# NANSLOE ACADEMY WELCOME



A very warm welcome to the start of a new academic year at Nansloe Academy. It's been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and positivity, and we're especially pleased to welcome all our new families joining our school community. Whether your child is beginning their journey in Nursery or Reception, or joining us further up the school, we're delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you all.

Thank you for ensuring the children arrived looking so smart and ready to learn. Their pride in their appearance is clear to see and has also been reflected in their excellent behaviour this week.

Teachers have been busy getting to know your children and re-establishing routines and expectations. There has been a lovely, calm atmosphere across the school this week.

We have lots of exciting plans for this term and academic year. Please take some time to look at the key dates and add them to your diaries. Each month, we will be sending a short newsletter in this format with important updates, information and dates. Then, at the end of each half term, you'll receive our usual newsletter with photos and class-specific information. Please also keep an eye on our Facebook page as we will post photos of the children's learning and helpful information here too.

As always, we're here to support you and your children in any way we can. If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to speak to us. I am available on the gate most days, alongside other members of our senior leadership team, alternatively, you can make an appointment for a meeting via the school office.

I'm looking forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks and for the year ahead.

Mrs Swiggs

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with classroom activities and special events. If you're interested in helping out, please let me know. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

#### **LATENESS PROCEDURES**

Our school day begins at 8.45am. Our school gates will close at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, we ask you to enter the building via the main office. This is to support both attendance and safeguarding.

We understand that sometimes lateness cannot be avoided, however, persistent lateness is monitored. Letters will be sent home if there is a cause for concern, in the same way that we send home letters for persistent absence.

Being late can have a detrimental impact on the start of your child's day and they can miss early morning learning activities. Children settle better when they have been able to arrive alongside their peers and complete their morning routine without disruption.

If you need any help or support with this, please let us know. We are here to help.

## **LUNCHES AND SNACK**

Please pack a healthy snack and a water bottle for your child each day. This helps keep them energised and hydrated throughout their busy day. Please can you make sure that their snack is a healthy option. Snacks such as fruit, yoghurt, cheese, crackers and cereal bars are a great option. Please remember we are a nut free school.

Free fruit is provided for children wishing to access this.

Please also remember to book school dinners by the night before to ensure your child gets the lunch they want. If orders haven't been received in advance, children will have to have the pasta option that day.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Autumn Term Starts** 

Tue 9th Sept

Year 1 Hearing Screening

Mon 15th - Fri 19th Sept

Year 1-Year 6 Class trips to BF Adventure

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

Year 6 Trip to St Michael's Mount

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival 10am

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October

World Mental Health Day - Wear it Yellow

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> & Fri 16<sup>th</sup> October

**Parent Teacher Meetings** 

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October

Inset Day 2

Mon 27th - Fri 31st

Half Term

Dates for Christmas 2025 events are currently being finalised and will be shared as soon as possible.

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Please be mindful when parking at drop off and collection times. Please do not park on the double yellow lines in front of the school. Cars stopping here increase the risk of accidents because it really reduces visibility for pedestrians trying to cross the road.

Please also be courteous to residents by not blocking people's driveways and allowing passing space.

Thank you for your support with this.



# **REPORTING ABSENCE**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know your child's symptoms and when you expect them to return.

You may either phone the office on 01326 572966 and leave a message or alternatively send an email to hello@nansloe.org.uk

When reporting an absence, please leave a message on each day of your child's absence, telling us:

- · Your child's name
- Class name/Year group
- Why they are absent (Type of illness e.g sickness, migraine)
- When you expect them to return

#### **WRAP AROUND CARE**

Please remember to book and/or cancel wrap-around care via ParentPay 24 hours in advance.

Demand is increasingly high for these places and unfortunately, if children arrive who have not been pre-booked, we may not be able to accommodate them due to legal ratios. We understand that sometimes things crop up and we will always do our best to help.

Similarly, if a booking is made but not used, we will have to charge for this booking moving forward. Changes can be made up until the day before.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

#### **PE DAYS**

Reception - Tuesday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Friday

Year 5 - Monday

Year 6 - Tuesday

Please send your children to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

# **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

During the course of the year, each class will have a term of outdoor learning. Please send your children in with wellies and appropriate clothing on this day (in a bag that they can hang on their peg).

Monday - Year 4 Tuesday - Year 3 Wednesday - Reception

Thank you!