



Friday 1st December 2023

NEVILL INFANT NEWS

Dear all,

Well, the really cold weather has finally hit and with it lots of coughs and colds ... remember to wrap up warm. Children will still be going outside for learning and play so please make sure they have appropriate clothing for this; hats, scarves, gloves and a warm coat! Please have a look at the end of the newsletter for some NHS information about when and when not to send your child into school if they are unwell.

We started this week talking all about trees as it is National Tree Week. The children learned all the parts of a tree and we talked about their importance for climate change. We also spoke about Christmas trees that will be popping up and we thought about the kind of people we want to be leading through the festive period. The children said they should be **giving thoughtful sharing helpful and together**.

We have slowly begun the preparations for all things Christmas related; the rehearsals are in full swing for performances, there are decorations going up and the post boxes for class Christmas cards are now available.

The next three weeks are going to be very full and busy for us all. It is a time of year that can bring such joy but also many challenges, please do reach out if there is anything we are able to do to support you and your family during this time.

If you have one, I hope you enjoy opening the first day on your advent calendar to mark the countdown to Christmas.

Have a glorious weekend!

Mr Whitfield

Outdoor Area works

We are finally going to be able to start work on the outdoor area at the back of our field.

We are having a proper fenced off area with better pathways, a fire pit, archaeological dig site, den building and seating.

Work may start next week when the children are in, it is safe for them but please remind them to stay away so as not to disturb.

Very exciting!!!

Christmas Post

Class post-boxes for Christmas cards are available, please ensure they have the name of the child and the class they are in written on the front. Please encourage your child to write these; it is real life good practice for them!

Christmas Presents

At this time of year, many parents and carers very generously like to purchase gifts for staff members. We are always very grateful and appreciative of this however, I would like to be very clear that this is not an expectation and I would rather parents and carers use their money to go towards making even better family memories at Christmas.

Dates

5th Dec → Prospective parent tours 9 & 11
5th Dec → Christmas Panto at School
6th Dec → YN / YR trip to St Vincent's church
7th Dec → Prospective parent tours 9 & 11
7th Dec → Govs Mtg
8th Dec → Joseph Coelho visit
11th Dec → Parents in 2:30 YR Christmas Show
12th Dec → Parents in 9:15 YR / 2:30 Y1 Christmas Show
13th Dec → Parents in 9:15 Y1 / 2:30 Y2 Christmas Show

Dates

14th Dec → Parents in 9:15 Y2 Christmas Show
15th Dec → PTA Santa Dash
15th Dec → Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
18th Dec → Report update to parents
20th Dec → Class Christmas parties (afternoon)
20th Dec → Parents in YN / Little Brown Bears 1:45 - Stay & Play & Christmas Songs
21st Dec → Sensory Bus in school
22nd Dec → INSET Day – school closed to children



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My Happy Mind

This week the children have been spotting character strengths in their friends. They have been looking for love and kindness, love of our world, honesty and bravery, exploring and learning and teamwork and friendship.

All Things Christmas

WB 4th December	Christmas and Advent assemblies begin
4th December	Christmas Post-box in school for children
5th December	Christmas PANTO in school
11th December @ 2:30	Parents in for Reception Christmas Show
12th December @ 9:15	Parents in for Reception Christmas Show
12th December @ 2:30	Parents in for Year 1 Christmas Show
13th December @ 9:15	Parents in for Year 1 Christmas Show
13th December @ 2:30	Parents in for Year 2 Christmas Show
14th December @ 9:15	Parents in for Year 2 Christmas Show
14th December	Christmas Party bags sent home
15th December	PTA Santa Dash Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
20th December @ 1:45	Little Brown Bears & Elephants → Stay & Play followed with Christmas Songs Christmas Parties in the afternoon
21st December	Last day of Autumn term



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Communication this week

Whole school	27.11.2023 – PTA AGM email; 30.11.2023 – Rainbow raffle reminder; 01/12/2023 – Newsletter
Little Brown Bears	
Elephants (Nursery)	27.11.2023 – Tapestry email
Koala Bears (Reception)	27.11.2023 – Tapestry email
Polar Bears (Reception)	27.11.2023 – Tapestry email
Sea Otters (Y1)	
Blue Whales (Y1)	
Sea Turtles (Y1)	
Leopards (Y2)	
Lions (Y2)	

Housepoints

	Bruntwood	Lyme	Woodbank	Vernon
This Week	109	106	136★	117
Total	1606	1475	1704	1723★

Certificates

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Emerald
14	9	0	0	0	0



Go For It Gorilla



This week the following children have all really shown a Growth Mindset and let their teachers know they are a 'Go For It Gorilla'. Please see the school website (Parent Section) for more information on growth mindset.

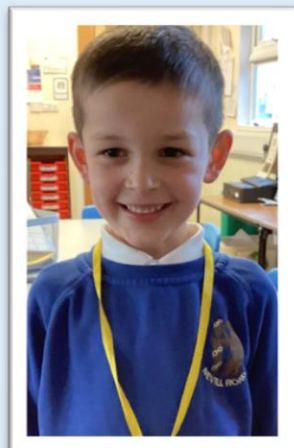
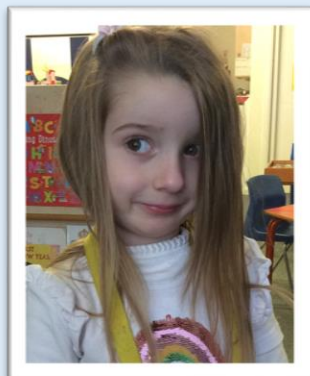
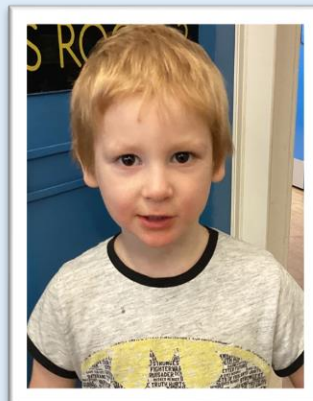
Erin B	Dennis W	Rosie J	Finlay C
Noah S	Zara C	Charles I	Gabriela P



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I am a
Honeycomb Hero



These children have been voted for by their class mates to be the Honeycomb Hero – they have been following all of our Golden Rules beautifully and the other children have noticed how great they have been – Well Done, we are very proud of you!!



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Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

have a high temperature

do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.



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Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



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VISIT WITH *Santa*

Come and take a selfie with Santa Claus and receive a gift at the Village Square Grotto.

Saturday 2nd December	10:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 3rd December	10:30am - 3:30pm
Saturday 9th December	10:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 10th December	10:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday 14th December	4:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday 16th December	10:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 17th December	10:30am - 3:30pm
Saturday 23rd December	10:30am - 3:30pm

£7 Per Child