Nerrols News

Headteacher: Mr Nick Arnold
Deputy Headteachers: Mr Bawden & Mrs Marriott
Safeguarding: Mrs Marriott & Kim Barratt

Autumn Term 2 **Newsletter 6** **6th November**

Dear Parents / Carers

Half Term break

For those who had a half-term break, we hope you had a lovely time and enjoyed the Autumnal weather. Now the clocks have changed and evenings are drawing in, we must ensure we are wearing brighter coats / clothing when out and about in the darker evenings…please make sure your child comes to school with suitable coats / scarves when the weather gets colder / wetter etc – we will always try to enjoy playtimes outside.

Back Gate – No access during the day for safety reasons

The back gate is open to access before and straight after school, like the front gate. However, access is not allowed between 8.55am and 3.05pm. If you are late in the morning, you will need to use the front gate.

Class Dojo – now live in all Key Stage 1 and 2 Classes

Following the information sent out this week, overall, it seems a positive step to help improve communication for parents. Please be mindful teachers are teaching during the day and will not be able to respond out of hours unless they choose to - some teachers will add settings to avoid notifications during certain times.

This addition is meant to help communication with you, in a positive and secure manner. It is completely different to Facebook as it is a secure platform, however, please use this platform in the most appropriate way. It will take time to 'get our heads around it', but for those who are used to Dojo, we are sure you'll agree it is an excellent platform to share the positives and an efficient way of communicating. It will also hopefully reduce the inbox in the school office email address, which can be overflowing on a regular basis!

Thank you for your support and if you require any assistance, ironically enough, please email the school email address and someone will contact you and assist your query.

Nerrols Holiday Club – Success!

During October half term we had our latest 'Nerrols Holiday Club' sessions. We welcomed 37 children over the three days and had a lot of fun and games. Children enjoyed arts and crafts, team building games, high energy activities as well as some choice time for the children themselves. Keep a look out for the **next 'Nerrols Holiday Club'** sessions, coming your way in the half-term in **February 2027**. There will also be an Easter Club, May half-term club and we are offering 4 weeks over the summer in 2027! We look forward to welcoming you!

PTFA – Great group of volunteers!

A polite reminder for new people to join our amazing PTFA…more hands make lighter work for those already giving their time to support our school and for our children. Please speak with the office or see Rachael (Chair) or Keith (vice chair) who are generally around before and after school.

Children In Need – Friday 13th November -NEXT FRIDAY

We will be celebrating Children in Need on the above date. Children may come to school wearing yellow or spots (or both) for a small donation to raise money for the well-documented and important charity event. Each class will have a collection pot first thing in the morning for the donations.



Request for Absence & Attendance

To remind, 99% of requests for absence (especially holidays) will be **unauthorised**. Furthermore, if a child's attendance is already below 90%, it increases the chance of being fined as regulations must be followed. As a school, our target is 96% and we are currently at 94.8%. As a community, we must all play our part.

Pupil Premium Grant – are you eligible?

Thank you for those parents who have completed the form – every little helps – but expect there are a few more families who could be in a similar position who could benefit from this government grant.

Pupil Premium is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). Schools also receive funding for Looked After Children, children adopted from care and children of service personnel. You will have recently received a letter with more information…. **if you believe you may be eligible, please ask in the office for a letter.**

Lunches

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

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 Hippos) as **we cannot take the risk as we have children with severe allergies.**
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

Nick Arnold

Nick Arnold
Headteacher
Nerrols & Lyngford Park