





Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher



Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to see all our children and families back to school, settled and happy after the summer holiday. The children have been amazing, demonstrating their 5 Bs and have quickly settled back into school routines and enthused about their learning. We also welcomed our new EYFS children and look forward to working with the children and families in their journey through primary school.

Thank you to those families who donated uniform at the end of term and we now have a quality second hand uniform stock. If you would like to access our uniform stock, please speak to the office or Mrs Munns. We continue to welcome any further donations.

Curriculum letters for each Key Stage will be sent home this week and these will contain information about your child's learning, how you can help at home and important dates for the term.

Monday 19th September is a national bank holiday for the Queen's funeral and school will be closed on this day to staff and pupils as a mark of respect.

We will now be sharing our whole school newsletter monthly, rather than weekly.

As always, please see your child's class teacher with any questions.

Best Wishes, Mrs Farmer.



It is with great sorrow we acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Following the announcement on 8th September 2022 of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, all pupils and staff within InMAT send their heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family.

Her Majesty has been a comforting constant during our lives, and the longest-reigning monarch in British history. Over the past 70 years, The Queen has been committed to the service of our country, the Commonwealth and the world, demonstrating an enormous sense of duty and commitment.

We give thanks for her exemplary service. She has been an inspiration to us all.

Learning in school...

Our new EYFS children and their parents have been amazing!! New faces, new routines and new experiences - it is a lot to process. You have all been great and we already know lots about your children. The children love exploring their new environment. The children have already started to learn sounds.









Year 1 have been learning all about our new curriculum project in history, about the different stages of life and how we



grow. We have been exploring different materials



in science and creating shelters of our own. We have been practising our number bonds and Kinetic Letters and working very hard in our English and Maths lessons. Year 2 walked to our local monument Queen Eleanor Cross as this term Year 2 are learning about significant people in history. Who better to learn about than Queen Eleanor whose husband King Edward I



commissioned twelve statues in her honour. The Queen Eleanor Cross on London Road is one of three remaining crosses. Did you know it took three years to make?

Year 3 discovered a suitcase full of strange clues about a new story. They had to become detectives to work out who the suitcase belonged to and what they



thought the story was about. They found half eaten books, the front of a newspaper article and a



medical report with some very bizarre symptoms.
Year 3 are excited to start reading their new book.
Can you guess which one it might be?

School Council 2022-23

Each year the children vote for a member of their class to become a school council representative. The school council share pupil voice with staff, promote ways to develop school further and organise fund raising events. This year, they are also taking on a larger role in promoting the 5 British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect and Tolerance.

Congratulations to the School Council 2022-23!



School Meals

From Monday 31st October we will be changing our school meal provider and will no longer be using Chartwells. The new provider will be Dolce School Catering. You will no longer be required to book school meals using your ParentPay account. Further details will be sent to parents/carers regarding the new SchoolGrid platform that you will be using to book Dolce school meals.

Please keep an eye out for further information from Dolce/SchoolGrid.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The pupil premium is additional school funding for disadvantaged children. It is paid directly to your child's school to improve the quality of their education. School also use this funding to fund extra-curricular clubs, trips (including residential) and music instrument lessons.

Your child's school may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

How does my school get the pupil premium for my child?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - All children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the pupil premium for your child's school. Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the pupil premium.

If your child is in year 3 and above, and you want to check eligibility for pupil premium, please use the free school meals form to apply for pupil premium entitlement. The school the child is attending will automatically get a pupil premium amount if the child is eligible for free school meals.

For further information and to apply please go to:

https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-andeducation/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx

If you do apply and are accepted, please let the office know as NNC often take longer to alert schools.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 19th September National Bank Holiday. School closed to staff and pupils.
- Tuesday 20th September School led clubs start.
- 20th October Friends Halloween Disco, Year 1-3 5.00-6.00p.m, Year 4-6 6.15-7.30p.m
- 21st October Friends Pumpkin Carving Competition
- 21st October End of Autumn Term 1
- 31st October Start of Autumn Term 2



Open Days for Reception 2023.

We are holding open days for parents/ carers who have a child starting school in September 2023.

Please see the school office to book a visit.

Friday 23rd September 2022- 9.00-10.30a.m

Wednesday 5th October 2022 – 6.00-7.30p.m

Wednesday 9th November 2022 - 9.00-10.30a.m

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Thursday 5th January 2022 - 6.00-7.30p.m