



Nevill Road Junior School

Parent Newsletter 7 - Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had an enjoyable festive season. The children have settled back in to the new term really well, working hard and showing the staff excellent attitudes towards their learning.

Key Priorities

At Nevill Road we continue to work hard to improve our outcomes and progress measures. Our Year 6 predictions for this year are extremely positive and reflect all of the hard work that is taking place within the school. During a recent visit from our school advisor, teaching, learning and assessment has once again been judged as 'good' and the behaviour seen across school was excellent. Please note the DFE Performance Table caveat on progress in junior schools: *"We know from national data that pupils at junior schools, on average, have higher attainment scores at the end of key stage 2 than pupils at all other primary schools. However, on average they also have lower progress score. This may be for a variety of reasons and should be taken into account when comparing their results to schools which start educating their pupils from the beginning of key stage 1"*

As you will know, Mrs Jordan is a maths mastery specialist for the North West of England and is currently advising other schools in Stockport with regards to this approach. I am also pleased to announce that I will be joining the Key Stage 2 writing moderation team for Stockport this year. The role will enable me to work with other schools in the Local Authority to support them with the Y6 writing moderation process.



Our ASPIRE focus this half term is Perseverance and we will be talking to the children about working hard to show their best presentation and productivity in all lessons. Each year group has a set of 'Bear necessities' (non negotiables e.g. correct spelling, neat handwriting etc) that we expect to see in all pieces of writing. Our Aspirational Learner Awards will be presented to those children who show us that they always try their hardest to include these in their work.

Keeping children safe

Many schools are now not only implementing fire drills but lockdown drills as well. Lockdown drills are a set of procedures designed to have the occupants in a building familiarise themselves with ways to protect themselves against a threat. We will be introducing the procedures that we have in place to the children next week. This will not be a formal drill but a discussion about how we keep children safe in school in case there is a reason that they cannot go in to the playground or the school corridors e.g. a stranger or a stray dog. Whilst it is necessary to share these procedures with the children, as a school we want to do this in a way that will not cause any alarm or anxiety. If you would like more information about this please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Curriculum at Nevill Road Juniors

Once again the fantastic finishes which took place at the end of last term were a huge success. It was great to see so many families involved in their children's learning. As a result, each year group produced high quality design technology products including Christmas Eve boxes in Year 6 and Stone Age carriages in Y3.



The Spring Curriculum Maps are now available on the school website. These outline the knowledge and skills that the children will be learning about this term. We continue to provide a wide range of opportunities for the children to take part in extra curricular activities including before and after school clubs, music lessons, sports events, out of school trips and visits to school from experts. Information about clubs and diary dates can all be found on the school website. We now have over 200 followers on Twitter @NRJuniors, where you will find regular updates and information about the day to day activities taking place in school.



Thank you for your continuing support and the positive feedback that we receive from so many of you is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Mrs Cliff and the Nevill Road Team

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Diary Dates - Spring Term 1 2020

JANUARY

- Monday 13th - School led clubs start (including performance club)
- Friday 17th - 6C Class assembly 9.15am
- Friday 24th - 5HD Class assembly 9.15am
- Friday 31st - 4S class assembly 9.15am

FEBRUARY

- Monday 3rd - Year 4 SEND support meetings
- Tuesday 4th - Year 3 SEND support meetings
- Friday 7th - SEND parent forum - entitlement framework
- Monday 10th - Year 6 SEND support meetings
- Year 6 Parent's evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Tuesday 11th - Year 5 SEND support meetings
- Wednesday 12th - Y6 Parent's evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- Thursday 13th - Last day of term
- Friday 14th - INSET

*****Please note school starts again on Monday 24th February*****

Year 6 parent evening appointment notifications will be sent online through School Spider. Letters will be sent to inform parents when their SEND support meeting will take place. These are held during the day and therefore additional evening appointments are not required.