

# Nexus news September



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Welcome back and I hope you have all had a very enjoyable summer. Most of our students have started back to school now, and classes are already up and running and putting routines and timetables in place for the year ahead.

I know that there have been some concerns about both communication books and after school clubs. You will see some further information on both of these below.

We already have some exciting events planned in school including a Harvest assembly and a Christmas service at St Stephen's Church in Tonbridge at the end of term 2 (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December). Hopefully this will be an opportunity for our staff and/or parent choir to perform to a live audience!

Primary classes have now chosen some class names for the year ahead; At Nexus Wouldham we have Flamingoes, and at Nexus Tonbridge we have Cygnets, Swans, Kingfishers, Kookaburra, Robin, Owl, Hummingbird, Jay, Pelican and Penguin.

We have a number of new staff in school this year as well as many new students and I am looking forward to getting to know all of them as well as our new families.

Scott Jarred  
Headteacher

## Pelican Class News

The pupils in Pelican Class (P8) have settled in well and we are already embracing the curriculum and our topic of 'Travel'. New friendships are being cemented and classroom rules have been established (set by the pupils themselves).





## Home School Communication

In response to feedback from parents we are looking to move towards an online home school communication system and after research and consideration have decided to use a system called "Classdojo" which we trailed with some parents throughout term 6.

Over the course of this term we would like to work towards phasing out the current contact books and introducing Classdojo. We appreciate that not all parents will want to use an online communication system and should you wish to continue to use a physical contact book please inform your child's class teacher. Once we have introduced Classdojo we will be in contact with parents regarding the system to seek your comments and thoughts.

Please remember you are able to contact the school in a number of different ways:



Email: [office@nexusschool.org.uk](mailto:office@nexusschool.org.uk)

You can also contact your teacher directly via email. Email addresses can be found on the school website – [www.nexusschool.org.uk](http://www.nexusschool.org.uk)



Telephone: 01732 771384

Please note that it is not possible to speak to teachers during the school day, however reception will take a message.



After careful consideration we have made the decision to review what we are offering in the way of after school provision. The reason for this being we want to ensure that we are offering activities that are accessible to all students attending Nexus.

Whilst we appreciate that many of the students enjoyed the dance and boxing club offered last year, despite parents paying for these activities there was a significant cost to the school meaning that they are not sustainable long term. However, we remain committed to delivering both dancing and boxing to students on a weekly basis as part of their timetabled activities.

We will keep you updated over the course of this term of developments but would welcome any suggestions you may have.

### **Dear Parents, Carers & Staff**

We would like to inform you that Karl Barth, our Site Manager, has after much consideration decided to leave Nexus School. He has decided to reduce his working hours to spend more time caring for his son William, a student at Nexus School.

He would like to pass on his thanks and best wishes to all his many friends and colleagues who he held in very high esteem for their unending dedication to the children of Nexus School. Karl has worked loyally and dedicated as Site Manager of Nexus / Ridge View School for over 15 years and also held the position of a Staff Governor as voted by his fellow colleagues. Having a special needs child gave Karl an enormous insight and meant that his dedication and hard work was truly for the benefit of the whole school community with the children at the heart of that community.

He will be very much missed by his friends and work colleagues, but we wish him all the very best for the future.

## **Term Dates**

**3 September – 12 October (Staff Development Week 15 – 19 October)**

**29 October – 19 December**

**3 January – 15 February**

**25 February – 5 April**

**23 April – 24 May (Bank Holiday: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019)**

**3 June – 23 July**

