<u>Term 2 Newsletter 2021 – 2022</u>



Message from Michelle Reysenn - Headteacher

Dear Families

I don't know about you, but I'm exhausted! And I know my staff are too! But we've finally made it to the end of term 2. So, what are the highlights, or should I say lowlights?!!!

Firstly, more Covid cases for staff and pupils. Thus resulting in staff and pupil absence, closure of care areas, and remote learning being in place for some. All of this is definitely a lowlight.

And then there are some highlights. So very many and I will list just a few.

Panto performance of Sword in the Stone. Outdoor Classroom day. The Learn@ MAT football tournament. Our first fundraising Christmas Fayre. New gates. Repaired roofs. New carpets. Freshly painted rooms. New pupils starting. I could go on, but I think it's best for you to read on in this newsletter for more amazing highlights and good news.

As we come to the end of term, I would like to say thank you to all of you. For caring, supporting, helping, and for just being there for your child and our staff. Our community, culture, and ethos, is built on trust, resilience, hard work, and a collaborative approach between staff and families. We wouldn't have come so far without your support.

Please stay safe over the Christmas break. Be with your loved ones. Cherish every moment. Make precious memories.

We already look forward to seeing so many of you on Tuesday 4th January for our pupil review day. And we most definitely cannot wait for all pupils to continue with their individual educational and well being journeys from Wednesday 5th January.

For now, Merry Christmas and a happy new year. X

Best wishes,

Michelle Reysenn Headteacher



Term 2 WINNERS!



Green Token Winners

Leo D Cason

David Josh IF

Theo Lewis

Attendance: 95% and above

David Theo
Reagan Oliver
Turrell Josh IF
Taylon Phin

Connor M Cameron

Maty Adam Drew Patrik

100% Attendance

Leo D Brandon

Anthony Charlie

Connor W



Subject Winners

English – Josh IF, Thomas, Anthony, Patrik

Maths – David, Cason, Oliver

Science - Patrik, Josh IF, Drew

DEAR - Leo N

Art - Phin

PE – JK

PSHE - Phin

Humanities – David

Animal Care – Jack J, Thomas

Sports Science – Caleb

Swimming – Charlie, Kai



PEWSEY & DEVIZES

Term 2 with Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve, Thani & Elaine

This term we have been enjoying swimming lessons and have learnt how to jump in safely, dive underwater and float on our backs. We have had lots of fun and shown that we can be safe in and around the swimming pool. Our swimming teachers are very

proud of our achievements.

We have also enjoyed learning new things in class. This term we have worked really

hard with our spellings and phonics. We practice these every day and test ourselves at the end of the week. We especially like using the interactive whiteboard and playing learning games to support our learning.

On Remembrance Day we wrote acrostic poems about why we should not forget and had a minute's silence in our class. We made our own poppy wreath and took it to a local cenotaph on outdoor learning.

We remembered 5th November by researching why we have fireworks and bonfires on this night. In class we made our own Guys and then in Forest School we built a bonfire and burnt them safely!

During food technology lessons over the past few weeks we have been baking different types of biscuits. Recently we have made Christmas goodies such as mince pies and ginger spiced biscuits.

In science we have been learning how to stay healthy. We have looked at what is a healthy diet, what different types of food there are and portion sizes. We researched the importance of exercise, different types and how many times we have to exercise in a week.



We are all really looking forward to the interactive Christmas Pantomime, Sword in the Stone, so look out for photos of this on the school website over Christmas.

Have a restful and safe break.

from Sarah, Amy, Natalie, Thani & Steve



BROAD TOWN

Term 2 with Helen, Nat & Tiff



Term 2 has flown by, we have enjoyed our weekly swimming lessons, lots of trips out to Box Woods, Roundway White Horse, Chippenham Town Centre and our end of term trip to Airhop!





In maths we have been learning to tell the time, identifying 2D and 3D shapes and measuring perimeters of shapes.



In literacy we have been doing lots of descriptive writing, creating a movie strip, discussing our favourite films and characters.



In SMSC this term we have been learning about New Zealand. The boys have been especially interested in the All Blacks and practising the 'Haka' dance.



