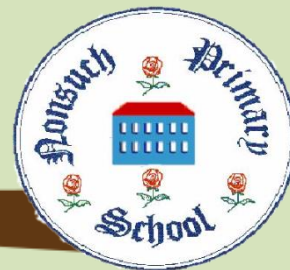


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We laugh, learn and persevere

We are determined to follow our dreams and be the best we can



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Dates for your Diary

Whilst every effort is made to give as much notice as possible of these dates, they are sometimes subject to change. The school makes every effort to give as much notice as possible.

What do these colours mean?

End/start school incl. INSET days

New to list

Changed date

Autumn Term – 2nd Half

02/12	Christmas Fair
05/12	KS1 Christmas Play 9am
05/12	KS1 Christmas Play 5.30pm
07/12	R – Y5 Flu Immunisation
11/12	EYFS Christmas Play 9am
12/12	EYFS Christmas Play 9am
13/12	Violin Assembly 10am
14/12	Christmas Jumper Day
14/12	Children's Christmas Dinner
17/12	iRock Assembly 2pm
18/12	iRock Assembly 2pm
21/12	Christmas Carol Service 9am
21/12	Nursery closed all day
21/12	END OF AUTUMN TERM 1.15pm

Bertie - Be There Bear

Owls 98.7% attendance 29th October – 2nd November

Puffins & Swans 99.7% attendance 5th – 9th November

Puffins 100% attendance 12th – 16th November

Flamingos 99.3% attendance 19th – 23rd November

Owls 100% attendance 26th – 30th November



INSET Dates 18/19

We have secured the following INSET dates to help you plan ahead. School will be closed to children on the following dates:

07/01/19 (after Christmas Holidays)
25/02/19 (after February half term)

Do you have any questions, feedback, comments or suggestions you would like to bring to our attention? Please fill in the form on our website, under the 'Contact us' heading. Alternatively you can email us:
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Ofsted 2018

The Ofsted inspection was a surprise to everyone, certainly one I was not expecting and something that the school has not experienced in eleven years. I would like to thank parents for the very positive feedback that the inspectors received about the school. Although the inspectors were here only two days, they were very thorough in gathering evidence to make their judgements and it is a judgement that I am extremely pleased with. It recognises the considerable strengths of the school but also confirms the areas where we know we can improve.

As the children are starting to get excited about the Christmas break I am looking forward spending my last few weeks in their company. There are a number of school events taking place, starting with the Christmas fair this Sunday afternoon, and I hope to see you at some of them. In the meantime, school goes on and I am busy helping the new Headteacher, Mrs Heather Young, get prepared for the school start in January. The inset day on 7th January, a later addition to the school calendar, is part of the process so Mrs Young gets the opportunity to meet all the staff and set the scene for her Headship of this highly successful school.

I hope the run – up to Christmas is not too stressful.

Geoff Green.
Interim Headteacher.

School Dinner Money

A reminder the school has recently changed the lunch payment policy from Monday 29th October 2018. The reason for this change is that the catering company have become aware that several of our accounts are in arrears and this cannot continue to happen as it places additional financial pressure on the school.

If your child has school meals, or will be taking school meals next half term, these should be paid for half a term in advance, inclusive.

To remind you the cost of a meal is £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week. So if your child will be having school dinners every day for the next half term, please pay £65.25 into your ParentPay account at the beginning of the school term, or if your child has two school dinners a week, it'll be £27.00 to prepay. Even if your child only has a meal once or twice a week, please pay for the individual days in advance. Meals should be paid for via ParentPay and should your account not have the correct balance, you will be contacted daily to confirm that your child is having a school dinner. If you have not yet registered with ParentPay, please contact the School Office. If you decide that your child no longer requires a school meal, please inform the school office and pay any arrears.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Linda Burden.
School Bursar.

Sports Round Up!

Netball

We have had a great start to our netball season. Excitingly, many Y5 girls have joined netball club after school on Wednesdays and all netballers (in both Y5 & Y6) have already had the opportunity to represent the school in an official match. We've won a number of these matches and our Y6 girls are looking forward to competing in the Sutton league after Christmas. We've also participated in two High 5 netball tournaments with lower and upper KS2; these have been great opportunities to learn more skills and play as mixed teams.

