

Nonsuch is a fun, safe and creative school that makes hard work fun

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

Spring Term – 1st Half

07/01	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
08/01	SCHOOL OPEN – (NURSERY CLOSED)
09/01	NURSERY OPEN
16/01	Parents coffee afternoon 2pm
25/01	Parents coffee afternoon 2pm
28/01	STeM Week
31/01	Parents coffee afternoon 2pm
07/02	Y5 Class Assembly 9am
14/02	KS1 SATs Parent Information Meeting 9am
18/02 – 22/02	Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term – 2nd Half

25/02	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
26/02	SCHOOL OPEN
06/03	Parents Evening
07/03	Parents Evening
08/03	World Book Day (Pyjamas)
15/03	Reception Class Assembly 9am
28/03	Y3 Class Assembly 9am

We would like to invite all parents/guardians to one of three coffee afternoons for a chance to meet our new head teacher Mrs Young. Please see dates above, we hope to see you all there!

Bertie - Be There Bear

Owls 99.7% attendance 3rd December – 7th December

Owls 99.4% attendance 10th – 14th December



Message from Chair of Governors

It has been a very busy term at Nonsuch Primary School. We have had a lot of activities going on, including a visit from the Ofsted Inspectors, our first in 11 years.

We, as a governing body, had the opportunity to meet with the inspector. This was a rewarding experience and we felt there was an awareness of where the school was in its development cycle as we are transitioning to a new head teacher and restructuring the school's leadership. With all that said the Ofsted Report has been published and our outcome was "Good" in all areas.

This result bolsters our enthusiasm and commitment to work harder to support Heather and her team and it gives her a clear mandate and baseline to be successful in creating a safer and happier learning environment for our young children. As governors, we will work closely to support Heather and her team and I am confident that they will be able to rely on the whole support of the wider school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff, our acting head teacher. His experience, support and expertise has helped move the school forward over the last term and has been developing some exciting new ideas for the forthcoming academic year and has been sharing these with Heather to prepare her for her start in January.

We are, as a governing body, sorry to say goodbye to Geoff. We thank him on behalf of everyone involved in the school for his commitment and energy. Geoff's contribution to the school has made such a positive difference in so many ways.

I very much look forward to welcoming Heather on a full-time basis on 7th January 2019.

I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas break & I look forward to seeing all the students and staff when school returns for the next step in our evolution in 2019.

Jonathan Nicholas
Chair of Governors

Staffing Update

We are extremely pleased to welcome two new teachers to our staff team next term. **Mrs Tammy Finan** will be teaching in Nursery Mon-Wed and **Miss Rachael Lewis** will be teaching in Y1. (You may recognise Miss Lewis as she has been working at in Reception this term.)

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank You" to Mrs Dillon and Mr Swain who are leaving these classes: Mrs Dillon as she takes up a new teaching opportunity and Mr Swain as he teaches and travels in Europe before returning to Canada. Both teachers have been a great asset to our school, in their teaching and the contributions they have made to the school community, and we wish them all the best in their next steps.

A Message from Our New Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and staff,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the newly appointed Head teacher of Nonsuch Primary School.

I would like to say how delighted I am to have been selected as your new Head teacher and that I am looking forward to leading Nonsuch, a school with a long history of achievement and pastoral care, towards even greater success. I am currently the Deputy Head Teacher at Cheam Park Farm Primary, a large four form entry school in Sutton where I have worked for sixteen years. I live with my family in the local area, although you will quickly ascertain from my accent that I am not originally from around here! I have been fortunate enough to have visited the school several times, meeting both staff and children, since my appointment and I am grateful to Mr Green for his support in making the transition as smooth as possible.

There are currently many factors which make education very challenging and only by working together towards the same goals can we achieve the best possible outcomes and opportunities for the children in our school. I firmly believe that children who are happy, motivated and challenged make the best learners and that teaching children to love learning is the responsibility of all of us. Your child will be placed at the heart of everything we do. Our team of staff are skilled, hardworking and committed to developing the whole child, not just their academic ability. We recognise that success for every child will be different and we will celebrate this in numerous ways. Achievement and good behaviour will be encouraged using a positive approach.

Communication is vital in ensuring we work collaboratively and supportively in developing your child into a confident, happy individual. Over the next few weeks I hope to meet many of you as I greet the children entering school in the morning and at the end of the day. Please do come and introduce yourself when you have time. I have also arranged to hold a series of coffee and cake afternoons on the following dates to which everyone is cordially invited; Wednesday 16th January, Friday 25th January and Thursday 31st January all from 2-3pm. Further details will be sent out in January.

Thank you for your support in accepting our Inset day on January 7th. I felt it was important that I was able to meet with staff and governors to begin looking at our school development plan and vision for the future before the start of the new term. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and I look forward to meeting you in 2019.

