



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're just two weeks away from the festive season, and I hope this newsletter finds you well. As the days get colder and the holiday spirit fills the air, here are some updates and important reminders for our Higham Lane School community:

## Weather Update:

The winter weather has settled in, bringing cold and wet conditions. Please ensure your child wears a coat to school to stay warm and comfortable.

## Kevin!:

To add a touch of warmth to the season, we're treating our students to a movie during lunchtime in Chine Hall or Coombe Hall. The halls have been filled with laughter as the students enjoyed watching "Home Alone."

## National Parents' Survey Insights:

The National Parents' Survey reveals that 33% of parents are concerned about the cost of sending their child to school, with 27% facing financial struggles. The top three concerns include school uniform, school trips, and school meals/drinks. Read the full survey here:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/resources/The-National-Parent-Survey-UK-2023.pdf>. If any parent or carer is facing financial difficulties, please contact your child's Progress Leader. We have a limited stock of uniform available through Student Services to provide support for those in financial hardship.

## Mobile Phones Reminder:

Kindly refrain from contacting your child by mobile phone during the school day. Mobile phone use is prohibited in school, and contacting your child could put them in a challenging position. In case of a genuine emergency, please contact the school through official channels.

## College Campus Behaviour:

For students walking through North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College (Nuneaton Campus), if your child walks that way, please do discuss this with them to ensure that they represent the school with pride and adhere to appropriate behaviour.

Respectful Communication:

We were disappointed to encounter an abusive phone call this week. To maintain a positive environment, staff have been instructed to terminate calls with inappropriate language. Please treat each other with respect and understanding. Thank you for your cooperation.

Non-Uniform Day for Shelter:

In the spirit of giving, we will have a non-uniform day on Friday, 15th December, to raise money for Shelter; your support is greatly appreciated.

Gate and Toilet Access Information:

Please take note of the gate opening times and access points, especially during the morning and afternoon rush. The caretakers and SLT duty staff are working to ensure a smooth flow for our students. Higham Lane Gate and the inner gate by Reception are open at 8.15am until 8.39am. Students who enter the site before 8.15am to use the library (which is open from 8am) will need to enter through Brookdale Gate. Staff can still use the inner vehicle gate by reception using their lanyards. The toilets by resources will be open for all students to use before school from 8.30am. Higham Lane Gate, the inner vehicle gate by Reception and the Student Services vehicle gate will all open at 3.15pm to 3.25pm. Students who leave lessons early to avoid the crowded corridors will need to wait at the gates until they open at 3.15pm. Students who leave the site after 3.25pm will need to leave via Reception. There is no vehicular access to the site between 3.10pm and 3.25pm. The caretakers will move barriers into place at 3.10pm and the SLT duty staff on Shanklin and Brookdale will then remove these at 3.25pm.

As we approach the end of the term, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a warm and festive holiday season.

Warm regards,



Michael Gannon

Headteacher



# Bulletin board

## Measles

You may already be aware that there have been confirmed measles cases in the UK including in Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry which are all in close proximity to Nuneaton. Currently Warwickshire has no confirmed cases, however Warwickshire County Council wanted to make all parents and carers aware of the available resources on Measles so you can have up to date information and advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-dont-let-your-child-catch-it-flyer-for-schools/measles-information-for-schools-and-healthcare-centres>

## Bikeability Scheme - Years 7 - 9

Thanks to funding from Warwickshire County Council we are offering a free Bikeability Level 3 course in Nuneaton. For more information and details of how to book, please visit  
<https://outspokentraining.co.uk/holiday-courses/>.

Our Bikeability Level 3 course is intended for children in school years 6 – 9 who have previously completed the Bikeability Level 1 & 2 course. All courses are run by first aid and safeguarding trained National Standard Instructors. The session is 3 hours long. Level 3 equips riders with the skills to tackle more complex roads and traffic situations such as roundabouts and junctions controlled by traffic lights. The training also includes guidance and practice on planning routes.

Louise Newham  
Bikeability Cycle Training – Road Safety Education Team

## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 12th December - Christmas Carol Service**

**Thursday 14th December - Year 11 Student Progress Evening (all students finish at 2.15pm)**

**Monday 18th December - Year 7 to 8 Christmas Fayre**

**Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Concert**

**Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Click for Term Dates





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# Grub and Hubs



Are you in need of a warm space, and some free/cheap food over the winter period?

We have brought some information together into one website which shows where you can find cheap/free food and warm spaces this winter.



Scan this QR code to head to the website!

Do you run a warm space or free/cheap food opportunity? Or do you know of one that we haven't yet got on our site? Drop us an email to [nuneatongrubandhubs@gmail.com](mailto:nuneatongrubandhubs@gmail.com)

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