

Newton Road School Newsletter

12th November
2018

It's been another busy week here at school. Thank you to all of you that attended our Parent Consultation evenings. We loved sharing with you how well your children are doing and their successes. There were lots of positive comments about our proposed redevelopment of the school grounds. Our Remembrance gallery looked amazing and all of the children worked incredibly hard to produce such great art. Thank you to those of you who visited. I am sure you will agree the care and attention to detail was fantastic.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 9th November 2018 is **95.94%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Owls with 99.25%

2nd place - Badgers with 98.89%

3rd place - Dragonflies with 98.46%

A reminder to parents/carers that you must contact school on the first day of absence and leave a voicemail message if your child is absent and explain the reason for their absence. If you are having any issues regarding punctuality and attendance please contact our Parent Support Advisor.

Forest Points

The children are working very hard towards achieving their certificates and badges.

30 points - Children receive a certificate in their forest colour to be awarded in their phase assembly

60 points – Children receive a badge in their forest colour to be awarded in our whole school assembly

90 points – Children receive a gold badge in our whole school assembly and parents are sent a letter of congratulations.

Forest points are given out for a range of reasons including use of manners, positive behaviour choices and learning behaviour choices.

Foundation Stage

We have had a very busy week with lots going on! Squirrels have learnt about Remembrance and why people wear poppies. We all made our own poppy by drawing and painting it and then we joined them together to make a wreath. On Wednesday we took part in Diwali activities and learnt how the festival is celebrated, the children made their own diwa lamps from salt dough. We have been using our writing books this week, to practise using our Fred Fingers to spell CVC words.

Year 1/2

Year 1 and 2 have been really busy this week creating some amazing artwork about Remembrance Sunday. Ants made clay poppies that they painted very carefully, Dragonflies created paper poppies and Bees created a night time field. They all worked really hard on their pieces and were thrilled to be able to show them in the gallery. In maths we have been creating addition stories using props and role play.

Year 3/4

What a spectacular week we have had in Year 3/4! We have been learning all about volcanoes, including how they are formed and why they erupt. All the children were completely gripped and enjoyed seeing the lava and magma flow. Our news reporting skills have developed further and we have all created our very own news reports on flooding, including examples of tweets (#floods). In maths we have started multiplying and dividing and we have identified patterns between multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. It has been great seeing those light bulb moments this week!

Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have had a fantastic week with all of their work linked to Remembrance marking the 100 year anniversary. In English they have been researching about Anne Frank to write a non-chronological report. During the afternoons the children have been creating art work linked to Remembrance which has been brought to life by visiting the "Now and then Exhibition" in the town. The children loved comparing artefacts from 100 years ago to the present day and learning about the lives of people in Rushden during the war.

Sports Update

Good luck to our students taking part in the Sports hall Athletics Competition in the coming weeks. We know that they will show PRIDE throughout the competition.

Permission Slips

Please ensure that you read all permission slips carefully. We have had a number of slips returned for different events where they have been signed by parents/carers but parents/carers have not indicated whether they give or do not give permission. Please be aware that we cannot take verbal permission over the phone and whilst we endeavour to contact parents/carers we would hate for a child to miss out on an opportunity because of this.

Conduct On The Playground

I feel it is important at this point to remind you that in order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the schools operation or activities anywhere on the school premises;
- Any inappropriate behaviour on the school premises;
- Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper;
- Threatening, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil;
- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications to anyone within the school community.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/ staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites.
- The use of physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises;
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences);
- Consuming illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco on school premises;

Should any of the above occur on school premises the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities and/or consider banning the offending adult from entering the school premises. Thank you for abiding by this and together we create a positive and uplifting environment not only for the children but also all who work and visit our school.

School Photos

School photos will take place on **Monday 19th November**. All children that have siblings in school will have their photos taken together during the school day. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate siblings not in our school.

Snack Expectations

The school works hard to encourage all pupils to adapt a healthy lifestyle. Pupils are welcome to bring in fruit (berries, apples, oranges, tomatoes, raisins, bananas) or raw vegetable (carrot, pepper, snap peas) or rice cakes to school to eat at playtime. Pupils should not bring other snacks and we would encourage you to support our healthy eating at lunchtimes too please.

Key Dates for Your Diary for Term 2

Friday 16th November - Children In Need	Monday 19th November - Individual School Photos
Thursday 22nd November - KS2 choir performing at Castle Theatre	Wednesday 19th December - Last day of term
Thursday 3rd January 2019 - School Re-Opens	Friday 15th February 2019- Last day of term

Children in Need 2018

This year Newton Road School will be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 16th November**. We would like children to donate any loose silver coins (5p, 10p, 20p and 50p), so we can create a piece of Children In Need artwork from the silver coins that are donated. After the artwork has been created we will send the donation off to Children In Need. During the school day the children will be learning all about the work the charity does and how the money we raise benefits other children less fortunate than our own. Children will need to come into school in their school uniform.

We really appreciate your support with this.

Kind regards

Miss Mills