

NLS Newsletter

Summer term 19.04.2024



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Diary Dates 2023/2024

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Autumn Term 2023- Monday 4th September-Friday 15th December



Spring Term 2024- Tuesday 2nd January-Thursday 28th March Inset day Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Half term- Monday 12thFriday 16th February Summer Term 2024- Monday 15th April-Monday 22nd July Half term- Monday 27th-Friday 31st May Inset days Friday 24th May & Tuesday 23rd July



Flu vaccinations 26th November 2024 Individual/sibling photos 29th November 2024

Cut off dates for booking meals via ParentPay

January Cut off Dates	February Cut off Dates
Thursday 5/1 for w/c Monday 16/1	Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2
Thursday 12/1 for w/c Monday 23/1	Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2
Thursday 19/1 for w/c Monday 30/1	Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3
Thursday 26/1 for w/c Monday 6/2	
March Cut off Dates	April Cut off Dates
Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3	Thursday 6/4 for w/c Monday 17/4
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3	Thursday 13/4 for w/c Monday 24/4
Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3	Thursday 20/4 for w/c Tuesday 2/5
	Thursday 27/4 for w/c Monday 8/5

Please note when ordering meals for your child: <u>**DO NOT**</u> book a trips packed lunch. This is only for schools who offer a Chartwells packed lunch for day trips and does not mean that your child will get a packed lunch provided at school.



Attendance winners



Every week we celebrate attendance.

The class with the best attendance this week is RF. They had an amazing 98.62% attendance for this week!

<u>Thank you</u>

We would like to say thank you to all our families for being so understanding and kind with regards to the arrangements for today. All your kind words mean a lot to the staff. Thank you.

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

We have had a few people asking for an update on the replacement of our lovely Lollypop man Keith who retired at the beginning of last year.

WSCC are currently reassessing all their school crossing patrol sites. We have been back in contact with them, and they have confirmed they will be reassessing our site and completing a new risk assessment in the next few months. As a historical site for a lollypop person, they are confident we will be successful in still meeting the requirements for a crossing patrol. Until this time, they cannot advertise a specific position at North Lancing.

In the meantime, if anyone knows of someone who would like to become a lollypop person, they can apply by clicking on the following link:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/job-search-details/?jobId=160372&jobTitle=School%20Crossing%20Patrol

If they state they would like to be based at North Lancing, they can start the training and checks and be put on a holding position until the assessment at North Lancing is completed. Although exact times vary from site to site, the commitment is usually 30-40 minutes each morning and afternoon when children are walking to and from school. The rate of pay is currently £10.60 per hour. They only work in term time, so the salary is spread equally over 12 months. Finding a replacement is the hardest part so please ask around in the community.

Transforming Playtimes

As you may remember from previous newsletters, we will be refining our playtime provision and approach to outdoor areas, working to transform the spaces we have. Our school grounds are vast with traditional playground spaces, multi-use games areas, large fields, an adventure trail, climbing equipment, a forest school area, pond, amphitheatre and a variety of other areas. We are aiming to provide children with a variety of new experiences, including mud kitchens, water play, sand, dressing-up, music, wheels and den building areas.

From physical activities such as playing with tyres and digging in the sand pit or constructing, enjoying imaginative play in the small world area or cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen; our outdoor provision intends to offer an exciting alternative to the standard playground activities. We aim for our children to be more active at lunch and break times, and also have the opportunity to further develop life skills such as cooperation, team work and problem solving. We hope they become motivated and enthusiastic builders, engineers, explorers and designers.

To bring about the changes we are aiming for, we require a range of resources. Many resources are likely to be waste items from trade business or outgrown items from home. A few will be new and any donations towards these are also welcome. Please take time to look at the list below. If there are any things you can donate they would be very much appreciated. Smaller items can be brought directly to the front office. Please let us know if you are able to supply any of the larger items and we will arrange delivery directly with you. Play items can be brought into school at any time. Financial donations can be made via Parent Pay.

We have had a few donations already and are grateful for those but to be able to launch the scheme as we would like we really do need lots more! Please see the list below for items that we could use.

Resources - We need your help!

• Tarpaulins • Drain pipes/guttering • Cable reels • Crates • Wood planks • Pallets • Drum barrels • Car Tyres - Outgrown toys • Dressing up clothes – particularly ages 6+, this could include accessories. • Small world play items, including dolls/figures/animals/lego/playmobil • Musical instruments • Sand toys • Masks • Bikes, scooters, skateboards (all must be in a safe working order) • Little Tikes cars/ride alongs • Sledges -Unrequired household items • Pots/pans/kitchen utensils (no glass please) • Containers • Wheelie suitcases • Buggies (especially larger ones)

If you would like to be super generous you could donate funds which will go towards the following (Donations via ParentPay – <u>https://www</u>.parentpay.com/): • Large storage • Boom box • Musical instruments • Circus equipment • Gloves • Trowels &spades • Seeds • Watering cans • Round boards • Bilibo (Turtle shells) • Bikes & scooters • Cycle Helmets • General crafting supplies • Pond nets • Pond dipping trays • Bug spotting guides

Thank you 😊

Short Story Competition

Grace Brunton in year 4 is doing a fundraiser for St Barnabas. She is running a competition for the best short story about 'life at school'. There will be a prize for the best lower school story and the best upper school story. It is just 50p per entry and the deadline for the stories to be brought in is May 3rd.

Netball Tournament

Huge congratulations to our netball team who came 4th in the area netball finals. They played incredibly well as a team, winning 4 matches, drawing 1 match and losing 2. Special mention to Theo B who had his netball debut and was outstanding. The children represented themselves at school incredibly well and we are very proud of them.

Team was as follows: Louie L, Harley B, Lacie T, Ella B, Poppy S, Jess B, Rhys D & Theo B.

Pupil Achievements

Thea M achieved her Level 8 swimming certificate.

Katie L achieved her Level 4 swimming certificate.

Emmett M achieved his double brown belt in Karate.

Aaliyah W earned a Sussex Festival of Performing Arts participation medal and also a medal for coming 2^{nd} with her group.

Belle C earned her Wickers Gymnastics level 2 certificate and badge.

Grace Brunton won Performer/Actor of the Week at PQA.

A special mention goes to Lacie T who has been selected for the Sussex Netball squad. This is a great achievement as the County team is extremely competitive to get into. Lacie is the 1st North Lancing pupil to achieve this!

Headteacher's awards

Archie M, Alana R-B, Kitty C, Ralph R, Gracie W, Aubrey G, Alice B, Niamh M, Hendrix D

