



“A Successful Community Learning and Achieving Together”



Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome Back! We hope you have had a well-deserved break and feel rejuvenated and raring to go! Three members of our Staff Team have been ‘stranded’ abroad due to the Icelandic volcano ash cloud: Mrs. Vincett (Miss Dean) who was on her honeymoon in Rome, Mrs. Walkiden on a family holiday in Thailand and Mrs. Gell also on a family holiday in Malta. All are making arrangements to return as soon as possible. Otherwise we have had a very good start to the Summer terms with lots of great events to plan and look forward to.

Our Calendar of Events is attached for easy reference and lists all the main events giving parents advanced notice.

Campaigns for the General Election

As a school we have been approached by various individuals who would like to campaign as part of their political party. This sort of campaigning can take place outside the school gate if it does not endanger the safety of our pupils and parents. This includes places outside the school where our Road Crossing Patrol needs to cross pupils over safely.

We also want to make it clear that as a school we do not align ourselves with any political party, nor do we support their campaigns. Any campaigning taking place outside of school premises does not fall within our jurisdiction unless it impacts on the safety and welfare of our pupils, parents and staff. Individuals and groups cannot come onto the school premises without the express permission of the Headteacher (and Governing Body). Usually we are informed if any individual or group wishes to campaign outside the school and we stress the important issue of the safety of our pupils.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher if you have any concerns.

We forgot to include these next two items in our last Celebration Newsletter:

Our Hero: James Higgins 2CD

James was awarded the Outstanding Napier Pupils Award recently for his very brave and mature approach. His mum was accidentally locked in the bedroom unable to get out leaving James and his younger brother alone outside. James contacted the Emergency Services calmly explaining what had happened and looked after his brother. He was able to provide all the relevant details allowing the police and fire brigade to come and help his mum out. Everyone commented that James showed great courage and a very sensible manner. He was praised not only by his grateful mum but also by everyone else. James’ story was reported on Heart radio. Well-done to James - a real hero, who is an example to others.



Congratulations to Miss Dean!

As many of you know Miss Dean, now Mrs Vincett, got married on a sunny Saturday afternoon during the Easter holiday. On behalf of everyone we would like to wish the happy couple a very long and happy life together. Their honeymoon to Rome was ‘extended’ due to the suspension of all flights brought about by the volcanic ash cloud. However, Mrs Vincett, as she will be known in September, kept in touch with the

school throughout explaining how their travel arrangements included long train journeys through to Milan, Geneva and even Disneyland Paris! Lucky Mrs Vincett!



Film Club

The Fund Raising Committee is keen to promote this in our school as we are one of a few primary schools to run this scheme. We have obtained special permissions to ‘show’ a range of films appropriate for pupils. The first film night will be on Friday 21st May for Years 3 – 6 in Site A Hall. Refreshments will be provided. The cost will be £1:00 per pupil. More information and tickets will be issued in due course.



Complimentary school meals

We will again be taking advantage of the School Lunch Grant and inviting every pupil to have a complimentary school lunch every day for a whole week. During the designated week your child can have a cooked school lunch which will include a main meal (vegetarian options are provided), a self-service selection of vegetables and salad and a pudding. Please note the following weeks on your calendars. You do not have to pay for your child’s lunches during the designated weeks:

Week:	Year Group
Monday 10 th May – Friday 14 th May	Year R
Monday 17 th May – Friday 21 st May	Year 1
Monday 24 th May – Friday 28 th May	Year 2
Monday 14 th June – Friday 18 th June	Year 3
Monday 21 st June – Friday 25 th June	Year 4
Monday 25 th June – Friday 2 nd July	Year 5
Monday 5 th July – Friday 9 th July	Year 6



SATs

As you know pupils in Years 2 and 6 undertake their Statutory Assessments Tests. Year 2 pupils will be tested during May and Year 6 will sit tests during the week beginning 10th – 14th May. We would like to wish all our pupils well in these crucial tests. These tests help to determine each individual pupil’s level of attainment. We want all our pupils to do well in these tests so pupils should not be absent during these periods. Secondary schools consider SATs results very carefully when placing pupils in ‘sets’.

We would like to thank all parents / carers for encouraging their children with their homework on a regular basis. This, coupled with regular reading at home, goes a long way to helping pupils achieve their best at school.

Junior Play Leaders

The Junior Play Leader (JPL) team consists of approximately 25 Yr. 6 pupils and are managed by Mrs Tame.

These children assist the school by providing a happy environment out on the playground at lunchtime. They also help to promote the smooth running of the school during wet lunchtimes, ensuring that every child feels valued and included.

As a school, we aim to give the Junior Play Leaders new skills and confidence in themselves, which we believe is an important part of their development.



The Junior Play Leaders are trained in offering a range of activities for all children to enjoy. Some of the activities include puzzles, French Skipping, simple team building games, Cat's Cradle and clapping games.

When out on the playground the JPL's are clearly identified by the Yellow caps and badges.

The Junior Play Leaders are always willing to offer new ideas and set themselves challenges at the regular meetings, which are held each half term.

Positive Play Workers

Mrs. Lwin, Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Richards are our Positive Play Workers who set up the playgrounds during lunchtimes to include a variety of activities. Pupils can play different games in 'zoned areas'. Games such as tennis, skipping, hockey, hopscotch, or even quieter, table top games can be enjoyed by pupils. On 'Fair Play Days' pupils can play football. This gives everyone an opportunity to play games of their choice. In particular, they 'teach' rules of games and demonstrate skills which pupils can develop.

