



Dear Families

Dear Families,

This week has been a hive of activity as we commence our summer Term 6: and the sunshine has made all the difference. Children have been visiting the Science Festival as part of our Challenge Curriculum - Statistic. The children have loved their visits reporting back to school very positively about the talks and activities they have been involved in. Year 2 visited a local Mosque this week as part of their learning ; Mrs Chew informed me that it was a great experience where the children learnt how the Mosque operates and the Imam even let them listen to how he calls people to prayer. Our children were so inquisitive, curious and fascinated to learn about this - just what we want as part of a rich and diverse education.

This week we invited our new reception parents to school for their evening induction and we have a couple of stay and plays this term so our new children feel welcomed to our school. Thank you to our EYFS team for making this such an enjoyable experience.

Over the last two days we have been holding Teaching Partner interviews as we recruit 7 more TPs to our school. This will replace a couple who are leaving and all the others will be new additions to the team. This means more support than before at NPPS - ensuring we are improving meeting the needs of all our learners across our school. All parents will be informed of the outcomes of this in due process. We are presently recruiting a new PPA/Forest School Teacher and a full-time Reception Class Teacher. This is why we are still waiting to share the new staffing plan with the team and then you as families. Children will be informed as soon as possible with dates to be arranged for meeting their new teachers for the new academic year.

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We had some very positive feedback from our OPAL play external mentor:

Mrs Turner, Miss Barraclough and Mrs Martin met with Rachel Murray who is our OPAL mentor. She has been supporting us since the start of the initiative and the last time she visited we had the generator on the playground and were expecting temporary classrooms any moment!! Remember that?! So, at that time, we were unsure what was going to happen with OPAL. Therefore, Rachel wasn't sure what to expect on her visit today.

Rachel spent nearly an hour on the playground at lunch time and came back in beaming, saying she couldn't stop smiling! She shared her glowing feedback and was really pleased with our progress. She said the atmosphere on the playground is completely different to when she first visited, the children are being far more creative in their play, there are more mixed genders and ages playing together and said the space is working really well, especially as we have a tricky outdoor space to work with (long and narrow and nearly all hard surface).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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NPPTA

A reminder this week that the PTA are excitedly planning several fundraisers over the summer:

- Jumble Trail - Sunday 11th June, 2-4pm
- Drinks & sweets sale @ Sir Geoff Hurst Football Tournament - Fri 23 June
- Summer Fair, 2023 - Saturday 1st July, stalls 3-5pm (bar open until 6pm!)
- Bag2School - Tuesday 4th July

Jumble Trail: Sunday 11 June 2-4pm

Host your own garage sale style stall at your house and/or by taking a walk out to browse the stalls around the local community.

If you don't have a suitable driveway or outdoor space to host a stall but would like to take part, Emmanuel Church have kindly offered their carpark for families to use. Just select the option for this when registering.

Stall holders can register [here](#) and will be added to the Live Jumble Map. Registration costs £10 per household. Please follow the link for more information (no obligation to take part if you click on the link!)

Browsers are invited to make a donation (of any value, minimum £1), and in doing so will receive a link to the live map. Donations are to be made [here](#) and the map link will be included in the thank you note.

This is a great way to clear out, make (or spend!) a few quid, and let someone else make use of your unwanted goodies. Please tell your neighbours and friends, all are welcome to join.

Summer Fair 2023

Planning is now in full swing for this event.

Save the date - Sat 1st July, 3pm-5pm (Bar open until 6pm!)

Huge thank-you to Liz and Sian for volunteering to help with the raffle and to all who have pledged prize donations. It's shaping up to be a great raffle so make sure you get your tickets when they go on sale!

If you are able to donate a prize please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk

We will spotlight any businesses that provide donations on our Facebook page.

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We did not get any other responses for volunteers so still need the following -

Volunteers needed:

- **Bake-off judges** - We are looking for two Bake-off judges. Perhaps you, or someone you know, is a member of the royal family, a celebrity, a baker, a patissier or, perhaps you simply love cake...this could be for you!
- **Bar team** - We will need a bar team for this event. No experience necessary. Would be fun for a group of friends to take on together or for an individual wanting to get involved. The bar truly adds to the atmosphere of the event so you'd be contributing massively to the success of the day.
- **Sweets lead** - We are looking for a volunteer to lead on the sweets stall - involves checking current stock levels, restocking (full instructions given) and setting up the stall on the day.
- **Naunton Park's Got Talent Judges** - Three judges needed. In the past this role has been enormously enjoyed by grandparents. See below.

