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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.

## What do these colours mean?

End/start school incl. INSET days

New to list

Changed date

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

05/02 Rec & Y6 Height & Weight  
06/02 Top Of The Form  
07/02 Y5 Class Assembly 9am  
14/02 KS1 SATs Parent Information Meeting 9am  
18/02 – 22/02 SPRING HALF TERM

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

25/02 INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED  
26/02 Y2 Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm  
27/02 Y2 Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm  
28/02 Y2 Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm  
06/03 Parents' Evening 3.30 -5pm & 5.50-8pm  
07/03 Parents' Evening 1.30 – 5pm  
School Closes at 1.15pm. Nursery closed all day.  
08/03 World Book Day (Pyjamas)  
15/03 Reception Class Assembly 9am  
18/03 Reception Parent Workshop  
22/03 Reception Parent Workshop  
28/03 Y3 Class Assembly 9am  
05/04 END OF SPRING TERM 1.15pm

## Bertie - Be There Bear

Swans 99.7 attendance 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January

Hummingbirds attendance 28<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February



## Leadership and Management

### Headteacher's Comment

It has been an exciting week with our focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - STEM subjects. Mrs Vinson initiated and led this week, which involved all years learning about flight, from making kites in YR to creating history of flight posters in Y6. All of this was inspired by the falconry display on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January and culminated in a whole school carousel on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February when each class travelled around the school, taking part in a different STEM learning activity in each classroom.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many parents during the 'Coffee and Cake' sessions held during the past four weeks. Thank you for all the positive comments as well as suggestions for areas of development across the school. I intend to include some of these suggestions in our school development plan which will be available to view on our website within the next two weeks.

I have met with Ms Fiona Prior, Chairperson of the Friends of Nonsuch, to discuss ideas for fundraising during the coming term; this includes children's discos on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and adult's quiz night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. More details about both of these events will be sent out from the FON in due course.

I have also met with the Parent Council, what an enthusiastic group of parents! It is reassuring to know that all parents have the opportunity to communicate effectively through this group.

Thank you to all parents who have sent me though ideas for fundraising to support the school's financial stability. I will be presenting several projects to governors for their approval and will let you know more about these in our next newsletter.

I have noticed a big improvement in the standard of uniform being worn since the last newsletter. Thank you to all parents and pupils who have made the effort to make sure that correct uniform is worn. The pupils look very smart!

### Website

We are currently updating our website which will take up to ten weeks. In the meantime please continue to use our current website to check dates, view newsletters and find out what's happening in your child's class.

### Y5 Visit to Sri Raj Rajeswary Aman Temple

On Monday 28th January, Year 5 visited the local Hindu temple in Stoneleigh, "Sri Raja Rajeswary Amman Temple". As part of our RE curriculum this term, we have been looking at different aspects of the Hindu religion. This visit allowed and enabled the children to explore the Hindu culture, developing on their prior knowledge and understanding and deepen this through excellent questioning (questioning which both I and the people at the temple were extremely impressed by).

"The temple was called Sri Raja Rajeswary Amman Temple. Our guide was called Saidhanya. We were shown around the gods and goddesses which the Hindu's worship at the temple." Josh

"When we entered the temple, we had to take our shoes off as a sign of respect to the gods and goddesses. All of the gods and goddesses have animal companions. Lakshmi, the god of wealth and purity, has an elephant as her animal companion." Mia

"The chariot festival is where Hindu's gather from all over the country, and some from other countries, to parade with a chariot and the goddess to keep everyone safe and happy. People smash coconuts and Saidhanya told us that this was because the coconut symbolises our heart - a hard exterior and soft inside. By smashing it, we break away that hard outside and allow the soft side to pour out." Liam

The children were extremely well behaved and represented the school excellently. As mentioned above, their thought-provoking questions and discussions were extremely impressive and I think all of us (children and adults) learnt a huge amount from this visit. A special thank you to the parent helpers for accompanying us - I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! - Miss Sarjeant



## STEM Week

STEM week's theme of 'flight' was kicked off with a bang when the children were visited by Surrey Falconry and the many magnificent birds he keeps. They learnt various interesting facts about the birds and even got to find out what they had eaten by looking at their pellets. The kookaburra impressed with its incredible singing and the eagle showed its vast wingspan. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit and we can't wait to investigate the topic of flight more during the week. - Mrs Vinson, Science Co-ordinator



## Parent Workshops

Miss Piccinini's annual KS1 SATs parent information meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February and will provide information regarding the end of Key Stage 1 expectations in reading, writing and Maths. It will also include an overview of the SATs week and how to support your child.