We are very grateful to our Positive Play Workers for working hard to organise games and activities at lunchtimes. They also organise competitions and other activities, particularly during 'wet' lunchtimes when pupils remain in classes.

School Council

We regard pupil voice as very important in our school. Whenever there is a big decision to be made affecting the education and welfare of pupils we like to ask our pupils what their ideas are. In the past they have told us what they think about their learning, topics being studied, playground activities and which charities to support. We have an Upper and Lower School Council. Each class holds an election in September to select a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. Agendas are set and discussions are reported to the Leadership Team regularly. Currently we are consulting pupils on their ideas about the refurbishment of the school. We are giving them opportunities to help with planning new facilities to help in their learning.

Virtual Learning Platform

The Virtual Learning Platform (VLP) is now up and running. The VLP is a special website that is designed to allow collaborative working and access to learning from both home and school. Currently we have used the site to explain about various projects the pupils have been engaged in, and we have also started an on-line school magazine. The pupils have also been engaged in a forum where they have been commenting on their ideas for the school refurbishment; they have already shown very clear ideas about how they would like to see the playgrounds developed, and the ICT suite. We urge everyone to view the site which can be accessed via the www.napierprimary.org.uk homepage.



After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be running this term:

Monday

3:30 – 4:30 Year 6 Numeracy Booster - 6NH – Miss Harrison (until 26th April 2010)

3:30 – 4:30 Yr 6 Football Club – Playground or Site A Hall –Mr Bilton

3:30 – 4:30 Yr R Computer Club – Yr R Classes – Mrs Fernandes and Mrs Fossey

3:30 – 4:30 Scottish Dancing - Yr 1&2 – Mrs Parish – Site B Hall

Tuesday

7:45 – 8:45 Year 6 Numeracy Booster – 6DB – Mr Bilton (until 4th May 2010)
3:30 – 4:30 Years 3&4 Football Club – Mrs Bragger and Youth Trainer from GFC
3:30 – 4:30 Yr 5/6 Active Lifestyles – Site B Hall - Mrs James

Wednesday

7:45 – 8:45 Year 6 Literacy Booster – 6PC – Mr Cross (until 5th May 2010)
7:45 – 8:45 Year 6 Literacy Booster – 6CC – Miss Chellen (until 5th May 2010)
3:30 – 4:30 Kwik Cricket – Front Playground – Mr Cross
3:30 – 4:30 Netball Club – Playground/Hall - Mrs Slade
3:30 – 4:30 Year 6 G&T Athletics- Miss Rowson – Outside Areas
3:30 – 4:45 Cookery Club –Years 1&2 – Miss Arnold – Orange Class

Thursday

No clubs at present

Daily

8:00 – 8:45 Chess Club – 5LB – Dr Slade
8:00 – 8:45 Yr R Breakfast Club – Yr R Class
8:00 – 8:45 Yr 1-6 Breakfast Club – Site A Hall
12:30 – 1:10 (Mon – Thurs) Oasis Club – Mrs Watson, Mrs Cook and Mrs Dunster



Sun Protection

We can expect some warm and sunny weather soon. Please can you make sure that your child has adequate protection from the sun when they are in the playground. We suggest a baseball cap be worn which gives head and eye protection. However, we do not allow sunglasses (unless they are prescription sunglasses) as these have a tendency to get lost or broken and should a pupil fall on them there could be a nasty accident.

Complaints Procedure

All schools need to publish their Complaints Policy to parents and we will be doing this soon following the new guidelines. If you do have any issues concerning the school, your child's education or well-being please discuss it in the first instance with the class teacher. Most matters of concern can be dealt with in this way. All our teachers work very hard to ensure that each child is happy and making good progress at school. They always want to know if there is a problem, so that they can take action before the problem seriously affects the child's progress.

If the problem is not sorted out to everyone's satisfaction you can raise it with the Year Leader / Assistant Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. Complaints can then be put in writing to the Headteacher and these will be investigated. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to discuss it with the Headteacher. Outcomes of the investigation and ways forward will be discussed with you. If you are still dis-satisfied and the problem persists or if you are unhappy with the way in which the matter has been handled then you can write to the Chair of Governors who will consider all the evidence and invite you to a meeting in order to resolve the problem.

E-Safety and Stranger Danger

At school we constantly remind pupils about the dangers of giving out personal information such as addresses, telephone numbers and photographs using the internet, particularly on socialising websites such as Facebook. Please can you also remind your child(ren) about the potential dangers of sharing such information and the use of devices such as webcams.

Please can you discuss the issues about Stranger Danger with your child(ren). There have been recent incidents involving 'strangers' trying to abduct children from outside schools in Medway, particularly those who are walking home on their own. We would prefer that pupils are picked up / dropped off by a responsible adult/carer/older sibling. If a different person is collecting your child please let the class teacher know in writing. Please can you also ensure the school office has all relevant contact telephone numbers: home telephone number, mobile phone, daytime/work number, emergency telephone number, etc. We will endeavour to contact the parent/carer if we are unsure about the person collecting a pupil at the end of the day.



Mobile phones

Our school policy is that no pupil should bring a mobile phone into school. In the past there have been problems with mobiles being lost or stolen. Some pupils are bringing these into school and keeping them in their coat pockets or bags in the cloakrooms. Teachers and office staff should not be asked to keep mobile phones. Please do not send your child into school with a mobile phone.

And Finally...

We are really looking forward to our pupils enjoying their learning and achieving their best over the next two terms. Look out especially for the following: Sponsored Obstacle Races, Sports Days, Year 6 Production, Year Group Trips, SATs for Years 2 and 6 and many, many more events. We particularly look forward to working with you as parents supporting your children.

Yours sincerely

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