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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

Summer Term – 2nd Half

04/06	Y6 Residential Trip
04/06	Y5 Bikeability Week
06/06	Y2 Trip to Morden Hall Park
06/06	Book Fair
08/06	FoN Movie Club
11/06	Nursery Trip to Bocketts Farm
11/06	Fathers' Day Lunch Week
15/06	FoN Parents' Quiz
18/06	Y3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
22/06	Y2 Class Assembly
25/06	Y1 Trip to Wisley
27/06	Bags 2 School Collection
28/06	Reception Class Assembly 9am
29/06	FoN Children's Disco
02/07	Health Week
03/07	Y1 Class Assembly 9am
06/07	Family Picnic Lunch
06/07	Sports Day
07/07	FoN Summer Sizzler
09/07	Y4 Trombone Concert
10,11&12/07	Y6 Production
16/07	Violin Assembly
18/07	Thank You Assembly 9am
19/07	Awards Assembly 9am
20/07	Leavers' Assembly 9am
20/07	END OF SUMMER TERM 1.15pm
23/07	INSET Day

Autumn Term 1st Half

03/09	INSET Day
04/09	INSET Day
05/09	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
12 – 14/09	Y5 Trip to Hooke Court
19/10	INSET Day
21/12	END OF AUTUMN TERM 1.15pm

INSET Dates 18/19

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

03/09/18	(after summer holiday)
04/09/18	(after summer holiday)
19/10/18	(before October half term)
25/02/19	(after February half term)

Final INSET Day to be confirmed

Bertie - Be There Bear

Peacocks 99.7% attendance 14th – 18th May
Swans 97.4% attendance 21st – 25th May



Sports Round Up!

It has been another busy half term of sporting events and festivals, in which our children have represented the school superbly, showing great support and sportsmanship.

We entered three teams in the **Korfball** tournament, run by Nomads Korfball Club at Peaches Close, Cheam. While the report on this appeared in an earlier newsletter, we need to say a big "Thank you" to Mrs Walters for giving up her Sunday afternoon to look after the teams.

Similarly, the following Saturday saw the annual **Netball Rally** at Overton Grange. As we won this tournament last year, it fell to us (i.e. Miss Evans and Mrs Walters) to organise this year's event. Despite the variable weather, all went well with about fifteen schools taking part in two separate competitions. Our Nonsuch girls did very well and finished fourth in the higher level tournament. As well as Miss Evans and Mrs Walters, who both combined organising, umpiring and team management, thanks go to Mrs Steynberg and Mrs Bowen for keeping track of all the scoring and to Mr Bowen for timekeeping.

A squad of Y4 and Y6 children took part in the **Keysteps Gymnastics** competition at Glenthorne High School and did well across a range of floor-based and vaulting disciplines. There were some very high standard performances during the afternoon.

Eleven children from Y4 took part in a **Quicksticks Hockey Festival** at Nonsuch High School. This involved the children being taught a range of hockey skills by Sports Leaders from Nonsuch High and Carshalton Boys, before having a series of short games against the other schools that were there. This was a good opportunity for the children to experience playing hockey on an astro-pitch and it will help prepare them for more competitive events during Y5 and Y6. Anyone who is interested in playing hockey should be aware of Cheam Hockey Club, based in Peaches Close, Cheam, who run some junior sessions.

Yesterday, our **cricket** team played in a tournament at Beddington Cricket Club ([more detail to follow!](#))

On the subject of cricket, it has been brilliant to see so many Y5 and Y6 children attending Cricket Club on Tuesdays. It is not possible to include all of them in competitive matches but it is hoped that they have all been enjoying the sessions and may look to play some more at our various local clubs.

As well as the class PE lessons that happen each week, we have benefited from some input from some external coaches/teachers who have worked alongside our own teachers. This has included tennis for Years 2 to 6, while Y4 have worked on their dance with an advisory teacher from the Sutton School Sports Partnership.

Thank you to all the parents whose help with transport has been invaluable!

Coming up next half term:
Swimming Gala, Y5 Cricket,
District Sports, Supremo (Sports
Leader) training and Sports Day!



Sports Round Up Tennis

It's been a busy time for our tennis teams. Last week the Y3/Y4 Sutton Tennis Tournament was held at Purley Tennis Club. Our two teams were up against 16 teams from across the Borough and both teams played really well improving game by game. Our team consisting of Mia, Ella, Luke & Percy came third overall having just missed out in the semi-finals against Stanley Park Juniors, who went on to be the overall tournament winners.