Trampolining has definitely been a highlight of Term 2 with the boys practising all sorts of

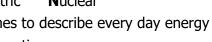
acrobats.



This term in science, the class have been learning about energy stores and energy transfers. We started out making elastic band powered buggies and have developed two different designs to try to improve efficiency. The groups have gone onto learn the names of all of the energy stores and have learnt the following mnemonic:



Most Kids Have Learnt G C S E Energy Names. This stands for: **M**agnetic Kinetic Heat Light Gravitational Chemical Sound **E**lastic **E**lectric **N**uclear





We have also applied these names to describe every day energy transformations.

The boys had a great shopping trip to Chippenham buying presents for their families. We then wrapped them all up ready for the boys to take home.



In cooking we have made some amazing creations, including Christmas Cookies and mince pies.











HACKPEN

Term 2 with Ant, Sharon & Ollie

Merry Christmas one and all from Hackpen class!

The much-anticipated newsletter article will unfortunately be much shorter than usual thanks to Covid-19 taking out most of our class for 2 weeks, first Sharon, then Jack and finally Cason - fortunately all developed only mild symptoms and have since fully recovered.

Before the outbreak Cason had continued the second term where he left off in term 1, securing a

hattrick of pupil of the week awards. In the absence of Jack and Cason, Leo, he took it upon himself to really step up, working hard in all lessons and attaining a wealth

of green tokens in the process. Tyshone continues to work well with his offsite provisions whilst reintegrating into school life of Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This term we have been learning about the Country of Fiji in SMSC and have discovered some really interesting facts (along with watching some Fiji rugby 7s videos on YouTube, don't tell Michelle!).



Thanks to the constant displays of kindness, safety and respect the boys have earnt enough green

tokens to pick a reward trip for the end of term, unanimously they selected to go for a lunch at Bristol's finest all you can eat establishment, ZaZa Bazaar (my waistband is furious).

Outdoor Education has seen Hackpen class explore the wild, natural areas that

Wiltshire has to offer, den building, hide and seek and geocaching have been a raving success, however, we all cannot wait to go climbing in term 3 (although Sharon says she far happier with her feet firmly on the ground thank you very much).



We wish there was more to say but we shall leave you with best wishes for the Christmas holiday, stay safe, relax and have a wonderful time!



ALTON BARNES

Term 2 with Ron & Kelly

Term 2 has gone by really guickly and the weather is definitely getting colder.



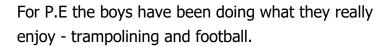
In SMSC we have been currently looking at the Country Papua New Guinea, this country is very different to the UK. We have looked at the different tribes that live there and made headdresses using feathers.







For our animal care lesson, we made the chicken area and coop ready to house our onsite chickens. As part of our outdoor education trip we ventured out to collect the chickens, food and equipment. Finally releasing the chickens into their new homes, which they have settled in really well.







In science we have been looking at the big bang theory and how the earth formed which was really



interesting. We also looked into whether man really did land on the moon - or was it fake? There was a lot of discussion about this topic!



We have been doing a lot of cooking in Art. Lots of culinary delights that have come out of the

kitchen!



In English the students have been creating their own aliens, using descriptive language and then using this to write scenes for an alien story.

MARLBOROUGH

Term 2 with Ben, Becky & Vas

This term has been a little bit funny for Marlborough class, with some ups and downs throughout the term. Despite a few issues with uniform at the start, the class have generally been engaging with their learning and, along with Ben, Beck and Vas, are looking forward to stepping into Christmas.

At the end of last term, Marlborough class spent two of their outdoor education lessons at Lake 32,



using the stand-up paddleboards with a great deal of success. The class were worried that it was going to be a long, long time before they got to go again but were informed that we are back at the lakes after Easter.

This terms outdoor education has been based mainly on site, with Marlborough class learning how to safely make a camp fire and put it out.

They have also been looking after the new school chickens, ensuring they are fed and helping to collect the eggs.



In PE they have had a mix of badminton and using the trampoline, with the trampoline proving to be very popular.

The students were learning to perform swivel hips, back drops and front drops, with the more capable performing front somersaults. Despite all the technical terminology, one of the favourite things on

the trampoline has proven to be crack the egg, and there have been times when the students even had the staff laughing like children.



