celebrates our values through art. Do come and see it in the Art exhibition. The Art exhibition will be held in the hall but you are more than welcome to pop down the corridor and take a peek at the work in progress!

Pupil Leadership

This has continued to be a real strength in the school. Sports leaders have been involved in a range of activities and have been a real credit to the school at various tournaments and competitions. Leaders have also grown in our Eco and Faith Teams. Eco Team this year helped Mr Atterbury plan our Outdoor Learning and Faith Team planned our sponsored fun run. The School Council continued to develop work and projects for our Anti Bullying campaign and are still aiming to gain the Gold Anti Bullying Award. Our Peer Mediators received training and were prepared to help children in their playtimes. Their aim was to sort out any problems and be another layer of support for children at play. Other leaders have sprung up more organically by visiting me and asking to raise money, help others or simply sort something out in school. The children come to my office and speak to their teachers about all sorts of things. I am proud that they feel they can and that they are given lots of opportunities to have ownership about the direction of the school.

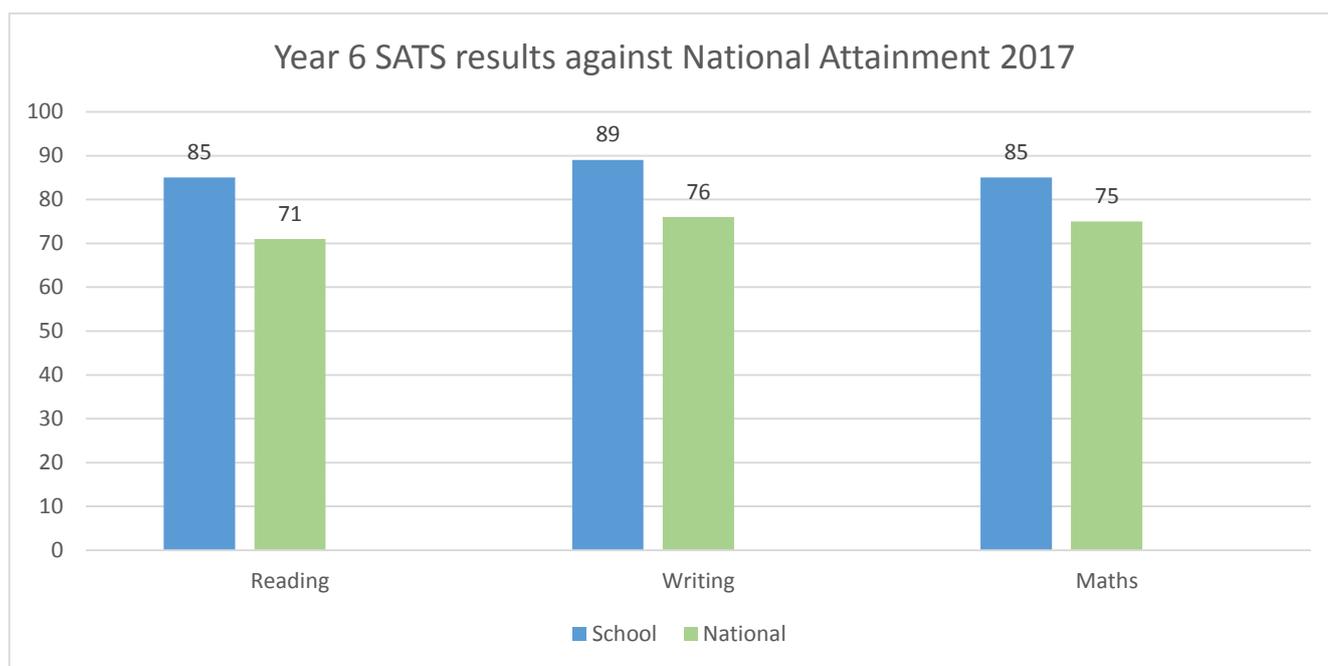
Assessments - Summer 2016/17

The school enters its second year of outstanding results across the board starting with 83% pupils in Reception class achieving a **GLD** (Good level of Development). We take our Early Years provision into the first term (and for some children, beyond) of Year One and all the children are on track for achieving GLD by that time! Well done to Mrs Holmes who has worked so hard to make sure every child in that class does so well.

In Year one, for the second year running, 97% pupils achieved the threshold (pass mark) and some went well past the threshold for the Year 1 **Phonics** tests. In the same way as last year, the children who didn't achieve the threshold last year got an opportunity to re take the Year 1 phonics test in Year 2 and 100% passed this time. Another very big well done to everyone involved!

KS1 SATS test results are the best we have had in the school and show a definite whole school improvement. Results in Reading show that 96% of our pupils achieved the expected standard. In Maths, 96% pupils achieved 'Expected'. Writing does not have a test and subsequently only has a teacher assessment. Teacher assessments in Writing showed that 96% pupils achieved 'Expected'. Many of our children achieved 'Greater Depth' in their tests which we were delighted to see. It shows that our more able children are being suitably challenged in class.

For the second year running, our **KS2 SATS** tests results show that we are above national figures in all three subjects (Maths, Reading and Writing) and in line with expectations for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Our combined score is made of the percentage of children who achieved all three subjects (Maths, Reading and Writing) and is one of the key measures for a school's success, was 81%. This is 20% above the national figure of 61%.



