



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 extremely busy week as it is always hectic in the lead up to Christmas. Most of this week has been dominated by Christmas events, although it is still pleasing to see children doing some academic work in class as well as enjoying the Christmas Events.

On Monday, I was extremely impressed with the 2019 KS1 Christmas Nativity Play 'Shine Star Shine'. There was much humour throughout this as it told the Christmas story through the star! Well done to all children who took part and performed exceptionally, and thank you to all staff and parents for supporting their children in learning words and stage directions: it was an extremely memorable performance with some superb singing and lovely colourful costumes.

On Tuesday, we had our Christingle Service led by Reverend Emma Childs and supported by Claire-Louise Hunt (Community Liaison worker from Tesco). The children heard a story and made their own Christingle which they were clearly excited about! We would like to give a huge thank you to the local shop and Tesco for kindly donating the items needed for the Christingle service.

On Wednesday, it was our Christmas Fair. This was a lovely, festive occasion for the community. Thankyou to everyone who helped to organise this, but particular thanks go to Mrs Houston (Admin Staff) and Mrs Watts (Chair of Governors) for all their time in preparing and organising this.

On Thursday, we completed our annual 'Lockdown Procedure'. Well done to the children who followed instructions superbly at this time.

Finally, just a reminder that school reopens to children on Tuesday 7th January, 2020, following our INSET day on Monday 6th January.

As always, it has been a pleasure working with the children, their parents, and staff at Nanpean School this term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and my sincerest best wishes for 2020. I look forward to seeing you all in the Spring Term.

Mr M Nicholls, Head teacher

REMINDERS

⇒ **First day back for children will be on Tuesday 7th January 2020.**

ATTENDANCE

w/c 16/12/2019			
Eden	92.42%	Karslake	98.72%
Hendra	96.67%	Melbur	93.83%
Prosper	90.23%	Drinnick	95.83%
		Rosemellyn	96.67%

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 - Kian for being extremely helpful and kind to all his friends in Eden class.

Hendra - Caitlyn for working super hard in English with her rhyming words.

Prosper - Jessica for being kind and helpful all week, especially in the nativity with the younger children.

Karslake - Stacey for fantastic behaviour and attitude to learning.

Melbur - Georgia for being a supportive, helpful member of our class. Thank You.

Drinnick - Olivia for showing great manners and kindness to her classmates.

Rosemellyn - Kaito for complex reflection work in Maths.

BUSY BEES

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



There are no Busy Bees this week.

SPORTS STAR AWARD

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

Rhys (Hendra) - for excellent effort in parachute games and helping others during the games.



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:

Matilda (Drinnick) for being extremely helpful around School at all times.

DIARY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 23rd December—First day of the Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2020—INSET day, school closed to pupils

Tuesday 7th January—First day of the Spring Term

Wednesday 8th January, 1pm-3pm— Eden Class Parent's Evening

Thursday 9th January, 3:30-5:30pm— Eden Class Parent's Evening

Tuesday 14th January, 3:10pm—Football/Netball v Bugle (H)

- ⇒ **New Entrance System from January**
Following on from some recent feedback regarding morning entry we are making some changes. From January, Year 6 children will come directly to their classroom as currently happens. Year 4 and 5 children will come in the current entrance that they use (so no change) but Mrs Jago and Mr Tonkin will be available from 8.45—8.55am most days at the doors welcoming children to school at these times. Year 2 and 3 children will go directly into their classroom via the external doors that they are collected from at the end of the day. Year R and 1 children will use continue to use the KS1 door but Mr Barritt and Mrs Hayes will be present and available here most days from 8.45—8.55am. We have made these amendments to allow parents/ carers time to speak with their child's class teacher, but if there are messages related to attendance/ absence, finances, or anything not related to the curriculum, please ensure that you speak with the Office.
- ⇒ **Parent's Forum**
It has been agreed that we will vary the time of one meeting per term. Therefore, the next Parents Forum meeting will be on Monday 13th January at 2.30pm. Hopefully people who regularly attend this meeting will be able to attend and some extra parents will be able to attend due to the variation of the day and time.
- ⇒ **Parent Friends Meeting**
Our first meeting of 2020 will be **Wednesday 8th January** at 9:00am. The main focus of this meeting will be the Bingo that is arranged for Friday 24th January. We would happily welcome any new members to the group. Similarly if anyone is able to help on the Bingo night please let the Office know.
- ⇒ **Farewell to Mrs Oldridge and Miss Sevinc**
Our trainee teachers, Mrs Oldridge and Miss Sevinc finish their placement with us today. It has been lovely to have them in Year 1 and Year 2 at school and they have developed excellently. We are sure they will continue to do so and will become excellent Teachers. We wish them well for their future and career in the teaching profession.
- ⇒ **New Trainee Teacher**
During the Spring Term, there will be a trainee teacher in Year 4 (Melbur Class) as part of our ongoing work with Initial Teacher Training courses. Year 4 staff and children are all looking forward to working with Mr Parker and we welcome him to our school and send our best wishes to him for his time with us.
- ⇒ **Outstanding 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.
- ⇒ **Christmas Fair**
Thank You to everyone that came and supported this year's Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many of you here along with friends and family. The event was a huge success where we raised over £1000. These funds will be put back into the School.

⇒ **Attendance**

We would like to remind everyone that at our school we place huge importance on the value of good school attendance in improving both a child's academic and social development. Not only this, but it is a parent/ carer's legal obligation to ensure that a child of school age receives an efficient and full time education. We would like to remind all parents/ carers of the following:

-If you take your child out of school without permission you will be committing an offence under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

-A referral with our School Welfare Officer will be issued where a child has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence.

-The Local Authority has the authority to issue penalty notices on behalf of the school if a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence.

-As a result, if a child of school age has at least 5 days unauthorised absence during a 10 week period, we will be initiating the procedure that could result in penalty notices being issued.

Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in court action. No leave of absence will be authorised except for in exceptional circumstances and this is at the discretion of the Head teacher. Additionally, if you report that your child is absent due to illness, but we have reasonable reason to doubt the accuracy of this statement, we will be within our rights to request evidence from your child's doctor confirming the illness. If your child is having any problems that you feel are affecting their attendance, please speak with your child's class teacher or Mr Nicholls.

*Merry Christmas to you
all from everyone at
Nanpean School.*



Yours Sincerely,

Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher