

# Dear Families

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## Glue Sticks!!

This may seem like an unusual request but it is an important one. As we come to the end of our financial year, we have to close the budget to any purchasing for a few weeks. In the last staff meeting, our teachers asked me to request parents' help, could you please buy a glue stick for your child as we have none left. If you are in the teaching profession, you will understand this plea!

## Recognition of our Children's Efforts

Our children have worked incredibly hard since the start of this term, embracing a new curriculum with questions that are really challenging their thinking about important issues. They have continued to display our new school rules and attitudes to learning, and in recognition of this we would like to hold a **"Movie Evening"** for them. This is not a fundraiser, it is free and purely to thank our children for their hard work. Twelve members of the team have said they would love to stay and support this. More information will follow via a letter from Miss Hudson.

## Challenge Curriculum – Update

As we draw to an end of our first piece of learning in our new curriculum, we are already holding team meetings each morning, discussing and designing our next pieces. During term 5, the key focus will be on History with elements of Geography and Drama. All leading questions will be focused on developing young historians and we have been very lucky to work with local historians in creating some of the learning for our children. We have planned exciting trips and experiences at school to bring the learning alive! We do value the arts and an element of drama will be part of this term's learning. In Term 6, our focus will be STEMASTIC!

Next term we have returning visits from key experts as part of our Back on Track Model. Steve Lomax will be delivering training on deepening learning in maths, Pie Corbett on Writing and Reading and Helen Tate will return to continue our work on the Early Years Curriculum.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fletcher

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**Naunton Park Preschool Playgroup is looking for a Play Leader or a Deputy Manager – term time only, 8.30am to 4pm.**

*We are looking for someone who has high levels of energy and positivity to contribute to high quality childcare within the playgroup setting. A level 3 in Early Years and Childcare Qualification or above is required, together with a deep understanding of the EYFS and child development in the early years.*

*We would ideally like the candidate to join us on a full-time basis, but **we are open to flexible work/part time hours.***

*For full details and job description, please [click here](#). If you are interested please send your CV to [chair@nauntonpark.co.uk](mailto:chair@nauntonpark.co.uk)*

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# Class News

'In Year 4 this week, we had a go at creating our own clay sculptures to replicate a coral reef. The children went on to label their coral reefs, identifying the different types of coral in the ocean.'



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For our Maths lessons this week Purple class have been finding two quarters of both objects and amounts. They have been using mathematical vocabulary such as numerator and denominator. Everyone has been using a range of resources such as cubes and counters to find and discuss what two quarters means and what it may look like.



Yellow Class have been busy observing Spring daffodils and making 3D sculptures of them using recycled cardboard and egg boxes! We are so impressed with their creativity and artistic flair.

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In Whole class talk for reading sessions this term, year six have been reading *Brightstorm* by Vashti Hardy as their fiction choice.

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This has linked so beautifully with our work in Geography and in particular, Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica. We finished the book this week and wrote Tweets for the author outlining our thoughts. Here are a few of them:

***"I loved Brightstorm! I am planning on getting the next book. My favourite character is Maudie because she reminds me of myself as she is strong, caring, and fierce! I think that dad getting to to the South Polaris first was amazing! I also loved how Maudie kept roasting Eudora Vane."***