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 6th November, we took a squad of Y4 children to a Tag Rugby Festival at John Fisher School. After a coaching session, during which the children learned some of the basic skills and rules, they played some games against other schools. All of the children enjoyed the session and gained a good introduction to the sport.

Football

Last week on Monday 19th, our football team played against Cheam Park Farm at Sutton United. This was a really well contested match with an early Cheam goal being matched by a superb strike from Liam to make things level at half time. With some good saves from Josh in goal, the score stayed at 1-1 until well into the second half when Cheam scored a goal that turned out to be the winner. Well done to all the squad.

Handball Festival

On Thursday 22nd, 16 of our Y6 children took part in a Handball coaching session at Carshalton Boys High School. This session was a preparation for a competition in January and included various skill practices and games against other schools. The team are pictured below with young GB under 18 international Rob Damianou, who recently won silver medals at the European IHF championships.



As always, we are extremely grateful to the many parents who provide lifts to matches; thank you for your support of the school and enabling us to provide these additional opportunities for our children.

Best Outcomes for every child

Year 3's Trip To Pizza Express

On Wednesday 14th November, Y3 visited Pizza Express in Cheam. This may just seem like a treat but there was also a good educational rationale behind it, linked to our Design Technology work. All the children made their own pizzas and learned about food hygiene and the processes involved. They had an opportunity to sample and discuss a range of toppings, many of them trying new tastes and textures. At the end of the session, all the pizzas came back to school for the children to take home at the end of the day, which meant that the office staff had to endure the tempting smell throughout the afternoon. On a lovely autumn day, we also had a good walk through Nonsuch Park and did a little preliminary work ahead of our Tudor topic next term. Thank you to the parents who were able to accompany us.



Sportshall Athletics

Last Monday 19th, Mrs Walters and Mr Bowen took 20 children from Y5/Y6 to a heat of the Sportshall Athletics competition at Sutton High School for Girls. Sportshall is a fast paced indoor athletics competition which comprises a range of throwing and jumping events as well as many running races. All of our children performed and behaved brilliantly, the value of teamwork was certainly evident! We also won a number of races. We are still waiting to hear whether we have qualified for the Sutton finals in January. Well done to everyone. Thank you to all parents/carers who supported this event by helping out with transport.

High Quality Teaching

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Food Bank over the Harvest Festival. The lovely volunteers working at the Food Bank were overjoyed to receive all the items and got straight into sorting the boxes and bags out. This wonderful initiative is project founded by local churches and is manned by community groups who are together, working towards stopping hunger in Epsom.



High Standards of Behaviour and Safety

NSPCC Visit & Fundraising

As part of their 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme, the NSPCC have visited us to run whole school assemblies and workshops for Y5 /Y6 on how to keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. Through sponsorship of their daily miles, the children then raised over £1,600 for the work of the NSPCC - an incredible amount! The NSPCC have asked us to pass on their thanks to families.

The NSPCC website has a number of excellent resources for parents, particularly around engaging in age-appropriate conversations with children about staying safe. We would encourage all parents to visit nspcc.org.uk/parents to find out more.

Book Fair

An impressive £537 was spent at last week's Scholastic book fair. Scholastic donates a percentage of the proceeds to the school so, as well as lots of children having new books to read at home, we were able to choose over £200 worth of books for our library and classroom book corners. Thank you to everyone who supported the school in this way and happy reading! There will be another book fair in the summer term.

Donations for Reception

Reception class are in need of cork tiles and large plastic toys and would be very grateful for any donations.

Reception would also like to thank all the parents who helped walk the children to the library last week.

Donations for Reception

In order to enhance our role play area nursery would welcome donations of:

Santa hats, Christmas hats, tree decorations, old Christmas cards and old advent calendars.

Thanks so much!

Friends of Nonsuch

The Christmas Fair is this Sunday 2nd from 1-5pm, please come along and support our school by enjoying a glass of mulled wine while the children play lots of fun games and meet Santa. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to become a part of Friends of Nonsuch please come and speak to one of us. We do need more people on the committee to keep the events going so we can raise vital funds for our school.