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NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

[Philippians 4:7](#)

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is coming...and there are so many exciting events taking place over the next few weeks!

Governors' Quiz

The Governors' Quiz was very well-attended and a good time was had by all! The evening raised a fantastic £1400 for the School Improvement Fund! Thank you to all the Governors who worked so hard to bring the evening together. Particular thanks to our co-chairs, Serena Fowler for organising the event and Sam Nicholls for donating the wine. Thank you also to Mrs Holborn for providing such delicious food!

As you may know, for any building work carried out at school, we have to raise 10% of the bill in order to apply for and then receive the rest of the building cost. We are different from a county school and receive no money from the local authority to pay for building works. The school Improvement Fund goes towards this 10%. You can help by checking that you are contributing to the School Improvement Fund. To do this, contact the school office who will forward your email to the Governors' administrator, Michael Hill. Please see the school website for more information: <http://nutfieldprimary.co.uk/school-improvement-fund/>

Anti-Bullying Partnership Meeting

On Tuesday this week, the Anti-Bullying Partnership met to discuss our Anti-Bullying action plan, policies, including the children's Anti-Bullying policy and how to further raise the profile of Anti-Bullying across the school and beyond! The Anti-Bullying Partnership represents our whole school community and includes staff members: Mrs Benjamin, Mrs Bainbridge, Ms Fleming, Mrs Vorster (one of our school governors), as well as parents: Mrs Bellamy, Mrs Hickey and Mrs Hargreaves-McCallum and also children: Seb, Lily, George, Lucas, Amelie and Maddie. If you would like to join us for the meeting in the Spring term, please do contact the office: info@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk.

Parents' Evening

This week the teachers have loved sharing your children's learning with you. I am very proud of the children, how hard they are working and the wonderful progress they are making. We are always very keen to hear from you. Please do talk to your child's class teacher, or come and speak with me or Mrs Benjamin about any issues at all.

Exciting Library News!

I am delighted to inform you that Nutfield Church Primary School has been selected as a Champion School for the 2019 Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award. Mrs Cordey, our English Lead, entered the school during October half term. Ten schools across Surrey have been selected to champion the 2019 Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award with their Year 3 and 4 classes during Spring term 2019. Each school will receive five copies of each of the five shortlisted titles as well as a half-day visit from a shortlisted author or illustrator. The children in Year 3 and 4 will I'm sure, have great fun over the coming months, reading the books and choosing their favourite!

Outstanding Phonics results!

I was delighted to receive another letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, to congratulate us on our 'Outstanding' phonics results. For three consecutive years, our Year 1's have achieved 97% in the national screening check, which places Nutfield Church in the top 6% of all primary schools in the country! His letter is attached to this newsletter.

Renewed Hope Trust

I have also received a letter from the Renewed Hope Trust to thank you all for your generosity in donating harvest gifts to support the work of the Winter Night Shelter. Well done everyone! Their letter is also attached to this newsletter.

Parking

We know that parking in the roads around the school is often extremely tricky and that drop-offs and pickups can be very busy times. Please do consider our neighbours when parking your car and make sure they are able to access their driveways.

Advent Celebrations

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of the season of Advent. We will be learning about Advent in our Collective Worships. Next week we will light the first candle as we count down the weeks to Christmas! Traditionally, the Advent wreath symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is typically a circular candle holder that holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. At School we light one each week on a Monday until all of the candles are lit. Each candle customarily represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath we use in school has three colours of candles – purple, pink, and white.

1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY

4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE

5th CANDLE – (white) CHRIST CANDLE

Community Christmas Tree

Our community Christmas tree has arrived! Thanks to Priory Farm Nursery for donating the tree again this year and for their continued support of our school! We ask all the children across the school to bring in a bauble, shop-bought or home-made, to decorate the tree. Each class will be visiting the tree to add their bauble and by the end of next week, we should see it completely dressed!

Nativity

The children from Year R, 1 and 2 are practising hard and are now putting the final touches to their performance: *A Midwife Crisis!* This year, we are using a booking system via Parentmail and will be issuing up to four tickets per family. Please respond to this Parentmail by stating your child's name, choice of day and number of tickets required. Tickets will be sent out to you via the children.

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 18th December, the school will celebrate the festive season together with our annual Christmas lunch! Those children who usually have packed lunch are invited to join us for this very special meal. If you would like your child to have this meal, please ensure you have completed the form that is attached with this newsletter and return to the school office. Thank you to those who have already replied. If your child usually has school meals they will automatically receive the Christmas lunch. The closing date for replies is tomorrow, Friday 30th November.

Imogen Woods
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Friday 30 th November 2018	Dress Up Day – St. Andrew’s day Team - Dress in blue T-shirt /top
Monday 3 rd - Friday 7 th December 2018	Last week of After school clubs
Monday 3 rd - Friday 7 th December 2018	Decorating of the Community Christmas Tree
Thursday 6 th December 2018	YR 3/4 Handball Festival (Oxted School) 4 – 6pm
Friday 7 th December 2018	PTFA Christmas Mufti (wear Christmas colours and bring a bag of sweets for Christmas Event)
Monday 10 th December 2018	Choir to visit Kentwyns
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Dress Rehearsal for Nativity play 2 – 3pm
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	Sports Leaders Training (Donyngs Leisure Centre) 8.40 – 12 noon
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	Nativity play 2 – 3pm
Thursday 13 th December 2018	Nativity play 2 – 3 pm
Friday 14 th December 2018	Christmas Service (Christ Church) 1.30 – 2.30 pm
Monday 17 th December 2018`	PTFA Christmas Event 3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Last day of Term - 3.15 pm
Thursday 3rd – Friday 4th January 2019	INSET
Monday 7th January 2019	First day back for children

INSET Days 2018/19Tuesday 4th September 2018Thursday 3rd January 2019Friday 4th January 2019Monday 3rd June 2019Tuesday 4th June 2019**INSET Days 2019/20**Wednesday 4th September 2019Monday 7th October 2019Monday 4th November 2019Monday 6th January 2020Monday 1st June 2020**Dress Up Days 2018/19**Friday 30th November 2018: St Andrew's Team wear a blue T-shirt/topFriday 7th December 2018: Christmas Mufti (bring sweets for the PTFA Christmas event)Friday 1st March 2019: St David's Team wear a yellow T-shirt/topThursday 7th March 2019: World Book Day (dress as your favourite book character)Monday 18th March 2019: St Patrick's Team wear a green T-shirt/topTuesday 23rd April 2019: St George's Team wear a red T-shirt/topFriday 3rd May 2019: Summer Mufti (bring a bottle for the PTFA Summer Fayre)Friday 7th June 2019: Wear trainers (bring sweets for the PTFA Tombola)