



**Nanpean Community Primary School**

**Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed**



## NEWSLETTER

**22/11/2019**

We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are always open to reviewing our equity policies.

### Head teacher Weekly Update:

Another week has passed as we near December and the busy festive period. It has been a busy week this week where, due to meetings and a course, I haven't been in school for a few of the mornings. However, it has always been a pleasure to return to school later in the morning and see the children smiling and clearly enjoying their lessons. The week started for me with a lovely visit to our Year 1 (Hendra) Class. I enjoyed the lovely atmosphere in their classroom, watching a video as a stimulus to their learning, and hearing the 'time words' (such as next and then) they were using to sequence events in a story. I also enjoyed supervising the children during 'stay and play' club on Monday, and it was amazing to hear the children talking about their play and linking it to their learning.

On Tuesday, I enjoyed attending the sports fixtures at Foxhole. Unfortunately, Foxhole tried to cancel these at 2.55pm, but I informed them that this wasn't possible as I organise the leagues and fixtures and rules state that the very latest it can be cancelled is 2.30pm. I was then disappointed to hear that they still cancelled the High 5 Netball as they realised they only had 3 players! Despite this, and the incoming poorer weather, I enjoyed the football matches. Well done to all of the children who took part in these! Please see elsewhere on the Newsletter for reports.

Finally, it was lovely to see new equipment and markings arriving at the end of the week and being installed for the Outdoor Area of our Eden (EYFS) class. This is all as part of our plan to further improve outdoor provision in this area. Further equipment is expected to arrive in December and January.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

**Mr M Nicholls, Head teacher**

### ATTENDANCE

| w/c 18/11/2019       |                    | Karslake   | 91.67% |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|
| Eden                 | 84.85%             | Melbur     | 85.19% |
| <b><u>HENDRA</u></b> | <b><u>100%</u></b> | Drinnick   | 96.53% |
| Prosper              | 94.25%             | Rosemellyn | 95%    |

### REMINDERS

- ⇒ London Residential Trip 2020 interest slips need to be returned to the Office no later than **Wednesday 4th December**.
- ⇒ Our Community Hall is available to hire for parties/functions/sports training/community events. If you are interested or know someone who may be please enquire at the office.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. **Star of the Week' texts will be sent home every Thursday. Please ensure we have the correct mobile number on record for you.**

This week our stars are:

**Eden - Logan** for his excellent effort with his phonics in school and at home.

**Hendra - Mason** for being focused on English and Maths work through the week.

**Prosper - Otilie** for great effort in both Maths and English this week.

**Karslake - Poppy** for working hard every day and showing great manners.

**Melbur - Kieran** for great effort in all his lessons, in particular his writing ideas this week.

**Drinnick - Austin** for excellent observation skills during topic work.

**Rosemellyn - Ava** for showing excellent reasoning skills by solving a complex Maths problem.



### BUSY BEES

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.

**There were no Busy Bees this week.**



### SPORTS STAR AWARD

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

**Kieran (Melbur)** - for an excellent performance in the Year 3/4 football match

### CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Each week we present a child with a Citizenship Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during the week.

This week our Citizenship Award goes to:

**Corey (Rosemellyn)** for continuously being kind and supportive to his peers.

### PARKING

Thank You to parents/carers for not parking on the school site. This has clearly improved over the last couple of weeks and ensures the safety of the children. Please can we ask parents/carers to continue with this and ensure there's no parking in the car park unless they have had permission from Mr Nicholls. Similarly parents/carers should not be parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside of School. These measures are in place for the safety of everyone in and around the school so please respect this.

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**A Note from our Chair of Governors**

Last week I attended a meeting with Mr Nicholls about the school's attendance. I am very pleased to say the overall attendance is good, thank you.

I also had a meeting with Mrs Houston to discuss plans for the school Christmas Fayre. Together we are aiming to make it more "Christmassy" than ever before! If you can help on one of our stalls please let us know, similarly if you would like your own stall you can book a table via the Office. We are asking for any donations of teddy bears for our adopt a teddy stall, cakes/buns/mince pies, tombola items for children and adults, raffle prizes, books etc. As always any donations would be gratefully received!