Kind regards,
Mrs Heather Young

Best outcomes for every child

A King Is Born!

Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed preparing and putting on their fantastic Christmas play 'A king is born' with lots of singing, dancing and acting as they told the story of the new-born King. We hope the performances put you in the Christmas spirit! Thank you to all the families for coming to watch and for all your support with both providing costumes and helping your child prepare for their role. We are very proud of all the Year 1 and Year 2 children, they done a great job!

Happy Holidays from the KS1 team!



Born In A Barn!

Early years would like to say a big well done to Nursery and Reception for their fantastic Christmas performance 'Born in a barn'. Their hard work of remembering lines and learning songs definitely paid off! It was lovely to see them perform to their family and friends and the early years staff are extremely proud of them! We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents/guardians for their support with the Christmas play, especially helping the children with their lines and costumes. Merry Christmas from the EYFS team!

Sportshall Athletics

We are thrilled to say that our Y5 and Y6 pupils, who participated in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Sutton High School, made the finals! The finals are scheduled to take place on Thursday 17th January.

A big well done to the children that took part and we wish them the best of luck in the finals on the 17th!

Nonsuch v Tweeddale - Football Match

Our Football Team played against Tweeddale last Thursday on a rather cold evening at Sutton United. We certainly dominated the match and should probably have won by more than just the 2-1 score, our goals being scored by Liam and Percy. Well done to the whole squad who supported each other and also our travelling fans/chauffeurs who also withstood the arctic-like temperatures.

Top of the Form

'Top of the Form' is an annual quiz competition for local primary schools, organised by the Rotary Club. This year, Erin, Lily B, Joel & Thomas from Y6 represented the school brilliantly, answering some very tricky questions to win a tense first round against Cheam Fields by just 1 point. We will now go on to play another winning team in the second round after Christmas. (Bonus points to any reader who can name the main mineral used to power watches, or explain what a luge is - our Y6 team can!)

High Standards of Behaviour and Safety

Sutton Dyslexia Association

Short AGM followed by a talk about Fine Motor Skills: how they develop & strategies for improving handwriting. It will be by Moyna Talcer, an Independent Consultant Occupational Therapist.

Being held on **Wednesday 16th January 2019 8pm** at –

The Friends Meeting House, 10 Cedar Road,

Sutton,

SM2 5DA.

Free entry. For further information see www.suttondyslexia.org.uk

Phone 07948 702 491 or email: helpline@suttondyslexia.org.uk

Charity

On Friday 14th December, the school took part in the 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'! We raised a fantastic £225, which will help save children's lives around the world. It was lovely to see the children take part and see all their lovely festive jumpers!

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to the charity.

Packed Lunch Boxes

Please consider the selection of foods for your child's packed lunch boxes - a balanced lunchbox should contain equal amounts of:

- Starch – bread, wraps, pasta, rice and potatoes
- Protein – meat, fish, eggs or beans
- Dairy – cheese or a yogurt
- Vegetables or salad – try to incorporate salad into a sandwich, wrap or pasta dish.
- Fresh fruit or fruit pots

Here is a list of healthy food options to consider:

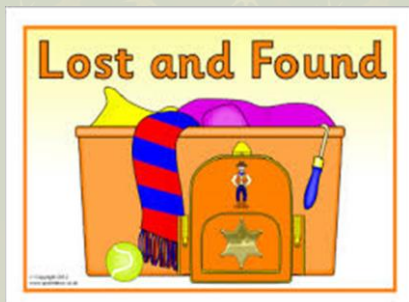
- Whole grain or brown bread/wraps
- Cold pasta dishes
- Yogurts
- Carrot sticks, bread sticks, cheese & crackers and rice cakes
- Cold Meat & Quiche
- Raisins, sultanas, pumpkin/sunflower seeds, ready to eat dried apricots, dates or prunes.
- Fruit puree/salad (fresh or pots)
- Dips such as hummus, tzatziki and raita

As always, please do not include any nut or nut products; there are children with severe allergies within our school.

For more information visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

Lost Property

Parents/guardians are reminded to please ensure that all items of uniform, sports kit and coats are named. This will make it easier to return items that have been found to their owner.



Friends of Nonsuch

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped and supported our events this term, we hope you and your children enjoyed them!

The Christmas Fair was a huge success and we raised an amazing **£3088!** Along with the money raised from cake sales and the disco, we've raised just over £4000 this term, which is a fantastic amount! We're planning more events for next term, including the very popular Nonsuch Quiz Night so please continue to support us so we can buy much needed equipment for all our children.

We thank you for all your support this term and wish you a very Merry Christmas!

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: office@nonsuchprimary.sutton.sch.uk