

Nerrols News

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Dear Parents / Carers

Great couple of weeks!

We have made further progress with more subtle improvements – all have been welcomed and positive. Spending time in every classroom, overall classes are calm with some good learning and teaching taking place. All staff have their appraisals in the coming weeks, where we will discuss how we can all further improve. We are also investigating ways to improve communication for parents in a manageable and safe manner...you will be updated when decisions are made. Thank you for the feedback regarding Smart glasses...sad we must enforce it, but better to be planned as we navigate through the ever-evolving technology challenges to keep children safe.

Our Governing Body Needs You!

A great opportunity for a member of the school community to join at an exciting time with new leadership and fresh ideas being introduced. Guaranteed the meetings are informative, interesting and enlightening...with drinks and biscuits! Please make an appointment to speak with me if you would like to know more, or email our Clerk to the Governing Body, Hannah Clunie – haclunie@huish.education who will happily share some helpful information. Meetings are 3.45 – 5pm 4 or 5 times a year as well as 2-3 further visits during school time. We are specifically looking for professions who could bring a different aspect to the Governing body.

All KS2 now going straight to class each morning from 8.40am – Success!

"Thank you, this is much easier, much better – easier for me to get to work" ... just some of the positive comments from parents as all Key Stage 2 arrive in the morning and **at 8.40am move straight to their classes** to allow a calmer start and parents can get on with their day without having to hang around until the children go to class. We will now consider bringing the Year 1 and 2 children straight in as well...maybe later in the year.

Term Dates 2027-2028

Term dates for next academic year have been decided to help with your forward planning. **Please avoid booking holidays during term time as these will not be authorised** as we must follow the Department of Education's guidance and expectations. Please understand that even the 'extreme circumstances' are very rare as there are very strict parameters we must follow.

Considerate parking...what can we do?

We recognise parking and drop-off arrangements can be challenging for many primary schools, and at Nerrols the situation is particularly difficult. The lack of available parking and drop-off spaces can make it hard for parents to leave their cars safely without impacting our neighbours. Thank you for being considerate when parking, especially at **Summerleaze Crescent**.... which is extremely congested at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

We understand for many working parents, they need to drop off quickly before heading to work, and we appreciate the time pressures families face each morning. We hope the 8:40am KS2 straight to class option will help ease congestion and improve the experience for everyone.

We also appreciate for some families living further away, walking to school is not always practical. However, where possible, we encourage cycling as a healthy, environmentally friendly alternative to travelling by car. To support this, we will soon be installing additional bike racks near the main office entrance.

Security / Safety Improvements

Gates locking

We have reduced the time the gates are 'open' in the mornings to help improve security. The gates will unlock at 8.30am and **now lock at 8.50am** – parents, please be off the premises by this time. Furthermore, please do not wedge the 'bottom gate' open (by the 3G pitch) for security reasons – we must keep our school community safe.

School photos -Wed 14th October

Tempest will be visiting to take photos of each child through the day on 14th October.

From 8am, families can have sibling photos, on a first come first serve basis, we will open the gates at 8am. It is likely to be busy, so please arrive early. We hope to have sibling photos completed by 9am.

Families will be shown where to wait, have their photos, then depart. We apologise in advance of any delays, and we have requested 2 photographers. We will open the side hall doors to avoid using the entrance of the main office. Morning Wrap around care will be in the library as a one-off on that day.

From 9am, each class will be taken to the hall for their photos.

We will assess the number of photos sold within each year group. It is likely more photos will be sold in Reception, Year 6 and siblings than other individual photos. We appreciate the rising costs of professional photos compared to taking photos on own phones in their uniforms, outside your front door at the start of each year.

Parent Meetings – success!

Thank you for attending the recent parent meetings. We had a great turnout and thank you for all the positive feedback – working together really will ensure your child will achieve more. For those who were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to rearrange – it is vital you work together with your child's class teacher to ensure your child is best supported to achieve their very best.

PE Days

Thank you for the positive feedback for PE kits! Without exception, this has been positively welcomed by parents and children, and staff love the reduced lost learning time too. A win-win for all! As a reminder, for after-school clubs, children must get changed at the end of the day...example for football club, they need to be in uniform (or PE Kit) for the day, before changing into their football kit.

Apple Blossom – Reception
Cherry Blossom - Reception
Almond Willow - Year 1
White Willow – Year 1
Birch – Year 2
Maple – Year 3
Rowan – Year 4
Hazel – Year 5
Oak – Year 6

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Lunches

Just to remind you school dinner ordering closed on Monday at midnight for the following week. If lunches are not ordered, then you will be required to provide a packed lunch.

Wraparound

A reminder that we expect children to be booked in for wraparound in advance. If you have not booked a session then you must call the office to check for availability first before sending your child in as this means we will have adequate staffing in place.

Reminder: WE ARE A NO NUT SCHOOL!

This includes **chocolate with hazelnut spreads (Nutella)**. If you do wish to give your child a chocolate spread sandwich as part of their **healthy lunchbox**, this is ill-advised, but please read the label. May contain nuts is also banned (**Kinder Hippo**) as we cannot take the risk as we have children who are very allergic. Thank you for your cooperation on this very serious matter.

I hope you all have a great weekend and thank you for all your support!

Best wishes

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