This week it was the turn of Y5 and Y6 to attend the tournament held at Better Sports Village. This tournament was split into two pools with players playing as individuals but scoring as a team overall. The quality of tennis at this tournament was incredibly good and our players all competed very well. Our Y6 team came 4th overall (there was only 1 point between the top four places). On top of this the team were also given a special nomination from the organisers for ball boys/girls of the tournament. Our Year 5 team also came 4th in their pool and their support for each other was fantastic.

Thank you to all parents who supported with transport at both tournaments.



Sports Round Up Netball

On Monday we had a crucial match in the 'A Division' of the netball league. The semi-final! The team started well and were 2 nil up but then St Elpheges pulled the game back to 2 all at half time. A quick switch in positions and some strong defensive work meant that we were 5-4 up with 30 seconds to go. Thankfully, our teamwork prevailed and we are now through to the finals! The date for this is still yet to be decided. A huge congratulations to all the players on a well fought game.

Thank you to all the parents for their support with transport.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our governor, Clare Robertson, whose baby daughter arrived on the 8th May. We are looking forward to meeting her soon!



Donations for Nursery & Reception!

Reception and Nursery are currently looking for donations to help develop their outside play area. They are looking for the following and would be very grateful for any kind of donation –

- Rubber chippings in various colours
- Conkers and natural resources
- Large cones
- Metal baskets
- Large storage boxes
- Old cooking equipment such as wooden spoons, pots and pans, metal tea pots, etc for the mud kitchen and sand area.
- Any old wooden sheds/ play houses - if your children are out growing them and over the summer if you are going to take them down, please can you speak to Miss Raggio in reception beforehand
- Role play clothes such as those related to people who help us - e.g. old uniforms (postman, construction high vis vest and helmets etc) or dresses and shirts

Many thanks in advance, Miss Raggio and Mrs Dillon.

Leadership and Management

Attendance

The government has released the national data for the last year for attendance. Nationally, the rate for primary schools was 96.1%.

For the first time in many years, our attendance dropped just below national levels to 96%. This is primarily due to illness but also to unauthorised leave taken during term time.

There is helpful guidance on the NHS choices website: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) In addition, you may find this attendance grid helpful. Children are expected to attend school for 190 days. BUT, there are **175 non-school days** available for holidays or days out.

Category	Attendance %	Days Missed
Green	100%	0
	99%	2
	98%	4
	97%	5
	96%	8
	95%	10
Amber	94%	12
	93%	14
	90%-92%	16-18
Red	Below 90%	Missing more than three weeks of education.

Receptions Trip to Gatton Park!

On Tuesday 22nd May, Reception Flamingos class attended their first school trip to Gatton Park and had an amazing day, with some children quoting it as being "The best day at school ever!"

We were very lucky and had amazing weather which we got to enjoy as we had lots of outside activities. The children particularly enjoyed making tadpoles, looking for minibeasts in the pond and in the natural and picturesque environment of Gatton Park.

A big thank you to all the adults who helped out on the trip, the help was much appreciated!



Well Done Y2 & Y6!

Over the past two weeks our Year 6 and Year 2 classes have been busy with their SATs and independent work. The children have handled this experience calmly and capably and we would like to thank all our brilliant staff, particularly Mrs Webb, Mrs Vinson and Miss Piccinini, who have worked very hard to encourage and provide the best environment for each child, and to all our parents for their support.



Staff news

With a heavy heart, I have to confirm that it has not been possible to bring Miss Ballantine back to Nonsuch as unfortunately, visa constraints have proven to be insurmountable. Miss Ballantine has accepted a new role within a local academy chain, GLF, as a maths teacher - a role featured on the government's job shortage list and exempt from restrictions. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new job.

On a positive note, I am delighted to say Miss Webb has agreed to stay on until the end of this year AND has now become part of our team going into 2018-19. Miss Webb has become very much part of Nonsuch and although we lose a regular supply teacher we now gain a full time member of staff who is very conversant with our Nonsuch ethos!

I have also appointed Miss Sarjeant for year 5 as Miss Evans steps away from class teaching to focus on teaching and learning across the school. Miss Sarjeant comes to us with glowing references and she has a passion for outdoor learning so will fit right in! She will be popping in over the summer to prepare for September so keep an eye out for her and we will add her photo to a newsletter so you will all recognise her.

Playground Update!

Anyone who has been in our school grounds this week will know we have finally seen the installation of our new playground equipment. We're very excited to see it progressing and thank you for your patience squeezing around it but it will all be completed ready for our return after half term! A particular thanks to FON for their hard work on fund-raising towards the new playground equipment.

Photos below show the progress so far!



Our Grandparents' Tea Parties were a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contributions of older family members. Thank you to everyone who helped us to organise these. We raised £220.00 to support the school.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing half term as I leave the school for a few weeks in Miss Evans' capable hands with SATs behind us and school plays, residential trips and health week including Sports Day to look forward to.

Sue Hawker

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