English and maths have continued to be a bit of a struggle for the majority of the class but such is the circle of life, that without these subjects, finding a job later in life would prove to be a hard, hard situation.

Marlborough class would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, eat drink and be merry, but most importantly enjoy and stay safe.



CHERHILL

Term 2 with Andy, Tom & Pete

In Term 2 Cherhill have been keeping busy with a multitude of different things.

Outdoor Education has provided a plethora of different venues that the class have been visiting



including breaking down in a bus on the steepest of hills, (Thanks Ollie), at Bathford Woods in a rainstorm, half the boys in fancy dress for Halloween including Ruben coming in as his own Mother!!! Velour robe and silk shower cap included. They have also ventured to Roundway and Devizes Castle Court on their travels.

English has sprung up some notable challenges for all abilities, with some completing tricky entry level tasks and others pushing themselves to begin answering GCSE style exam questions!!!

In Maths, almost every boy has been looking at a different area of the subject which Paul somehow manages to juggle, including map work, scaling and shapes amongst many other topics.

In food we have had some serious delights cooked up by all the pupils and they've been demonstrating some clever culinary prowess, whether it's a spicy, savoury, Spanish meatball stew or a sweeter charming chocolate

cheesecake, these lads know how to hit your taste buds with a punch, sharing food amongst themselves, staff and even taking things home to their families.



In art Phin has been making a truly stunning wire model of, as he has aptly named it, "man in foetal position," which I'm sure you will all agree challenges many social constructs that we

all face on a daily basis. As well as this, he has been in the early stages of working on a project on movement where he has popped up round the school, camera in hand, capturing real life moments, that he will no doubt turn into the next Notton masterpiece. Watch this space.

Tuvalu, no not the sound of Vic Reeves on shooting stars. This is, in fact, our

chosen country for SMSC this term, where the boys have discovered many an interesting fact on the lesser known Australasian state, including that it is the least visited country on the planet.





WESTBURY

Term 2 with Anton & Nathan

It has been a busy term in Westbury. We have been doing loads of different things.

Some of the boys have been off at college doing both bricklaying and animal care. The boys that are attending these courses are loving them and are thriving in them.

On the Animal care course, they have been looking after and cleaning out the animal's houses etc feeding them and making sure everything is clean.



In the Bricklaying course they have been learning how to lay and develop different types of walls.

Another boy is also started a BTEC in Esports which is really exciting.







In school we have been doing loads of work in English and Maths.

In English the boys have all been working towards their entry level qualification. In SMSC this term

we have been learning about Australia. The boys have enjoyed learning new slang words used in Australia and what they mean in English.

In outdoor Education this term we have been going out for walks in the countryside and up hills. The boys have enjoyed getting out in the winter weather.

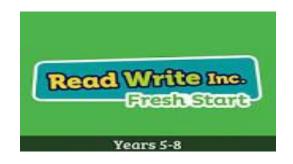




PHONICS TEACHING LET'S READ!

We are excited to be investing in a new reading scheme for many of our pupils here at Notton, early in 2022. We are moving away from our current *Letters and Sounds* scheme and are purchasing, and undertaking the training to introduce

Read Write Inc. Fresh Start.



Read Write Inc. Fresh Start is a catch-up and intervention programme with proven results, for 9 to 13-year-olds still learning to read. It offers a simple, but powerful solution to accelerate reading progress in just 25 minutes a day.

Developed by Ruth Miskin, Fresh Start teaches students at their challenge point, so they learn to read accurately and fluently. They will also develop good comprehension, spelling and punctuation skills through targeted activities.

Resources are age-appropriate, matched to students' increasing knowledge of phonics, and finely levelled to accelerate progress.

Read Write Inc. Fresh Start is a 5-star winner in the SEND category of the 2021 Teach Secondary Awards.



WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY

SOUND OF THE WEEK

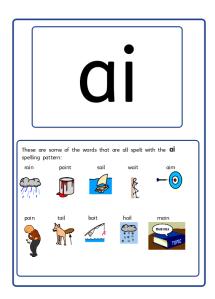
- helping pupils develop reading and spelling skills

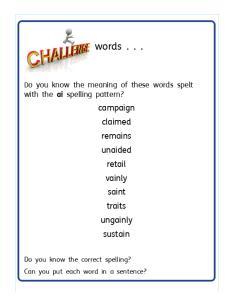
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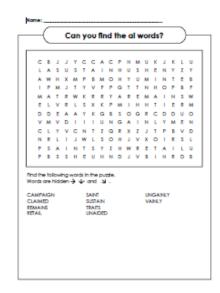
Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write.

Understanding phonics will also help children know which letters to use when they are writing words. All the sounds we have covered are available on our website.

You will find word searches to match all these words also!

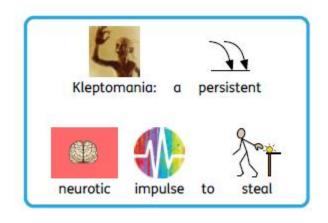


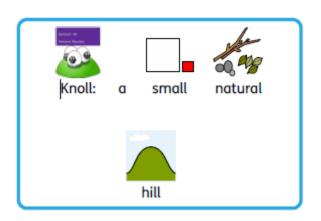




WORDS OF THE WEEK

- increasing our knowledge of the meaning of words.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Term 2 with Ben Shuker

This year in PE we have been very fortunate to have rolled over a substantial amount of money to



reinvest into sport and physical activity. In order for this to be as successful as possible it was put to the Student Council, and from there to all students, to come up with a wish list of PE goodies. Some of the ideas have been an outdoor heated swimming pool and a sauna, which will prove to be a step too far for the funds, but following a lot of student and staff feedback some of the ideas will definitely be a goer.

As a PE team we have already invested some of the money into playground and sports leaders award, this will allow pupils to gain a recognised qualification as well as potentially lead lunchtime clubs. Some of the money has also gone towards the primary swimming sessions every Thursday, these remain a firm favourite and the progress in the pool is astonishing to see.



The next investment will be to improve the fitness suite with more usable equipment, with an aim to improve the general fitness of all the students.

The students have asked for a bike track and even though this will be out of our price bracket, we are looking at what we can do with some of the funding to allow for greater use of the bikes on site.

Staff training is another investment, allowing things like the trampoline to be used throughout the day and evening with fully trained staff. Using some of the money to get staff qualified to instruct on a stand-up paddle board would allow the lake membership to be fully utilised by the care team (when the weather improves).



Another key thing that came out of the student panel was the desire to have more competitions



against other schools from both within and outside of the MAT. Using some of the money to pay for prizes and trophies will make these events more desirable. We are also setting up an Able, Gifted and Talented group which will have access to a local gym, with personalised programs and coaching.

It should be a very exciting year for PE at Notton House and I'm looking

forward to seeing all the developments take fruition.



AGAT OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS DAY 2021

Pupils enjoyed time in our Forest Schools area to celebrate an able, gifted, and talented learning experience.





SMSC EVENT: THE AMERICAS



Staff and pupils had a wonderful afternoon celebrating their learning from SMSC lessons during term 1, which focused on The Americas. Tacos, drumming, football, and Aztec art!







PSHE TERM 2

During Term 2, in weekly tutor times, pupils have been learning about;

- Staying Safe Online; Cyber Security
- Sexual Harm and Sexual Harassment
- Children In Need
- Remembrance
- Hidden Disabilities
- Diwali
- Hanukah
- Christmas Around the World











AN EVENING TRIP TO ROUNDWAY



Lower School pupils, along with their care staff, enjoyed a sunny evening trip out to Roundway. Fresh air, smiles, and more happy memories! Not forgetting, some posing from Pete, and an exhausted Max!









SITE TEAM

With Ben & Steve

October Half Terms Site Works

We have now had both the front and rear gates fitted as part of our safeguarding bid that we secured in 2020. The gates are access controlled to ensure the site is kept secure at all times.

Front Gates & New Anti-Climb Fencing



Rear Gate & Taller Wall



The new sports hall roof light has also been replaced as part of another bid we won. This will ensure the sports hall is safe and secure plus it also allows us to open windows and keep it well ventilated.



