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## NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Joy - 1 Chronicles 16:27**

Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the final newsletter of the year and as I write this I am tempted to add even more highlights and moments to share but fear I may not stop! This year has been an absolute joy. At the same time as being able to work in partnership with St Paul's in London, we have been able to see the community of staff, children and families flourish. The positivity and support you have shown has been expressed openly and is now a real feature of the school. The sense of encouragement in the school is palpable. I would personally like to take a moment to thank you all for your care, communications, love and support of this very special school. I am delighted with the teachers and am so grateful to you all for working closely with them. As I said at the Leavers' service only last week, we really do love your children. Even when they leave us we still think of and pray for them. That sentiment also goes to all those who are still with us!

### **Autumn Term**

This year we welcomed Elise, Cameron, Grace, Filipp, Matilda, Louie, James, Bessie, Elsa, Darcie, Rosaleigh, Rosaleen, April, Emmeline, Herbie, Ruby, Edward, Tyler, Oliver, Emmie, Eva, Malo, Emilio, Betsie-Bea, Henry, Chloe, Delphine, Anja, Evie W, Walter and their families into the life of Nutfield Church. The children all settled quickly and we are delighted with the progress they have made this year. They have done well with their buddies and have even performed in their very first Class Collective Worship. They are a lovely group of children!



We also welcomed Mr Bowen as a student teacher. He was placed in Year 2. In September and October, KS2 enjoyed time away from school on residential trips. Year 6 went to High Ashurst, Year 5 went to Hindleap Warren and Year 4 went to Beaulieu. The children grew in confidence – many conquering the infamous ‘Leap of Faith’ and bonded together as a group with their teachers. Also in October, Year 4 spent a wonderful morning at the Hindu temple in Crawley. They observed a Hindu service, learnt more about the traditions of the Hindu faith and the importance of their different Gods. This really brought the R.E learning to life and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see a Hindu temple in action.

In November, Miss Johnston hosted a meeting for Reception parents, detailing the learning the children would be doing in Phonics. These meetings run every year and help parents, particularly who may be new to Phonics to gain a better understanding of how this part of the curriculum is taught and how it joins with the wider teaching of reading. The annual Governor quiz night took place. The total money raised was a fantastic £1400 for the School Improvement Fund. In the same month, Nutfield Church were selected as a Champion School for the 2019 Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award.



Mrs Cordey, our English Lead, entered us and 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

received five copies of each of the five shortlisted titles as well as a half-day visit from a shortlisted author or illustrator.

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Redhill Methodist church who hosted the Sparkfish Christmas journey. This was a chance for



the children to gain a deeper understanding of the Christmas story. Throughout the year, groups of children from Year 5 visited Kentwyn's to share their learning and to chat with the residents. These visits have been such a great success and we are very happy to enjoy a partnership with our neighbours. Throughout the term, Faith Team, led by Mrs Brooks were instrumental in raising the profile of our focus charities. They promoted the donation of gifts and offered them during our Harvest Service and collected the

gifts we collected during our Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

In December, we enjoyed performances of the KS1 Nativity, 'A Midwife Crisis'. The children shone, delivering their lines loudly and clearly and they sang beautifully. We were very proud of them all. As if all the wider curriculum busyness wasn't enough our staff team kept 'raising the bar' and staying vigilant in the accuracies of assessments with other local schools to take part in a Maths moderation. These moderations which we attend provide an opportunity for teachers to moderate work to ensure we are accurate, to share good practice and expertise and for teachers to work with other colleagues. Alongside our school development plans for Science Year 6 welcomed Mrs Jones who led a lesson where the children dissected lungs, a kidney and an eye ball! Much fun was had by all!

