



Nanpean Community Primary School
Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

Head teacher Weekly Update:

Welcome back to you all (children and parents) after the half term break. I hope you all enjoyed the half term and had a lovely but relaxing time. The first week back has been extremely busy. It is always nice to see the children after a holiday period and many of them have been telling me about their adventures during this week.

It has been great this week to hear many positive comments from children and parents in relation to the Breakfast Provision (Bagels) we are now offering. This ensures children have a nutritious start to the day which we hope will enable them to focus and concentrate for longer periods of time. Thanks to all staff who have been involved, but particularly to Miss Morton and Miss Morrison who initiated this project.

I visited all classrooms during the launch event and it was amazing to see so many parents attending with their children and hearing them read. Adults hearing their children read and reading 'bedtime stories' to their children is such an important part of a child's life: I vividly remember my parents reading me stories and I always enjoyed this family time. I firmly believe that this has helped to give me a lifelong love of reading and passion for education and learning. Hopefully all parents take part in reading activities with their children on a daily basis so our children have the best chance to reach their maximum potential. This week, Year 2 (Prosper Class) had a visitor in school in relation to their Topic work focusing on Pirate Maps. I was unable to attend this as I was in a meeting but when I spoke to the children the following day, they were very excited. Such visits ensure learning is contextualised and this is an important part of the Curriculum at Nanpean School. Visitors with specialist skills and knowledge are always welcome to ensure that our children enjoy activities and learn knowledge and skills in each Topic.

Finally I would like to mention the Valentines Disco on the evening of the last day of the first half of the Spring Term. This was a lovely evening and I thank the parents and staff who helped in the organisation of this. We will be planning similar events in future.

Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week: I can't believe March is already upon us.

Best wishes.

Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

ATTENDANCE

w/c 25/02/2019		Karslake	97.35%
Eden	98.50%	Melbur	<u>100%</u>
Hendra	98%	Drinnick	<u>100%</u>
Prosper	<u>100%</u>	Rosemellyn	<u>100%</u>

NEWSLETTER

01/03/2019

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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. This could be due to their consistently good behaviour, putting a lot of effort into their work, or their super learning. **'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— Oliver for always being kind and helpful to others.

Hendra— Elodie for improving handwriting and spelling in English.

Prosper— Noah for sustained 100% effort and an excellent attitude to his learning.

Karslake— Ollie for his excellent attitude towards maths homework.

Melbur— Owen for his super contributions to our class discussions about Mythical Tales.

Drinnick— Ellie for her fantastic effort at the dance festival.

Rosemellyn— Flynn for his outstanding partner work and real focus to do his best throughout all his lessons.

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.

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Each week we present a child with a Lunchtime Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during lunchtimes for the week. This week our Lunchtime Award goes to:

Callum (Rosemellyn) for being very proactive during his lunch duty.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ **The window for booking Parents Evening Appointments online has now closed. If you have not yet made an appointment, please speak to Office Staff to select an appropriate time. Please log in to eSchools to check the time allocated to you.**
- ⇒ **There will be no clubs from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March due to Parents Evening consultations taking place.**
- ⇒ **Comic Relief will be taking place on Friday 15th March. Our non-school uniform theme for the day is 'Wear Some Red'. This can be any item of clothing, face paint, or head to toe red! We are asking for a £1 donation towards Comic Relief fundraising.**

⇒ **Going Cashless**

We will no longer be accepting cash or cheques at the office for school meals, trips or equipment. We have taken this decision for a number of reasons: Firstly, as Mrs Sewell will be leaving us, we will only have one administrator in the office. It is recommended by the Local Authority Finance Auditors that we demonstrate effective segregation of financial duties and this will not be possible with one administrator handling and banking cash/ cheques. Secondly, we are currently running two systems: one for cash payments and one for online payments. This is confusing, difficult to maintain, and unnecessarily time consuming. Finally, we are paying for a system that is designed to benefit parents/ carers but that is not being used as it should be. Please take the time to check your child's eSchool account (ePay is currently only accessible through the desktop/ internet website but not the eSchools app) and ensure that payments for school meals and trips are paid for promptly. If you are struggling to use the site, please pop into the office and we can run through it with you. As charity collections (such as Comic Relief) are dealt with differently, these can still be made in cash.

⇒ **Valentines Disco**

We would like to give a big thank you to the PTA and Miss Dash for helping with the organisation of the Valentine's Disco. A lot of hard work went into making the event run smoothly and everyone ensured that all the children were happy and safe. The decorations and the glitter tattoos were a great success, everyone had a wonderful time.

⇒ **Healthy Tuck**

Could we please remind parents that we only allow children to bring into school a healthy nutritious snack for tuck, such as fruit or breakfast bars, we do not allow crisps or chocolate. Fruit releases energy slowly, whereas unhealthy foods can give short bursts of energy but then a 'slump' following this.



⇒ **Inappropriate Social Media Content**

We ask all parents to be aware and extra vigilant with regard to social media and online videos. This week, staff have been discussing internet safety with pupils and sharing positive advice about how to protect themselves online. Please could you also remind your children about the importance of staying safe on the internet, not giving out personal details and telling an adult if they see anything inappropriate. It is also important to set up technology with appropriate parental controls and to take an interest in your child's online interactions.

⇒ **Parents Evening ~ After School Clubs**

Please remember that there will be **NO** clubs from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March due to Parents Evening consultations taking place. We still have a few places available for parents evening. If you have not booked your time and would like to do so, please see the office and they will gladly book a slot for you.

⇒ **Bagels Launch Event**

The Bagels launch on Monday was a great success! The children and parents really enjoyed their Bagel breakfast in school. Research has shown that children who have a healthy breakfast achieve more at school. It was really good to see so many parents / carers at the event too. Thank you to everyone who attended.



⇒ **World Book Day**

World Book Day will be taking place this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress based on our literary theme, which this year is Comic Books.



This is a theme with a lot of scope for children to choose characters from: From Marvel or DC superheroes, to TinTin and Dennis the Menace, to Pokemon. We hope that children have a lot of fun choosing and dressing up as their characters and we can't wait to see them! There will also be a variety of themed activities for the children to participate in. There will be no charge to parents/ carers for the non-school uniform.

⇒ **Staff Training / Inset Days for 2019 /20**

Wednesday 4th September 2019.
Thursday 17th October and Friday 18th October 2019.
Monday 6th January 2020 .
Monday 1st June 2020.
Please keep a note of these dates in your diaries as the school will be closed for staff training.

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March—Parent Consultations
Thursday 7th March—World Book Day
Friday 8th March—Year 6 visit to Brannel School
Monday 11th March—Snell Cup
Friday 15th March—Comic Relief—RED Fancy Dress
Friday 22nd March—Clay Schools 5-a-side Indoor Football
Tuesday 26th March—Indoor Cricket Tournament at Brannel
Thursday 4th April—Easter Service
Monday 8th April—Easter Holidays

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