Xmas works

During the Xmas break we will continue to work on improvements, we will be working on the following

- Avon en-suite refurbishment
- Sensory room works
- Decorating & tidying up care areas and education rooms
- Replacement of damaged doors
- Replacement of a rotten lintel

Future works

We have more works planned for the rest of the year, here is a list of a few things to come

- Refurbishment of outdoor gym equipment April half term
- Refurbishment of sports hall floor Feb half term
- New en-suite to be fitted in Montague house April Half term
- New fencing in our forest school area Feb half term

STUDENT COUNCIL

We have had a busy first term back at Notton House Academy and with the beginning of a new academic year comes the new Student Council elections.

In our first meeting, the applicants were acknowledged, and School Council members put themselves forward for a blind vote for each role. From this we welcome Junior as Chair, Owen and Cameron as Vice Chair and David as Treasurer.

Based on article 12, 13 and 15 of the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child, Councillors explained their commitment to improving the school and representing the views of the children from their tutor groups. Councillors provided feedback on October site works which included a new roof in the gym; most agreed that the gym felt better to use. The magnificent new gates and fences. All recognised the work completed and agreed that it felt safer as it was much harder to scale. The Council discussed all the redecoration work that had been done, including a lot of new carpets, freshly painted corridors and rooms/bedrooms.

The Student Council discussed further works planned to repair the school gym floor, a high volume space that has recently had a brand new roof, all agreed would be of huge benefit to the school community. In addition, the Council recommended that the astroturf needed attention and suggested that sections required repair or replacement - so watch this space!

Finally, congratulations to Junior for expressing interest as our nominee for the Anti-Bullying Ambassador role, and a big thank you to all the pupils and staff who dedicate their time to support the Student Council.

MUSIC ROOM: UPDATE

We have been enjoying the arrival of new equipment in the music studio, we have a brand new **bass guitar.**

Connor has made great progress this term and is reaping the rewards of his practice and determination.

Brandon has been enjoying a crash course in **music theory** and here he is passing his skills on to Tom who is now

learning how to read music and play piano. AMAZING!

With the arrival of a **vocal mic** and new **amplifier** we are all set to write original songs and hope to be performing in the New Year.

...NOTTON ROCKS! (AND ROLLS!)

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

What an amazing event... I am not sure who enjoyed it more, staff or pupils?

The Sword in the Stone live at Notton!



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to all pupils who took part in the Learn@ MAT football tournament. The photos are great, and we are all really proud of you!









At Notton House Academy we love learning our Makaton signs of the week.

Makaton is a visual way to develop our communication skills which helps stimulate sounds and words. This visual way of communicating is helping us to develop our language and our understanding by giving us extra visual clues.



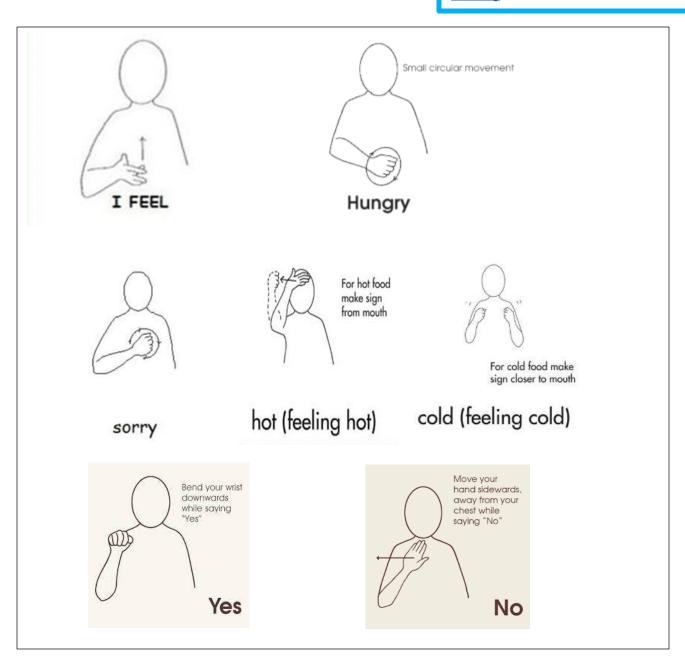
Some of the signs we have learnt this term are below, you could practice these with your child......