As you can imagine we are delighted not only for the children themselves but also for the future of the school itself. These results are exceptionally good and with a two year trend, we are in line to be judged at our next inspection as jolly marvellous!

Still moving onward!

You will be pleased to know that we are not letting up on our resolve to further strengthen the school. It is in a very good position now with results reflecting the very hard work that has been done by everyone in the school's community. Parent support has been wonderful this year. The teachers and I have appreciated your thoughts, suggestions and support. The school is now in the second year of some exceptional results and the curriculum is rich and varied. We are now able to cement this with a third year of fantastic learning opportunities. I am looking forward to the year ahead already!

Autumn Term 2017/18

We are putting our Autumn events on this newsletter but would like to highlight a few events for you below.

The school Governors are holding a quiz night and fish and chip supper on Friday 13th October at 7.30 pm in the school hall. The quiz is for teams of 8 people and will cost £10 each. There will also be a bar and raffle. The Governors are holding this quiz to raise money for the upkeep of the school and would appreciate your support. If you wish to enter a team please contact the school office or email the office on info@nutfield.surrey.sch and address your email to Sam Nicholls or Serena Fowler. We would encourage lots of people to come along. Our new parents are very welcome! If you are unable to make up a table please do let the Governors know and we will make sure you get to join a group and meet some new people!

If this is your first... **Meet the Teacher Meeting**

A 'Meet the Teacher' Meeting is simply a meeting where the teacher meets with the whole parent group. These meetings are held in your child's classroom. Your children school aged or otherwise are welcome to come along. You simply pick your child up from the playground and instead of leaving you come past the brown gate in the playground and enter the school via your child's class door. The meetings are held in September, so you have plenty of time to understand what is happening that term, what days PE are on, how reading, homeworks, uniform, behaviour, etc. work! Dates and times for these, are below in the Diary Dates section.

Nativity

Reception parents please be aware that Reception usually have a walk on part in the Nativity and that families usually chose one of the two Nativity performances to come along to, so that we can fit everyone in! Parents with pushchairs/preschool children are very welcome to come along to watch the dress rehearsal of the nativity if you would find that easier with little ones!

School Shop Price List

Please make sure your children are well stocked with their stationery. The shop is open every Tuesday lunchtime at 12.30pm

Berol writing pen (blue)	30p
Pencil	20p
Ruler	20p
Glue Stick	80p
Rubber	10p
Pencil Sharpener	50p
Whiteboard Pens	40p

School Meals Autumn Term

We hope that your child has enjoyed the school meals provided by Mrs. Adams and her team. She ensures that all children enjoy their meals and that any special diets are well catered for. There is a slight increase of 5p per day in school meals for the next academic year making the total per week £11.25. If your child has full time meals and you would like to pay for the 1st half of the Autumn term, the price is £74.25. Please do not make any online payments before the start of the new term as the system needs to be updated with the new prices. If you would like details of how to pay your school meals online, please contact the school office. Please ensure that all money is forwarded to the school office, in a named sealed envelope for the first day of each week so the school office does not need to send out reminders.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated so generously over the year to various charities. The total raised from the KS2 production 'Alice the Musical' was £350.00 and we are sending a cheque to the Teenage Cancer Trust for this amount.

On behalf of the staff team I wish you all, the very happiest of holidays with your families. We will of course look forward to seeing you all in September!

Imogen Woods - Headteacher

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 21 st July	INSET DAY
4 th & 5 th September 2017	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 6 th September	AUTUMN TERM BEGINS Group 1 – Reception Class starting school
Thursday 7 th September	Group 2 – Reception Class starting school
Friday 8 th September	Group 3 – Reception Class starting school
Friday 8 th September	After School Club Letters out
Sunday 10 th September	Education Sunday (all welcome to Christ Church) 10am
Monday 11 th September	Year R – Full Time
Wednesday 13 th September	Closing date for After School Club replies.
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 5 – Meet the Teacher (3.15pm – 4.30pm) PTFA & Governors' Cheese & wine evening (all parents welcome – 7.30pm – 10pm)
Thursday 14 th September	Year 6 – Meet the Teacher (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Friday 15 th September	After School Club place letters out
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd Sept	Yr 6 – High Ashurst residential visit
Tuesday 19 th September	Year 2 – Meet the Teacher (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd Sept	Year 5 – Hindleap Warren residential visit
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 1 – Meet the Teacher (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday 21 st September	Year 3 – Meet the Teacher (3.15pm – 4.30 pm)
W/C 25 th September	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START
Monday 25 th September	PTFA AGM – 7.30pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 6 – Heights & Weights
Tuesday 26 th September	Year R – Meet the Teacher (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday 28 th September	Headteacher's Tour – Prospective new parents for September 2018
Thursday 28 th September	Year R – Phonics Workshop – 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Friday 29 th September	Year 1 – Cake Sale (3.15pm)
Tuesday 3 rd October	Harvest Service – Christ Church (9.30am – 10.30am)
Thursday 5 th October	Year 1 – Phonics Workshop – 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 11 th – Friday 13 th Oct	Year 4 – The Countryside Educational Trust (Beaulieu) residential visit
Friday 13 th October	Governor's Quiz Night
4 th & 5 th January 2018	INSET DAYS
23 rd July 2018	INSET DAY