The Summer Fair proudly presents Naunton Park's Got Talent 2023

Naunton Park's Got Talent is an annual talent contest for the children. It is organised in school by the wonderful Mrs Farrow of Green Class. Rounds are held during the school day for those that choose to enter with the Grand Finale held at the Summer Fair. It is a much loved and time-honoured tradition of Naunton Park Primary.

Sir Geoff Hurst Football Tournament - Friday 23rd June

We will be running a cold drinks and sweet stall from 1300 (set-up from 1230) in Naunton Park. If you could help run the stall during the afternoon, please get in touch by emailing pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk. Many thanks in advance!

Bag2School - Tues 4th July

We are holding a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 4th July. Opportunity for a good ol' declutter before the holidays! Bring your donations to the school playground at drop off on morning of Tuesday 4th July.

Remember "If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot"

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Class News

Y2 Mosque Visit

As part of RE week Y2 had the pleasure of visiting Masjid-e-Noor mosque in Gloucester. The children got to meet Imam Hassan and find out about what happens in a mosque. The children really enjoyed seeing inside the large prayer rooms, visiting the wash room and most of all dressing up in traditional Arabic clothes. They were keen to share their knowledge and understanding with Imam Hassan and he was very impressed with the amount of questions they were keen to ask him. Here are some quotes from Purple Class about what they enjoyed and learnt about on their visit to the mosque.

"I liked it when Imam Hassan sang the Qur'an."

Ada

"I liked it when we tried on the traditional clothes."

Tom

"I liked visiting the Wudu room because I found it interesting that Muslims clean themselves before they pray."

Florrie

"The Qur'an has over 888 pages and it is a holy book."

Toby



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Y6 Science Festival visit

Yesterday Year 6 visited the Science Festival.

We went to an amazing talk by Mark the Science Guy who explained how science can help you improve your sporting skills before trying our hand at the amazing range of activities in the Maker Shack.



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Year 5 Science Festival visit

Year 5 had a wonderful day visiting the science festival to watch Jess French talk to us about our wonderful world. We had a fantastic time in the Discover Zone where we tested and played with VR headsets, performed archaeological digs, created our own bacteria and tricked our brain to believe we could feel 6 fingers!



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Cherwell Science Festival visit & PE this week

At the "Healthy You, Healthy Planet" workshop sponsored by Forest Green Rovers, the greenest football team in the world, the children learnt about how and why global warming was happening- its cause, its impact and measures that could help to reduce it and protect the planet. This was all done in a practical and fun way. There was beanbag relay food groups, oat, soya and almond milk tasting, ordering fact boards according to different criteria and finishing, of course, with a penalty shoot-out. Congratulations to Anna for finding the back of the net first and winning a special football shirt made from recycled coffee cups. A special mention too for Jessie who was brave enough to take on the blind taste test, accurately distinguishing the difference between soya and oat milk. The workshop leaders were very impressed with our knowledge and ideas and were convinced we must be Year 4!

In the Maker Shack there were lots of exciting things to try...making harmonicas, peg racing cars, straw rockets, paper helicopters, clay monsters, fractal tree branches, secret writing, weaving, rogue bunting, coded bead bracelets and Lego to name but a few. Everyone had a great time.



The picture of Bailey shows him re-enacting the best catch Mr Greed has ever seen from an adult or child - ever! This was in our PE lesson with Mr Greed this week.



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Green Class' RE Week

Green Class enjoyed sharing their favourite stories this week as part of RE week - What stories are special and why?

Mrs Farrow shared a book of Disney stories that was given to her when she was 4. It was a very old book! We listened to the story in the cool shade of the Forest School area whilst having our snack and milk.



Whilst we were putting our fruit rubbish in the bin, we noticed other rubbish was in the Forest School area too. Mrs Farrow said we could become wombles and collect up the rubbish - which we did.

Year 1's RE Week

Part of the RE topic this week for Year 1 is asking the question "who do Christians say made the world?"

We have created a collaborative picture of the creation story and added questions that we would like to ask the creator. We will be putting forward this wonderful piece into a spirited arts competition.



Yesterday Year 1 dressed up as animals for the day!! This was to raise funds and donate money to the Cheltenham Animal Shelter. We had a fabulous talk in the afternoon from Deb (from the charity) and Bernie her dog came along too! An impressive £72.10 was raised. Thank you to both parents and children for helping to create this successful event.

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Thames Class' RE Week



In Thames Class this week, we had the pleasure of asking Aadvika (Y6), Adi & Atty (Y5) questions all about what it is like to be a Hindu to enhance our learning in our R.E. week. The children in Thames Class asked thoughtful, sensitive and interesting questions and all three children gave insightful answers, telling us about their favourite foods, beliefs and religion.