You can find more on our school website https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/

If you would like to find out more please take a look at these websites and clips.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pid 4PLNY0a0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfrJ
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REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH NOVEMBER!



Lower
school
pupils learn
about
bonfire
night by
making a
Guy Fawkes!



WELCOME BACK COFFEE MORNINGS!



Suzie Sylvester is a Family Support Worker at Notton House Academy. Suzie works closely with many of our families at Notton and is always on hand to answer questions and offer support.

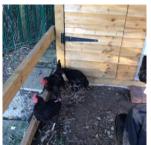


With Covid comes safety, so it has been nearly two years since we have been able to get together as families, to help and support each other. Let's hope there are many more to follow soon...



THE CHICKENS ARE BACK!





The chickens are back! Alton
Barnes and Marlborough
classes have been learning
about caring for chickens and
getting our coop set up as part
of their Animal Care studies.
We have built nest boxes,
tidied the area, been shopping
for food and bedding, and then
collected 3 new chickens from
a Free-range organic farm in
Bradford-on-Avon to join the 2
already donated to us.

Blue, Copper, Ruby, Jade and Emerald are all settling in well!



WEAR ODD SOCKS FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK





EX PUPIL IS THE FACE OF BRISTOL CITY ROBINS



It is lovely to see former pupil Reagen M, who is the face of Bristol City Robins, by having his photo on over 40 buses around the city of Bristol.

Reagen was with us at Notton House from the start of year 9, and completed his GCSEs in Year 10, meaning he could start his journey into adulthood a year early. Now a year 12, Reagen is studying for a level 3 sports diploma. Well done Reagen!

CHRISTMAS TIME @ NOTTON



MEET THE PROFESSIONAL

Welcome to Fiona Marsh, Educational Psychologist



My name is Fiona and I work full time as an Educational Psychologist for Bristol City Council. This year I've also had the pleasure of becoming the link Educational Psychologist for Notton House. In a nutshell, I work with young people (mainly aged 3-20) and their key adults (e.g. school staff, family) to help with any aspect of their learning and / or wellbeing. I like to think I'm approachable and have a good sense of humour, so I'm always ready to help out with a problem or hear a good joke. If you have any questions about my role or are worried about your child please contact Linda Hawkey (your school SENDCo, who I work closely with).

A HUGE THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to Morrisons, Chippenham for supporting some of our families with festive food parcels this Christmas.







Concerned about child sexual abuse?

Call the confidential and anonymous Stop It Now! helpline if you're worried about your own thoughts or behaviour towards children, or worried about what another adult or young person is doing.

Helpline 0808 1000 900

Mon to Thurs: 9am-9pm Fri: 9am-5pm stopitnow.org.uk





ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GIFT WITH A DIFFERENCE?



Buy a Christmas gift that will not only be the perfect gift for those hard to buy for family and friends, but will also be helping fight the impact of deprivation on the lives of young people in Bristol and the South West.

Rather than trawling the high street for that office secret Santa gift or scanning the internet for a special gift for grandma, give them the gift of transforming a young life this Christmas!





You will be sent a Christmas Gift Pack that includes information about how your donation can be used, a postcard and magnet to give to your recipient.

Information and Gift Packs can be purchased here: http://www.empirefightingchance.org/2021/11/12/ empires-christmas-give/



For further information please contact: Emily@empirefighitngchance.org or visit http://www.empirefightingchance.org/

Legal or Illegal?

Pupils have been learning about the law, and how sometimes, it can easily be broken by being UNSAFE online.

Sexual images of children

According to UK law (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), there are <u>four</u> main offences relating to the access of sexual images of children, that you can be penalised for.

2. Distribution
Sending a sexual image of a
child to another person. It
includes distribution through
chat rooms, email, phone
applications, text messaging,
USB sticks and file sharing
websites (peer-to-peer).

In the UK there are several offences regarding sexual images of children and online sexual conversations with children.

1. Possession

Having, in your possession, a sexual image of anyone under the age of 18, whether this is a physical or electronic copy.