Reception parent workshops to learn more about how your children learn to read and write and how you can help them at home will be held in the school hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Workshops to show parents how to support your child's learning in Maths will be held in the hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. More detailed information will be sent out soon from our EYFS lead Ms Raggio.

## Sutton Education Trust (SET)

This week the PE and History lead teachers will be meeting with their counterparts from the other SET schools. This is to discuss and devise joint activities across the schools that all children will participate in while developing their skills and knowledge in History and PE.

## Best Outcomes for every child

### Sports Round Up

#### Football -

On Tuesday 29th January, our football team played against Abbey Primary at Sutton United. This was an extremely well contested and even match, with both teams having their fair share of possession, chances and near misses. Having taken the lead through Percy in the first half, we found ourselves 2-1 down during the second period. However, we kept looking for openings and eventually got our reward when Ethan closed down their goalkeeper and beat him to the rebound to score an equaliser. A big "Well done!" to the ten boys in the squad who all played their part in a very good game.

Mr Bowen

#### Netball -

Year 5 played their first cup match against Cheam Common. The team played really well and lost 1-0 in a close game. Our next match is against St Dunstons. There are a number of Sutton league matches coming up for our Y5 & Y6 netballers.

Miss Evans & Mrs Walters

### Top of the Form

Our Y6 TOTF team will be competing in the next stage of this borough wide competition at Nonsuch on Wednesday 6th February against Holy Trinity School. We wish them lots of luck!

## High Standards of Safety and Behaviour

### NAS Evening Talk



**An Introduction to Autism**

**With**

**Adapt to Learn**

**Wednesday 13th February 7pm - 8.45pm**

**Carshalton Beeches Free Baptist Church**

NAS Sutton welcome back Tracy and Melanie from Adapt to Learn for their Understanding Autism talk which is especially relevant for parents whose kids have just been diagnosed.

This talk will give you a greater knowledge and understanding of autism, along with a greater understanding of how everyday situations can impact on your children and why they may display particular behaviours. They will also share strategies that may help your children.

We are asking for £3 voluntary donation per person payable at the time of booking to go towards covering our costs.

Space is limited and therefore tickets must be booked in advance through this link.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/607129>

### Easy Fundraising

Easy fundraising is a great way to raise money without costing you anything. Companies who are involved with this fundraising initiative include Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and many more and they donate money to the school calculated from the value of your online shopping. If you do a lot of online shopping and would like to register, please see the website for further information, [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

## Donations

Reception class are looking for any donations of unwanted cushions for the classroom and also any good quality story books such as –

- The Gruffolo
- Stick Man
- Barry the fish with fingers

We would also like jumbo chalks and toy sets, many thanks in advance!

## Friends of Nonsuch

We will be continuing with our fundraising events after half term starting with the Children's Spring Disco on Friday 8th March and the ever popular Nonsuch Primary School Quiz on Friday 15th March, we will be hosting just one quiz this school year so make sure you don't miss out by booking your table ASAP.

On Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm we will be holding an open meeting at school with Mrs Young, we'd love to meet parents who might have new ideas for fundraising events or parents who are able to spare some time to help organise events so please come along and help us in our efforts to fundraise for our school.

The recent cake sale made an amazing £145 so a big thank you to everyone who donated and baked and bought all the delicious cakes, the next cake sale will be on Friday 15th February.

We have a couple of other new exciting fundraising ideas coming soon but would love to hear more ideas so we hope to see you on February 26th!

Many thanks  
FON

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