### Spring Term

This term, we enjoyed Class Collective Worships from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The New Year started with a bang as Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed a Chinese ribbon dance workshop at the beginning of January. The children were fully immersed in the life and culture of the Shang Dynasty; they made Chinese food, created a Chinese dragon and learnt a Chinese ribbon dance. The day culminated with a parade of Year 3 and Year 4 through the school, proudly carrying their dragon and accompanying it with a symphony of drums and cymbals! In January, we also received a visit from Graham



Humphries from the charity LoveWorks. He met Faith Team and School Council and led Collective Worship to explain which donations LoveWorks was particularly in need of and how the foodbank operated. Each week in Collective Worship during the Spring term, we would see how many more donations had been received. Year 1 and Year 2 also enjoyed a workshop about the Great Fire of London in which they re-enacted the events of that night through movement and drama. Mrs Cordey led a workshop for parents,

detailing the content of the phonics curriculum and how to prepare for the upcoming Screening Check in June.

In February, Nutfield Church was honoured by a visit from Bishop Ignatius of Central Zimbabwe. We were the only school he visited during his time in the UK. He joined the children for Collective Worship and delighted in answering their questions (some of which were very tricky) as he toured the school.



In March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children and staff were invited to arrive dressed as their favourite book character. As ever, we were impressed by some very innovative costumes! Faith Team visited St Peter and St Paul's to work with their peers there on a project focussing on Shrove Tuesday. Year 5 travelled to Reigate Park Church to take part in the Sparkfish Easter Experience.



Year 1 and Year 2 worked extremely hard to each create a Tudor house for their homework, took great delight in joining together in the playground as we recreated the Great Fire of London. The fire brigade joined us for the morning to make sure everyone was safe. The

children were amazed to see just how quickly their fire spread. Once the fire had been extinguished, the fire brigade joined the children in the classroom. This was an important opportunity for them to learn more about fire safety. Mrs Brooks and Mrs Cox led meetings for parents in preparation for the Year 2 and Year 6 SATS. These meetings are always very informative and provide an opportunity for parents to gain understanding of the curriculum in statutory year groups and to ask any questions they may have.

Also in March, Mrs Fine led the annual Mud Run; this year to raise money for Comic Relief. As ever, great fun was had by all. In March, the staff took part in moderations of Reading and R.E. This was another opportunity to share good practice, and ensure our judgements were accurate during discussions with other local schools.

### **Summer Term**

We welcomed families to Collective Worships led by Year R and Year 1. Both classes did an excellent job of performing in front of so many people. We thoroughly enjoyed their singing and excellent dance moves! We are very proud of them all.

In April, Year 3 and Year 4 received a visit from Alan McDonald, the author, who penned stories such as the 'Dirty Bertie' series, spent an afternoon talking to the children about the process of writing books and read one of his stories to them.

Year 6 spent a morning with Rev. Hardwick, learning the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist. In May, Year 2 and 6 completed their SATS. They approached each day with calm, focussed attitudes and confidence. We are extremely proud of their mature attitudes. At the end of SATS week, Year 5 and Year 6 welcomed Mrs Robinson as part of their Geography learning. She worked with them to create fossils, volcanoes and edible geodes! We are looking forward to working with both Mrs Robinson and Mrs Jones again next year.



Having specialist volunteers giving up their time to extend and deepen our curriculum has been an important part of the school's continued commitment to our children's wider opportunities. Faith Team welcomed their peers from St Peter and St Paul's to learn about Ascension Day together. There was exciting news for Miss Mitchell and the Eco Team, who were awarded the Silver Eco Team award.

In June, we celebrated our annual R.E week by welcoming back Sparkfish who created a THINK! Space in the Southwark room. Over three days, all the children and adults in the school enjoyed the opportunity for some quiet reflection and a chance to think. The theme of the week reflected our school value, Dignity. Sparkfish zoned the room with activities, which provided a chance to interact with and consider some big questions, such as '*If God was in the room, what would you say to Him about the world?*' and '*What could you do this week to show love to others?*'

June was also a great month for sporting events. We enjoyed a day of Athletics fun, where the children competed in their teams and practised events in preparation for Sports Day. The Year 6 Sports' Leaders particularly shone at these events, setting a super example, providing support and encouragement for the younger children and helping the adult team to set up and set down the events. The teachers travelled to Godstone Primary to take part in their final external moderation of the year, looking at Writing. Reception enjoyed a fantastic day out at Bocketts Farm. They met a range of animals, big and small, saw a goat being milked, cheered on the pigs during the pig racing and enjoyed a tractor-driven tour of the farm. Miss Johnston was delighted with how impeccably behaved the children were, particularly when interacting with younger children from other settings.

To complement their Knowledge and Understanding of the World topic, Castles, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful day at Hever Castle.



They enjoyed a tour of the castle and its beautiful grounds, and spent time practising their art skills and sketching the castle.

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a Mayan-themed workshop. The children learnt to hunt Mayan-style with javelins, played a Mayan game called Bul (a little like modern chess), took part in a quiz and learnt more about Mayan costumes and cultures.

We have had a very busy July. The Year 6 children outdid themselves with excellent performances of *Pantastic*. They were ably supported by Year 5 who provided back stage and technical assistance and sang beautifully. We have celebrated the breadth of our Arts curriculum through our fantastic annual Music concert and brilliant Art Exhibition, coordinated by our Arts Team: Mrs Cordey, Miss Johnston and Miss Mitchell. We also received glowing feedback from our recent Ofsted inspection. The letter for this will be posted on the school's website soon!

The day after our inspector's visit, we were visited by the Surrey Anti-Bullying Chartermark team. They came to formally assess the work of the Anti-Bullying team and to interview children and staff across a range of criteria. We were delighted to be awarded the Gold Award! The school did so well and was described so well that Mrs Benjamin is in talks with the assessors about Nutfield Church becoming an ambassador school. Exciting times to come!

Well done Mrs Benjamin and thank you so much to the parents and children who led the school so well. It was moving when the Anti Bullying Children's Team read out the Gold Anti Bullying Award certificate to the rest of the school on Friday last week, in our celebration Collective Worship! There was a spontaneous round of applause from the classes!

### Assessments

We are exceptionally proud of another year of jolly marvellous results across the school! In Reception class, 90% pupils achieved a GLD (Good level of Development). Congratulations Miss Johnston, who has worked so hard to make sure every child in that class does so well.

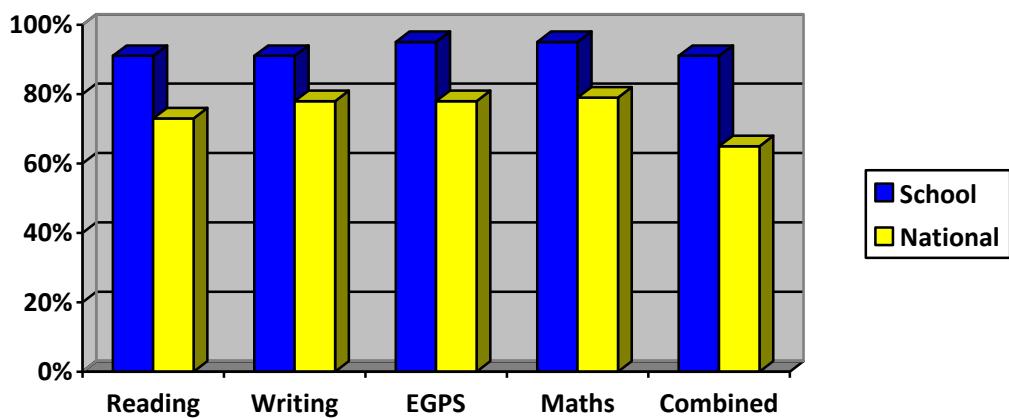
In Year one, 90% of pupils achieved the threshold (pass mark) for phonics. We were particularly pleased with the number of children who significantly exceeded the pass mark this year. In the same way as last year, the children who didn't meet the threshold last year got an opportunity to re take the Year 1 phonics check in Year 2 and again, 100% passed this time.