3. Taking

Taking your own sexual images of a child. Section 15a of the Sexual Offences Act (2003) makes it illegal for an adult to intentionally communicate with a child under 16 for a sexual purpose. This offence is sometimes referred to as 'online grooming'. The offence is still committed whether or not the child communicates with the adult.

4. Making

Making an electronic copy of a sexual image of a child. This includes copies of images that are purposefully saved by a user on to a device and the automatic copy saved to a device when an image is clicked on. It also includes images automatically downloaded from file sharing websites.

Top 5 online safety tips

Think of others' feelings before you post, like or share content.

Ask for permission before you share a photo or video with someone else in it. Respectful online relationships start with consent.

Be an upstander Speak up if you see someone cyberbullying or sharing nudes in a group chat – let them know that's not okay. Report and delete it.

4 Use privacy and screen time settings to take control of your digital life and its impact on your mental health.

5 Ask for help Cyberbullying and sharing intimate images without consent can be distressing, but eSafety can help remove them.

eSafetyyoungpeople

SEND

esafety.gov.au/young-people

How to report cyberbullying material





If the content is not removed within 48 hours apply steps 3 and 4





If you are in immediate danger, call 000 (triple zero)
If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on
1800 56 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week



@ eSafetyCommissioner

esafety.gov.au



Please can I remind all families of the Uniform Policy:-

Uniform:

School Uniform

A compulsory Notton House polo shirt (Royal Blue)

A compulsory Notton House sweatshirt (no hood) or grey fleece

Black or Grey Trousers (No tracksuit bottoms allowed except for P.E. lessons)

Black Shoes (no other colours permitted)

P.E. Kit

Students are permitted to wear their own PE kit but this must not include items with large logos.

Trainers (no black soles are permitted for indoor P.E. lessons)

Trousers can be purchased from supermarkets such as ASDA or Tesco.

School polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available for purchase directly from school. All the garments offer excellent value for money and are made from hard wearing, machine washable fabrics, embroidered with our logo.

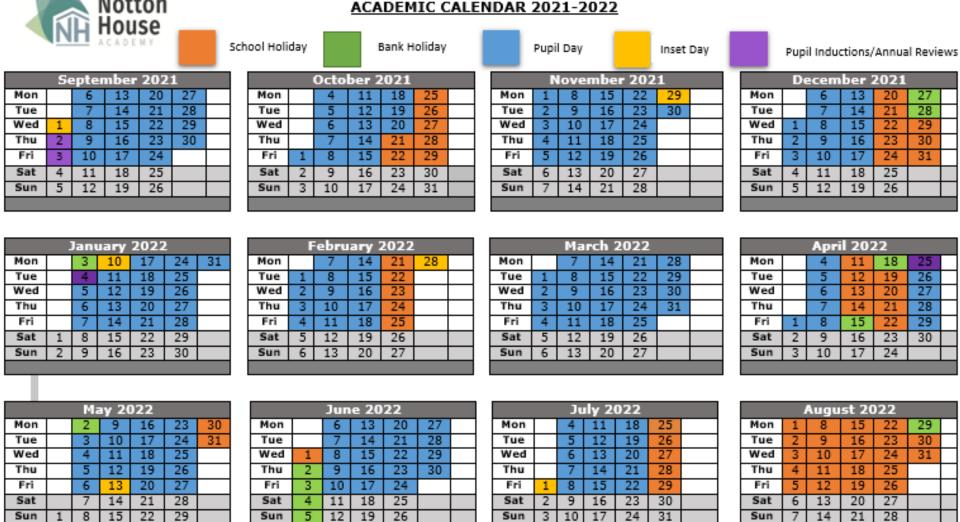
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Item	Size	Cost
Polo Shirt	9/10, 11/12	£6.50
Polo Shirt	S/M/L	£8.50
Sweatshirt	12/13	£7.00
Sweatshirt	S/M/L/XL	£8.50
Fleece	Youth L/XL	£11.00
Fleece	S/M/L/XL	£13.70





ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021-2022



Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 10th January 2022; 13th May 2022.

NHA INSET Days: 1st September 2021; 29th November 2021; 28th February 2022; 1st July 2022.

Monday 25th July 2022 - Day in Lieu of extra Bank Holiday from 2nd June 2022