I would also like to introduce Miss Rebecca Hancock as our Vice Chair of Governors, she has attended governor training and is an asset to our governing board. Our next full governors meeting is on Tuesday 26th November.

**Mrs Lee Watts, Chair of Governors**

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**Football Matches against Foxhole**

On Tuesday despite the bad weather that came in we went ahead with our matches against Foxhole.

*"Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who enjoyed a close match with Foxhole. Both teams had some exceptional individual players but also played well as teams. We took an early lead with a great goal from Charlie following Reuben's excellent pass. After this, we went in search of the second goal, but Foxhole hit us on the counter attack when we left gaps in our defence, and they scored two excellent goals, with Corey also making two superb saves. Foxhole then tried to defend their lead but Jake scored a late goal with an overhead kick which meant we drew the match 2-2".*

*"Our Year 3/4 team went into this fiercely anticipated local derby with a number of children making their debuts. We made a strong start in the damp conditions and had lots of possession and good chances. We deservedly took the lead when our chief play-maker Eden passed to Kieran who rifled a shot across the goalkeeper and into the bottom corner. We soon doubled our advantage as Noah latched on to a loose ball and he kept his cool to smash home a debut goal. Right on the stroke of half time Foxhole hit us on the break to grab a goal back with their first chance. We started the second half brightly and regained our two-goal lead as Noah once again was in the right place to fire past their 'keeper. However, in an entertaining game Foxhole came back again as they scored directly from a corner. With the game in the balance, we got the all important next goal as Kieran also scored his second. A quick throw by Eden and good pass by Corey found Kieran on the edge of the area. He then cut inside and hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner. 4-2 at the final whistle for our first win of the season after some difficult opening games. Everyone played really well, especially those playing their first game!"*

**Mr M Nicholls, Mr M Tonkin**

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Miss Bevis and her family who are expecting their second child next Spring. She will be going on maternity leave in April 2020.

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**Taking Digital Control**

Following a "Stay Safe Online" workshop with our Year 6 class last Thursday afternoon, we have received some information from StaySafe company for parents. This information gives website links which supports parents in taking control of their children's digital and online safety. This information will be emailed out to parents.

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**Parent's Evening questionnaire feedback**

Thank you to everyone who completed a Parent Questionnaire at our most recent Parents' Evening. We have collated all the comments and have sent it out via eSchools today. We will use the suggestions made to further improve our school provision and meet the needs of our community.

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**KS1 Nativity**

As detailed on the school calendar there has been an amendment to the dates for the KS1 Nativity this year. New dates: **Friday 13th December at 2:00pm**, Dress rehearsal, this is where we invite KS2 children and teaching staff and any parents with younger siblings who would like to watch. **Monday 16th December at 2pm**, afternoon performance. **Monday 16th December at 5:30pm**, evening performance. Letters and booking forms will be sent out in due course.

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**KS2 Carol Concert**

This year the children from KS2 will be performing in a carol concert on **Tuesday 10th December at 2:30pm**. Children will be performing some classic carols and doing some readings about the traditional Christmas story. Parents/ carers are invited to attend.

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**School Dinner payments**

Please can we ask parents/carers to log in to their ESchools account on a regular basis to see if they have any outstanding payments. Payments need to be made via ESchools. If you need assistance with logging in to your account, please speak to the Office.

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**Healthy Pupil's Capital Fund**

You may have noticed some pallets of exciting new equipment dotted around. We have obtained funding to improve our Eden outside play space from the Healthy Pupil Capital Fund and have purchased new equipment to encourage movement, co-ordination and skills.

**DIARY DATES****Autumn Term 2019**

**Tuesday 26th November, 3:30pm** - Year 5/6 Football/Netball at home against St Stephen.

**Friday 29th November, 1:30pm** - Clay Cluster Sports Academy Yrs 3/4 Football

**Wednesday 4th December, 9am** - Parent's Forum meeting

**Wednesday 4th December, 12pm** - Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 11th December, 9am** - Parent Friends Meeting

**Thursday 12th December, 12pm** - Cross Country at Par

**Friday 13th December, 2pm** - Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Yours Sincerely,

**Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher**