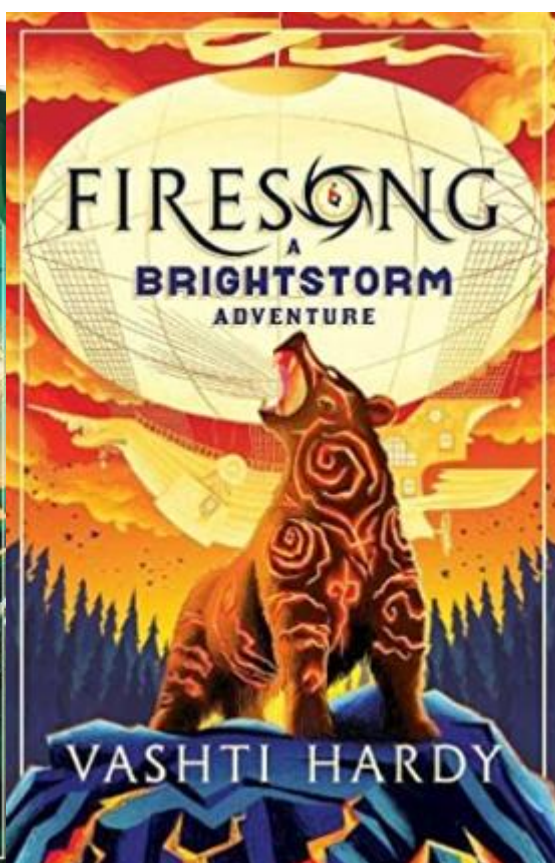
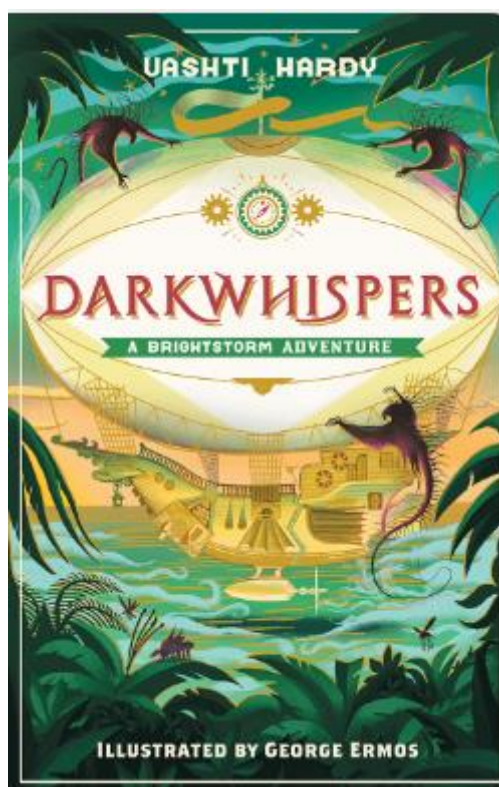
***"I absolutely loved Brightstorm! It was so creative and full of suspense. Our teacher paused at the most ANNOYING points. It kept me on edge, especially the parts in the third continent, more towards South Polaris and finding out their dad got there first."***

**"I absolutely loved Brightstorm. Arthur is my favourite character because he has a useful metal arm. I loved the part where the thought wolves came to save Harriet, Felicity, Arthur and Maudie from Eudora. Your book rocks and Eudora sucks!"**

**"Brightstorm. I loved everything that was in it. My favourite character was Mausie and all the traits she had. The book was so hard to put down and I can't wait to read the next book in the series."**

I think most of year six are keen to read the next books. Here they are in case you are interested in buying them or borrowing them from the library:

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**Well Done!**

Yesterday, Naunton Park Primary School took part in the first round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz against Christchurch. Raffy Betts and Delilah Roylance in Year 5 and Aadvika Adarsh & Ruby Crossley in Year 6 answered questions on flowers, trees, animals, seasons and identifying specimens. The team worked together brilliantly and this resulted in Naunton Park managing to achieve a win and going through to the next stage. We are very proud of the children's conduct, knowledge and attitude! Mrs Windsor & Mrs Staniland.

### **Netball News**

On Friday 3rd March, 9 children represented Naunton Park in a netball tournament which took place at The High School Leckhampton. They played well rotating through the different positions on court and finished 6th out of 11 schools. A very well done to Toby Blay, Liam Faulkner, Jacob Dyer-Bradshaw, Esther Maclannan, Ophelia Smith, Elizabeth Thomson, Pippa Stafford, Lucy Sholly and Gaby Powell.

On Monday 6th March, we played our next match against Dunalley and won 18-0. Fabulous teamwork from Adam Rowe, Bertie Rodgers, Tom Croke, Sofia Jallow-Rossiter, Isla Usher, Daisy Mason and Lilly-May Beer. Well done!

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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

### Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Jaxon Lewicki Nathan Durkin	Eddie Alexander Lola Ramsey
Y1	Arthur Hume Felicity Ralph	Ife Oderinde Bronte Ryan
Y2	Tilly Stafford Rueben Holbrook	Ted Berry Clara Upadhyay
Y3	Freddie Mundy-Turrel Maise Heywood	Mabel Ward George Ransome
Y4	Ivy Davis Hlib Melnychuk	Sarah Grant Goerge Biggs
Y5	William Blake Jacob Long	Sophia Rowe
Y6	Emma Abernethy Toby Blay	Dayne Parcon Elizabeth Thomson

## Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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# Dates

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y1 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Forest School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Celebration
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for signing up to Terms 5/6 clubs
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Night
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4 Forest School
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term (3:15pm finish as usual)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 clarinet lessons start (10 weeks)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Final CTFC football session for Y2-4 (catch up from cancelled session)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 swimming
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Reception Forest School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Forest School
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Menu change for King's Coronation
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Forest School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 "SATs Week"
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Forest School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Forest School
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photographs
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Forest School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Science Festival trip
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Forest School (each Friday of Term 6)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Science Festival trip
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 swimming
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 swimming
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 swimming
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 swimming
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 residential to PGL
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of academic year
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed (INSET)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed (INSET)

Term dates and events in the diary can be found here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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