



# NEWSLETTER



## THE POSITIVES KEEP COMING

- Parents' Evening last week was extremely well attended and there were lots of positive comments from parents regarding the progress of their children and the hard work of the staff.
- The English Hub were in school last week and are impressed with the progress we are making with how we are rapidly improving how we teach reading and writing.
- Most classes last week had an attendance of 99% or above. Well done to Year 6 who had an attendance of 100%
- Thanks to the continued efforts of Mrs Hill in our superb outdoor space we have won another competition and £1000 to spend on putting the children's ideas for a sensory garden into practise.
- Visitors to school have commented on the calm atmosphere in classes and around school. There is a positive vibe and a sense that the school is moving forward quickly.

## PUNCTUALITY, PUNCTUALITY, PUNCTUALITY!

I am politely reminding some parents that the bell rings to open the doors at 8.40am. The doors stay open for 10 minutes and the bell to mark the start of the day goes at 8.50am. This is when the attendance register is taken and lessons start immediately after this. Learning has already begun with an Early Bird task when the children come in before registration. This could be anything from a quick maths task, a spelling activity, handwriting or responding to feedback on their work from the day before. The first lessons of the day are phonics in EYFS and KS1 or teaching reading in KS2, so if your child is regularly late they will miss the same learning everyday and this will cause them to fall behind the other children and have significant gaps in their learning.

Remember: 'Every Lesson, Every Child, Every Day'.

## LEARNING MENTOR

We are delighted to be able to announce the re-introduction of Miss Broadbent as Learning Mentor. This role is pivotal to our school's success in supporting our children socially and emotionally. We are delighted to see her back where she belongs since the role was removed during the summer term last year.

As she is no longer covering PPA in classes this role will now be covered by a new face to school called Mrs Richards. All of your children will be meeting her over the next two weeks. We wish her a warm welcome and every success.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NIELDS



Thank you to the parents and members of our school council who were able to attend the Remembrance Service in the village at the weekend. They represented Nields Academy fabulously.



This is the winning entry from Nields Academy in a competition run by the Horticultural Society. It is called 'No Adults Allowed'. The school has won £1000 which the children will be involved in spending to create a Sensory Garden for everyone to use. A massive thank you to Karen Hill for this.

## OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Here are some ways you can help our children at Nields:

### Reading Friends:

We need people with a little time on their hands to come in to school to listen to some of our children read. This is a lovely experience for everybody involved and really helps to boost the fluency of children who need it. Please contact Mrs Travers if you can help.

### Volunteering:

If you can commit yourself to a regular time every week we would love to see you in school to offer general help with classroom routines and activities. Contact the school office for more details.

### PTFA:

We have a small but active PTFA at the moment who, over the years, have contributed massively to our school. They need more people to join them. Contact the school office for more details.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AT NIELDS

Look out for a bigger social media presence soon from Nields on Instagram.

Please visit our new website if you haven't had chance to look already.

## DIARY DATES:

To keep all the children safe we will be having a 'Lockdown' practise over the next couple of weeks. We will let you know when we have done this in school.

**November 13th 6pm** Year 6 Parents Meeting for Robinwood. If any parents need support with payments please make an appointment with Miss Mahon so we can help.

**November 15th** Children in Need - Non-uniform - wear yellow or spots with a £1 cash donation

**November 19th and 20th** Y2 Trip to Burton Beef

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