

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.

End/start school incl. INSET days

New to list

Changed date

Summer Term (2nd Half)

17/07 Thank You Assembly 9am
19/07 Awards Assembly 9am
21/07 Leavers' Assembly 9am
21/07 Nursery Party
21/07 END OF SUMMER TERM 1.15pm

Autumn Term

04/09 INSET Day – school closed
05/09 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
08/09 Y5 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
11/09 Y1 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
12/09 Y2 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
13/09 Y3 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
13/09 Y6 PGL Parent Meeting 6pm
13-15/09 Y5 Trip to Hooke Court
14/09 Y4 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
15/09 Y6 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
09/10 Anti-Bullying Week
20/10 INSET Day – school closed
23– 27/10 AUTUMN HALF TERM
24/11 INSET Day – school closed
20/12 Christmas Carol Service 9am
20/12 END OF AUTUMN TERM 1.15pm

INSET dates 2017/18

INSET (or In-Service Education and Training) days are a crucial part of the development of our staff and allow us to give your children the best possible learning opportunities. Next year, school is closed to children for INSET on the following days:

Monday 4th September
Friday 20th October
Friday 24th November
Monday 19th February
Monday 23rd July
You can view these alongside the holiday dates on [our website](#).

Time to Celebrate

We regularly teach the children to reflect on their learning, considering what is going well and what can be even better. We are mindful of how fortunate we are to be part of such a lovely school community. In the spirit of reflection, Nonsuch Code Club have created a video sharing all the reasons we love our school so much. We are in the final stages of editing but will be sharing it with you at some point next week. We hope you enjoy it ☺

Staffing Update

It is with great sadness and yet pride, that we are saying farewell to a number of staff this term: Mr Corrigan, Miss Brown, Mr Chamberlin and Mrs Mole. An approaching new school term always bring about change but it also brings new opportunities for us to introduce individuals to enhance our children's education and to ensure that Nonsuch continues to be a beacon amongst schools. It may feel that staff should stay forever and we wish this was possible but the benefits that 'change' brings outweigh the losses. Consider what we have been able to bring to our school since these staff members were given the opportunity to join Nonsuch.

I was delighted that Mr Corrigan was able to join us briefly for a few months over the summer, having deferred joining the Garda, he had contacted us whilst he was staying in London. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his recent time with our year 5 and 6 children.

Miss Brown will be joining a school local to her, Fulham Pre-Prep as a Year 1 teacher. They describe themselves as offering a holistic and dynamic curriculum delivered on a daily basis that allows children to guide their own learning (based on the National curriculum). Miss Brown joined us as a Newly Qualified Teaching (covering Mrs Vinson's maternity leave) deciding to switch from the high school sector to primary education. Miss Brown has been responsible for ensuring the smooth operation of our beautiful library. She is now keen to further her experience, working with younger children, and we wish her continued success and to express our gratitude for her work with our Hummingbirds in Year 3.

I am proud that Mr Chamberlin has been promoted to the post of Deputy Head Teacher at Hinchley Wood School, Surrey. This is a large, recently expanded school, who were seeking to appoint an 'inspirational deputy' to lead them from an Ofsted grade of good to one of outstanding. Mr Chamberlin is perfect for this role - the school needs a strong leader to improve communication, embed values and ensure progress for all children! They are also a co-operative trust and so Nonsuch could not have prepared him more for this next stage in his career. I know he will be keeping in touch with us and wish him all the best in his new and exciting role.

Finally, Mrs Mole has been promoted as the maths consultant across the Glyn Learning Foundation (GLF), an academy chain currently with 23 schools (and growing) and over 8500 pupils. Originally, she joined us as our Y6 teacher, becoming SENCo when Mrs Fidgett retired, as well as maths subject leader. And how she grew into that subject lead! With a passion for all children being able to make amazing progress in maths and to develop a love for the subject she then became involved with National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of mathematics becoming one of the Leaders of the South West London Hub delivering Teaching for Mastery in maths. The whole school has been involved with developing our teaching of maths and many schools have visited our children to see their learning and Mrs Mole has been instrumental in putting us on the map. She will remain in contact with us through her Hub work and I wish her continued success in the GLF.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Mr Corrigan, Miss Brown, Mr Chamberlin and Mrs Mole for everything they have done for the children and the staff of Nonsuch and wish them good luck in their new adventures.

Best outcomes for every child

A Right Royal Knees Up

Last week the School Council were lucky to be able to go to Hampton Court Flower Show to see our school's scarecrow entry Mr Tod. This year the theme was 'A walk on the wild side'. Mr Tod, of Beatrix Potter, embodies the English countryside through both literary and wildlife perspectives. The children enjoyed talking to artists and designers of the various exhibits, celebrity spotting, visiting the butterfly dome as well as playing in some of the mini gardens including the Zoflora and Caudwell Children's Wild Garden which won a gold medal.



This week, our school has suffered under the looming threat of a vicious fire-breathing dragon! In the end, however, it turns out that dragons are not always the horrible creatures we make them out to be and are sometimes merely the victims of bad press.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils brilliantly demonstrated the dangers of social media hysteria and the importance of showing **respect** through the hilarious and heart-warming story of Gawaine the Dragon and the melodramatic Stumbledorf villagers. In fact, our school values ran rampant through the entire production as Gilda the goatherd showed true **integrity** when she would not buy into rumours, the villagers' demonstrated **teamwork** when defending their community and then **growth** when they accepted Gawaine into their hearts. Finally, the entire cast achieved **happiness** as they built new friendships and learned the valuable lesson of not judging a book by its cover.

Congratulations to our very own Bake Off Champion

On Sunday Erin entered the Age Concern 70th Anniversary Golden Days Bake Off Competition at Nonsuch Park. Erin won her age group with her pineapple upside cake. Well done Erin!



Putting teamwork to one side (for four quarters anyway!)

For much of the year, we talk about teamwork bringing our community together...but not for one baking hot afternoon last week. The staff v parent netball match returned to sign off a brilliant health week and it was a hard fought affair! Congratulations to the parents who won (just...). Well done to all those who took part.



Thank You

A very big thank you from our Chicks and Ducklings to Alice Smith, Sara Mikunda, Alex Bradley and Nicola Willmott for their generous donations of toys. The children are LOVING them!

Thank you to everyone that sponsored the Nursery and Reception Silly Hat Walk. We raised an amazing £1225.00 to put towards new equipment for the EYFS.

Friends of Nonsuch

It has been a fabulous year! Thanks to your continued support we have raised money which will be spent on new playground equipment. Recent fundraising initiatives such as the 123T individualised sports day t-shirts raised £110, Splat the Teacher raised £350 and the Summer Event brought in £1,392. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped at these and all other events held over the past Academic year. The Y6 Leavers gifts from the Friends of Nonsuch are being prepared and will be given to them at their Leavers Assembly. Looking forward to the next year, there are lots of new ideas and members so it's going to be awesome! Have a wonderful Summer!