

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



# NONSUCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.

All the dates for this academic year are on our school website so if you like to plan ahead or want to book next year's summer getaway, you can!

Key: **End/start school incl. INSET days**

**New to list**

**Changed date**

### Spring Term (1<sup>st</sup> Half)

03/01 FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM  
05/01 Y6 National Child Measurement Programme  
10/01 Y3 & Y4 First Swimming Lesson  
01/02 Y3 Trip to Hampton Court  
01/02 Y2 & Y5 London Fire Brigade Visit  
12-16/02 SPRING HALF TERM  
19/02 INSET Day – school closed

### Spring Term (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)

19/02 INSET Day – school closed  
01/03 Y3 Class Assembly 9am  
08/03 Y4 Class Assembly 9am  
08/03 Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5pm & 6 – 8pm  
09/03 Parents' Evening 1.30pm – 5pm –  
**School Closes at 1.15pm. Nursery closed all day.**  
12/03 STEM Week  
29/03 END OF SPRING TERM 1.15pm

### Bertie - Be There Bear

Puffins 99.3% attendance 27<sup>th</sup>  
November – 1<sup>st</sup> December

Kingfishers 99.3% attendance 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
December

Kingfishers 98.3% attendance 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
December



### Our Values: Teamwork

What fantastic recognition of the teamwork at Nonsuch – top of Sutton and Epsom and Ewell's primary school league tables! We knew we had amazing results but it takes a while until we know everyone else's. Congratulations to everyone who contributes to our success. I am extremely proud of you all!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Leadership and Management

### Our Values: Growth

There are few moments that more perfectly embody the importance of growth than our termly awards assemblies. This week saw all the children (as well as the staff and parents present!) reflecting on the ways we have each grown this term. From academic progress seen with the awarding of a pen licence to mastering the Rubik's cube, we will all have examples of ways we have grown this term.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the winners of both our established Judy Naunton Writing Award and our Diving Deeper Maths Award. We are very proud of all of our children but a special well done to the winners this term.



### Charity

Thank you to everyone who wore their festive jumpers and donated on Christmas Jumper Day. We raised an amazing £200.00 for Save the Children!

We collected over £300.00 at the Christmas performances for the charities Place2Be and Carers Trust.

### Friends of Nonsuch

We've had a great term with our fundraising for the new playground village. We hope you and your children have enjoyed the events especially our recent Christmas Fair which we couldn't have put on without all the wonderful volunteers who helped before, on the day and afterwards, thank you everyone! We'd also like to say a special thank you for the marvellous cakes, chocolate fountain and photography.

This week we've been collecting the copper jars from the classrooms, thank you for bringing in your coppers and small change. Just from the weight of carrying the jars, it seems Year 3 have collected the most so far! Great job and please keep it coming, every penny counts!

Coming up in the new year there will be our Bag2School initiative, parents quiz and children's disco but until then have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Best outcomes for every child

### Hey Ewe! Come back here!

If only we could come back for more! What a sheeptastic performance it was! The children enjoyed every part of the performance from their dramatic facial expressions to their enthusiastic dance moves. Thank you parents for supporting us throughout by contributing for our backdrop and the costumes. We hope you had as much fun as we did and we know that the children will now have memories that will last forever!





## Humph!

Well done to all of Reception and Nursery Class for your Christmas performance. We hope the parents enjoyed watching it as much as we did! You really worked hard at remembering all the songs and all the lines for those of you who had something to say! The reception class team are really proud of you!



## Sports Round Up

One significant piece of PE related news in this festive period was our receiving the School Games Award. Although this was presented during the Sportshall Athletics competition, it is a reflection of all the PE and Sport in which we were involved over the 2016-17 school year. This includes all the events, festivals and competitions that we entered and all the work within school such as having Sports Leaders helping during lunchtimes with the younger children. Schools can gain either a Bronze, Silver or Gold award, depending on their level of participation and we are very pleased and proud to say that we have gained the **Gold Award** this year.

**Netball** - It's been a busy start to the netball season for our girls with lots of training and matches. We are really pleased to say that both our teams have done very well with the black team winning all their games and the reds and blues the majority of their games. This is a great start and we are really proud of all the games for their commitment and attitude. These results mean that we will progress to Division A of the netball league which will commence again in January.

We also won our cup match and hope to hear soon as to whom are next opponents will be. Thanks to all the parents for their support with transport to our away games.

**Sportshall** - Our team of Y5/Y6 recently competed at the Indoor Sportshall Athletics Heats which took place at Wallington High School for Girls. The competition consists of a number of track relay events including an obstacle relay and then finished with field events such as standing long jump, push throw, soft javelin, stranding triple jump, speed bounce and vertical jump. Each pupil runs in two races and takes part in 3 field events. Our team performed very well and came second overall which booked us a place in the finals which will take place in January. Lots of the pupils demonstrated great teamwork, happiness and growth during the event and we were very proud of them all.



## High Standards of Behaviour and Safety

### A safety reminder

**The 12 ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices (ICO)**

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or even on Amazon? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth sharing it with parents, [please click here](#)

**Safety alert: see how easy it is for almost anyone to hack your child's connected toys (Which?)**

Which? Magazine have also surveyed many connected toys and found that, without appropriate safety features, they can also pose a big risk to your child's safety. [Click here](#)

### E-safety Information

There have been a number of articles this week on Breakfast television on the BBC. They have been raising safety awareness, in particular about children using the internet and how to stay safe, see [internet not safe for young children](#), [live streaming](#), [Facebook](#) and have a helpful [e-safety guide](#).

Whilst the Christmas period is exciting for many children, for those children with greater sensory needs, it can lead to anxiety and fear. Changes to routine, surprises and noise can all lead to panic attacks and meltdowns. Here is a useful webpage to support autistic children and will also be useful for any child with greater sensitivity:

[Christmas National Autistic Society](#)

### 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.



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](mailto:office@nonsuchprimary.sutton.sch.uk)