

Head's Bulletin

Thursday 7th October 2019

Wk 2: Wk Commencing 11th November



Term Dates

2019/20

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov—Fri
20th Dec

**INSET day 2: 22nd
Nov**

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan—Fri
14th Feb

INSET day 3: 14th Feb

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb—Fri
3rd April

Term 5

Tues 21st April —Fri
22nd May

Term 6

Mon 1st June —Fri
17th July

A time to remember

Monday will see the school take part in our annual recognition of Remembrance. The event is always a moving one, reminding us all about the sacrifice many others have made for those alive today.



As in previous years there will be a slight change in the timings of the school day before the event. Lesson 2 will finish at 10:30 am (10 minutes shorter) with break starting and finishing 10 minutes earlier. Students will then move to lesson 3 at 10:50 am where they will leave their bags and gather for the memorial event, to begin before the 2 minutes silence at 11:00 am. This will either be inside the atrium or at the front of the school, depending on the weather that day. Students will then return to lesson 3 once the commemoration event has ended.

As a school we would be very happy for any students who are linked with a uniformed organisation (Cadets, Guides, Scouts, etc) to come into school on 11 November wearing this uniform as opposed to the school uniform. All other students are expected in full uniform on this day. The wearing of these alternative uniforms will help us to continue to recognise the service many organisations and individuals give for others,

There are a number of other important evenings coming up during term 2 and I look forward to seeing parents and students in attendance at these events. A couple of these relate directly to the 6th form with year 13 Subject evening on 14th November and the 6th form Open Evening, for the September 2020 intake, on 21st November. I look forward to seeing you. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Elliott, Head teacher

Open Door Clinics

Open Door Parent Clinics are held most Wednesday afternoons during term time for parents to speak directly with Mrs Elliott regarding any concerns or suggestions they may have. These are held from 3:30pm until 5:30pm and can be booked through contacting reception on 01275 852251.

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Key Dates Term 2

Mon 11th Nov

School Armistice Day

Tues 12th/Thurs 14th

Nov

Year 11 Geog Field Trip

Wed 13th Nov

Senior Maths Challenge

Thurs 21st Nov

ABSolute Curriculum
Day 2

Tutankhamun Trip

6th form Open Evening

Fri 22nd Nov

INSET DAY 2

60@Sixty - Fundraising in full swing

As you are hopefully aware, this year Nailsea School celebrates its sixtieth anniversary, and to mark the year the school has launched its 60@Sixty campaign—aiming to raise £60,000 to support the school.

Events held in Term 1 (a quiz at the rugby club, Musical Bingo led by the PTA and a non uniform day) as well as parental donations have meant that the current total is over £3500— a great result.



Term 2 sees the launch of one of our major fundraising and commemoration events—the Nailsea 2020 calendar. The work on the calendar started early in Term 1 when each student and staff member was invited to draw a simple line drawn portrait of themselves. The 1000+ drawings were then painstakingly compiled by Art teacher Ms Davies and have been pulled together to make a beautiful calendar.

For those of you that have been following the school Twitter accounts you would have seen that this calendar comes with a twist; Ms Davies has hidden 12 Gary Barlows in each month of the calendar. The 'Where's Gary?' campaign has seen him at Chepstow Castle, visiting Yorkshire, flying off at Bristol airport and spending some relaxing hours in Cheltenham.

The calendar will be available to buy from the middle of November, priced at £10 each or two for £15. More details to follow in due course.

Parents can also donate to the appeal via their child's ParentPay account. We hope that we will soon be in a position to collect Gift Aid on some donations where possible. Donations can also be made directly to the school, by direct debit or standing order, we would really appreciate any small amount, and some parents have offered us a monthly donation of £5 per month this way. All donations are voluntary and all proceeds will go to our 60@Sixty appeal:

Sort Code: 30-18-88

Account Number: 34489068

Thanks in advance for your support



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Mobile phone policy—a reminder



We would ask that all parents reiterate the school mobile phone policy at home with their child.

Phones must be switched off and put away when the school day starts at 8:40am— this includes all headphones, earphones etc.

Any phone that is seen out after this time will be confiscated and kept in the safe in the Finance office. The name of the student who has had their phone confiscated will be logged.

Phones will be returned to students at 3.00pm.

A reminder that a failure to follow this policy on a repeated basis may result in phones being confiscated for a longer period of time and parents being responsible for collecting the confiscated item.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting this very important policy.

SchoolComms



As parents would have seen from letters home last term, as a school we are moving to a fully electronic notification system during term 2.

'School Comms' uses the School Gateway system to enable parents to be kept up to date with all that is happening in school, both generally and personally linked to their child.

The system requires parents to log on to the system using both an email address and a mobile phone number which **has to be the same as those we have on the school system**. It has been very useful that parents have been contacting the school to update this information in order to ensure that they can access the system.

We are also aware, as with a switch to any new system, that there may be some families that need some support in making the change. In response to this we are notifying parents that there is the opportunity for them to attend a number of 'drop in' sessions at school. No appointment is necessary. Parents can attend school reception at the following times:

- Thurs 14th November; 4:30pm—6:30pm
- Thurs 21st November; 4:30pm—6:30pm

The aim is for the school to have fully moved to the electronic system by December so we would ask for parents to have ensured they have logged on successfully by then.

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