Wye Class' Science Festival visit

Year 4 had a fantastic morning at the Cheltenham science festival today! We enjoyed watching an interesting talk about sound and how it works. We got to see some exciting experiments and took part in some very fun activities in the discovery zone.



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Safeguarding

Visiting School

We love welcoming visitors to school – we love to share our work with others, the children love to meet new people and we love to learn from others too. Parent helpers provide additional opportunities for children to read aloud and be able to go on trips safely.

Arriving at school

To keep everyone safe, we ALWAYS ensure that the visitors coming onto our school site are safe to be here and that they are 'suitable' adults to be working with our children.

To accomplish this, we ask all visitors (including parents) to:

- Sign in at the office – if the fire drill goes off, the office staff will check you're safe
- Provide ID – we need to make sure you are who you say you are (even if you know someone!)
- Read our Visitors' Leaflet that you'll be given and the posters in the office area
- Wear a lanyard while on the premises – green if you share a DBS and red if you don't
- Remain with a member of staff if you are wearing a red lanyard.

These procedures may seem exhaustive sometimes, but please know that we are doing it to keep the children (and you) safe while you're in school.

Working with children

We ask that any visitor to the school (including when helping on school trips):

- Does not use their personal device when in the company of children
- Does not take photographs unless on a school-owned device and on request of the teacher
- Reports any concern of a child's wellbeing or behaviour to a member of school staff immediately
- Does not administer first aid – please call on a member of staff
- Activates the fire alarm (red boxes around the school) in the case of a fire or necessary evacuation
- Reads the Child Protection procedures listed in the Visitors Leaflet and displayed around school
- Speaks to the headteacher immediately if they have a concern about a member of staff

Helping on trips

We could not arrange trips without our wonderful parent helpers! Again, however, we have strict procedures to follow in order to keep everyone safe;

- Please wear a hi-vis jacket (provided by the office staff) – children can spot you easily!
- Please keep your green/red lanyard on for the duration of the trip
- Please provide the office staff with ID (even if you're just helping for an hour)
- Please sign in upon arrival and sign out when you leave with the children (in case of a fire drill)

Leaving school

At the end of a visit, we ask all visitors to sign out at the school office and return their lanyard. If you have a child to collect from the playground and it's the end of the day, please still leave via the office and walk around to the playground. This ensures that we've taken you off our fire register for the day and that we have all the lanyards back. It's essential that we know who is on the site at any given time of the day.

Exceptions!

There are some exceptions to the above! If you are coming into school to watch a performance, for Open Classrooms or for Sports Day (for example) we may not ask you to sign in or wear a lanyard. However, please still adhere to our rules about the use of personal devices, please do not take any photos, please report any concern to a member of staff immediately and please ensure you only go to the relevant areas of the school for that activity.

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Diary Dates

Sunday 11 th June	PTA Jumble Trail, 2-4pm
Monday 12 th June	Phonic Screening Check week for Y1 (and some Y2)
Friday 16 th June	Year 5 swimming
Tuesday 20 th June	YR Stay and Play session
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent/child Mental Health workshop
Friday 23 rd June	Year 5 swimming
Friday 23 rd June	Sir Geoff Hurst football tournament
Monday 26 th June	KS1 sports activities morning – parents invited to watch (times TBC)
Tuesday 27 th June	KS2 sports races on the park – parents invited to watch (times TBC)
Wednesday 28 th June	Naunton Park's Got Talent final
Wednesday 28 th June	Parent/child Mental Health workshop
Wednesday 28 th June	YR Stay and Play session
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 swimming
Friday 30 th June	Prince of Wales Athletics competition
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fair, 3-5pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Bags2School
Wednesday 5 th July	Parent/child Mental Health workshop
Friday 7 th July	Y4-6 Swimming Gala at Cheltenham College (parents welcome)
Friday 7 th July	Annual reports to parents
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th July	Year 6 residential to PGL
Friday 21 st July	Last day of academic year
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' performance, 9:30am
Monday 24 th July	School closed (INSET)
Tuesday 25 th July	School closed (INSET)

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

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Something to Celebrate

Whole School Attendance
95%

Recognition

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Anna Fullerton-Pujol Imogen Coombes	Jago Stewart Arthur Humes
Y1	Laurie Murray Ellie Tozza	Henry Wilmer Rosalie Tilson
Y2	Fred Mason Effie Gibson	Stephan Delsaux Aurelia Preece-Smith
Y3	Orla Stewart Leo Wilson	Eva Puttnam Samuel West
Y4	Max Smith Summer Ip	Maddie Eckford Theo Vernall
Y5	Oscar Sherringham Dexter McCarthy	Charlie Tayplor Oskar Moore
Y6	Victor Shotton Sofia Jallow-Rossiter	Isla Usher Joss Cox

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