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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** (Nursery – Wednesday only) from **2pm-5.20pm**. You will receive an email in the next few days inviting you to book an appointment. We strongly encourage parents to make an appointment with their child's class teacher – please contact the school office should you experience any difficulties in doing so.

### **Nominated Adults**

Please ensure that you inform us of any changes to nominated adults who can pick up your child from school. If a new person is collecting for a one-off occasion, please call the school office and make us aware. **In the interest of safeguarding pupils in our care, we will challenge anyone who is not a nominated person to collect a child.**

### **Book Fair**

We are delighted to let you know that the Book Fair was a huge success and as a result, we have earned over £500 of free books for our school! We hope you all enjoyed attending and have some lovely new books to enjoy reading. Keep your eyes peeled for more book fair events, possibly in the summer term! Thank you for your support.

### **Nourish Food School**



It is with great pleasure that we welcome the Nourish Food team back into school this year to facilitate additional parental cookery workshops. Last year, the focus was on planning and preparing healthy meals which could essentially be batched cooked. The workshops were extremely popular, and the demand was high! This year, the focus will be on sharing new and interesting ideas for school packed lunches.

The sessions will run over two days in November:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Session 1 – 9:00- 10:30am**

**Session 2: 11:00 – 12:30pm**

**Session 3: 1:15 – 2:45pm**

If you are interested in developing your culinary skills, learning new recipes and ideas for packed lunches, then please sign up! Spaces are limited and places will be allocated before half term.

### **School Readiness Pilot – Repeat Nursery Parent Meeting**

Last week, we invited Nursery parents into school find out more about our School Readiness Pilot. It was great to see so many of you there and to hear your responses and ideas on how we can best support you and your child. If you would like to hear more about this project, then pop along on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm**, to our school hub, where you can have a nice cup of tea or coffee and find out all about this exciting opportunity. We hope to see you there.

**Please note that this is for Nursery parents only.**

## PE Kits

We have noticed, over the last two weeks, an increasingly large number of pupils wearing football kits for PE. Please ensure that your child brings with them their full school PE kit on the day of their PE lessons. As we move into the colder months, please ensure that your child has warm Pe clothing (leggings, jogging bottoms, jumper/ Hoodie etc.) as lessons will continue outside for many of the KS2 pupils.

## Healthier Together App



### Worried that your child is ill?

Healthier Together can help you work out what's wrong, what to do and where to go for help. The website and app have been developed by local healthcare professionals for parents and carers. It's got all the information and advice you need to keep your child healthy.

Find us online at [www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk](http://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)



Each year, as we enter the colder months, we find that there is an increasingly large number of absences due to illness. Often, we find that a child has taken time off school due to a cold or a sniffle. When a child is feeling a little under the weather, parents contact the school to seek advice, where staff do their best to provide support and advice in line with our school policies. However, we are not medically trained and are not best placed to provide the most accurate medical advice. Therefore, we are pleased to share with you The Healthier Together app which has been designed to help parents and carers identify what's wrong, what to do and where to go for help. The website and app have been developed by local healthcare professionals for parents and carers. It's got all the information and advice you need to keep your child healthy. We advise that you download the app, as this will support you when making decisions based on keeping your child off school. For further information please scan the QR code or follow the link [www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk](http://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)

## Movie Night

We are very excited to let you know about our school movie night after half term, on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Movie Night will be open to pupils in Reception – Year 6 after school. Pupils attending Movie Night will need to be collected by a nominated adult at 4.30pm. For a suggested donation of £2.00, children will get to choose a 'cinema screen' showing a range of different films which they can enjoy with a snack and drink. All proceeds will go to supporting our school PTA funds.

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**MOVIE NIGHT**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3pm-4.30pm  
*Reception to Year 6*

Collection 4.30pm

Suggested donation £2.00

### Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – School Readiness Pilot Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am - Awards Assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Mr Taylor Bible Stories

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3pm-4pm – Movie Night

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-5.20pm – Parent Consultations

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Shoebox Appeal Deadline