Another very big well done to everyone involved! KS1 SATS test results continue to be excellent. Results in Reading show that 90% of our Y2 pupils achieved the expected standard. In Maths, 90% pupils achieved the expected standard. Assessments in Writing showed that 87% pupils achieved the expected standard. Several 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.

Year 2 had a further success thanks to the keen oversight of Mrs Brooks and a lot of hard work we were happy to see Mr Bowen pass his trainee year and be appointed as a class teacher! Well done Mr Bowen.

Finally, our KS2 SATS tests results show that we are significantly above national figures in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths, and a combined score of 91%. See graph below:

## Key Stage 2 SATS Results 2018/19



Congratulations to Year 6, Mrs Cox, Mr Green and all the teachers that have taught the children in previous years, who have worked exceptionally hard and achieved such excellent results. Happy, well adjusted, high performing children; we are very proud of you all!

### Year Six 2019



***Jeremiah 29 v 11-13 – For I have plans for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.***

We will miss our lovely Year 6 and their families and will miss you all the 'outgoing' parents too!

We are already planning our curriculum in the light of the new framework which is launching in September and are looking forward to more partnerships widening opportunities for all!

After such a busy year we all hope you have a safe, happy summer.

Imogen Woods  
Executive Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 5 – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Internal After school club letters go out
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 4 – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	New Beginnings Service (Christ Church) 10 am
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	External After School clubs start
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 4 High Ashurst daily visits
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 2 – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Internal After school club replies back
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 1 – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 5 – Aqua Sports daily visits
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 3 – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Internal After school club offer letters out
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 6 – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
W/C Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Internal After school clubs start
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 6 High Ashurst Residential
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Meet the Teacher – Year R
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year R and Year 1 Phonics Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	PTFA AGM – School (6 pm – 7.30 pm)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Year 1 Cake Sale (3.15 pm)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Governors' quiz night – 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Harvest Service – Christ Church – 1.30 pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	PTFA – Bags 2 School return (9 am)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	PTFA Cinema night 3.15 pm – 5.15 pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Headteacher's Tours (Admission for Reception Class 2020) 9.45 am – 10.30 am 11.00 am – 11.45 am
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	Nasal Flu spray – whole school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Year 2 Cake Sale (3.15 pm)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Remembrance Service – Village Hall – 10.50 am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	School Photographer – Families, siblings and Individual
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Headteacher's Tours (Admission for Reception Class 2020) 9.45a m – 10.30 am 11.00 am – 11.45 am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Year 3 Cake Sale (3.15 pm)
W/C Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Last week of Internal After School clubs
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 2 – Christmas Journey – Redhill Methodist Church – Sparkfish
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019	Dress Up day – St. Andrew's (wear a blue T-Shirt/top)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019	PTFA Christmas Cinema – 3.15 pm – 5.15 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	PTFA Christmas Mufti (wear Christmas colours and bring a bag of sweets for Christmas event)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Dress Rehearsal for Nativity play 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Nativity play 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Nativity play 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Last week of External After School Clubs
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	PTFA Christmas Fayre 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Service - Christ Church - 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Last day of Term
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Sports Day

Dress Up Days 2019/20	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019	St. Andrew's day (wear a blue T-Shirt/top)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	PTFA Christmas Mufti (wear Christmas colours and bring a bag of sweets)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	St. David's day (wear a yellow T-shirt/top)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	St. Patricks' day (wear a green T-shirt/top)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	St. George's day (wear a red T-shirt/top)
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	PTFA Summer Mufti (in exchange for bottles for Summer Garden Party)
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	PTFA wear trainers (in exchange for sweets for Summer Garden Party tombola)

INSET DAYS 2019/20
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020