



Newton Road School Newsletter

13th December
2018

Last week was another great week at Newton Road School. December just seems to fly by and we are amazed by what we manage to fit in. At this point of the year, I wanted to remind you that if you have any queries or concerns these should be raised with your child's class teacher in the first instance. The teachers can be contacted by phone on the school number, on the playground at the end of the day, or a message can be left at the door in the morning for them to contact you, which they will do at their earliest convenient point during that day. By speaking directly with your child's class teacher it will help to address concerns quickly and effectively as the working relationships between parents and teachers are paramount in improving the outcomes for our children. On occasion, if you feel that your query or concern has not been resolved to your satisfaction or you do not think the class teacher can help then please contact Miss Webber (if your child is in Foundation Stage, Year One or Year Two) and Mrs Radd (if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). If you then feel your concerns have still not been addressed please contact Mrs Abel or Miss Mills. This will ensure the school can deal with all concerns efficiently through the appropriate procedures. We thank you for your support with following this and we know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 7th December 2018 is **95.77%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Owls with 100.00%

2nd place - Badgers with 99.23%

3rd place - Wolves with 98.89%

As the winter weather hits we know children get ill. We have spoken to all of the children about the importance of washing their hands, using a tissue and putting it in a bin, and covering their mouths when they cough to help reduce the spread of germs. Our site team have also increased their cleaning regime and they come in during the day to clean down door handles and common surfaces to help keep us well. As the cold weather has arrived, it is vitally important that the children wear a coat to school. We still have a number of pupils coming to school without one. Please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school everyday and ensure all items are named.

Foundation Stage

Squirrels class were very excited to be visited by Rushden Fire Service and their fire engine. The children asked the firemen some very interesting questions. We are going to ask the fire service to visit us again soon, as they had to leave to attend an emergency call! Squirrels' class have continued learning about 2D shapes and their properties. The children have used words such as corners and sides to describe squares, triangles, circles, rectangles and ovals. In literacy we have focussed on hearing all sounds in CVC words and using Fred fingers to help us spell.

Year 1/2

We have been super busy with writing information for our fact files. In Maths we have used three numbers for addition as well as still focusing on subtraction. Year 1 have had the opportunity to practise our Nativity and are looking forward to sharing it with the school and adults next week. A big thankyou to everyone who has contributed to our raffles in school, good luck to all who enter.

Year 3/4

The children have been working really hard this week on getting to grips with formal methods of calculating including short multiplication and division and they have understood the processes well. In English, the pupils have been completing research on various natural disasters using our fantastic new ICT suite. The children have loved finding out many different facts that they did not know before! They are becoming real experts when discussing world disasters including volcanoes, earthquakes etc. Another amazing week as we approach the end of term. Well done!

Year 5/6

In Science the children have begun planning an information booklet on the solar system. The children love learning about space and have lots of new facts that they have learnt. In Maths, the children have been learning how to divide without remainders. In English the children are writing a newspaper report about the disappearance of Michael from our class book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Last week, the children went to Rushden Academy to complete art work – the children enjoyed the experience of attending an art studio in a secondary school.

Parent/Carer News

We are taking bookings for our '**Healthy Lifestyles Parent Workshop**' running on Wednesday 23rd and 30th January 2019 from 9am-10am. This course will give interesting practical advice on meals, packed lunches and general healthy lifestyles.

Please book places, or ask for further information by contacting Lynn Butler, Parent Support Advisor in school or on 07961 714515.

Sports Update

Congratulations to Mr Butler and the children who took part in the Kurling Competition at the Pemberton Centre on Wednesday. The children were fantastic and our KS1 team came first—our first trophy!

Choir News

Our Key Stage 2 choir sang for the Rushden Pensioners Group at Rushden Hall Park on Tuesday 4th December. Children sang a variety of traditional Christmas carols with only one week's rehearsal, as the pensioners group had been let down by another choir. The children put their heart and sole into it and made us very proud once again. Two children in Year 6 read a poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', they took it upon themselves to rehearse it and it was read with so much feeling and expression. Well done to both choirs who have performed brilliantly at all our events.

Christmas Raffle

On Friday 14th December we will be holding our Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale after school before the draw takes place. Tickets will cost £1.00 and prizes this year include hampers containing various coloured gifts kindly donated by children and parents/carers and alcohol hampers. Please do come and join us after school, there will be a chance to have a go on our chocolate tombola and warm yourself with a hot chocolate and a mince pie!

Disco Arrangements

We will be holding a disco tonight (**Thursday 13th December**) for **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**. The Disco will be **4:00-6:00 p.m.**

As before, we will not be issuing tickets in advance and you will be asked to pay on the door. Tickets will cost **£4.00 per child**. Please ensure your child has the correct change with them. The price includes a drink, a packet of crisps and a visit to Santa to pick up a present.

The arrangements for picking up from the disco to ensure the safety of pupils are as follows:

Children need to be taken to the Year 5 & 6 entrance on the school playground where you will leave them with a member of staff after you have taken their coat from them. When you come to collect your child please go to the Year 5 & 6 entrance (remembering to bring their coats with you) and you will go into the hall where children will be lined up in class order ready to be collected and then you will leave via the main reception door.

If your child is being picked up by someone other than a parent/carers please notify the office on the day. Thank you for your support as this will ensure all our children are safe and enjoy themselves.



Key Dates for Your Diary for Term 2 and 3

Wednesday 19th December - School closes at 3:05pm	Wednesday 2nd January 2019- Training day for Staff
Thursday 3rd January 2019 - School re-opens to pupils	Friday 15th February 2019 - School closes at 3:05pm
Monday 25th February 2019-school re-opens to pupils	Friday 5th April - School closes to pupils



Christmas at Newton Road

Date	Event	Who is involved	What do I do?
Thursday 13th December	KS2 Santa's Grotto and Disco 4-6 pm	Years 3-6	Bring your child at 4 pm with £4 for a ticket which includes Santa's Grotto
Friday 14th December	Christmas Carol Service in School from Park Road Baptist Church	Whole school	You don't need to do anything
Friday 14th December	Christmas Raffle Draw, Chocolate Tombola, Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies	Parents and Children	Under the shelter at 3.05pm, come with money and wrap up warm.
Monday 17th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 2 pm	KS1	Look out for the letter to order your tickets
Tuesday 18th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15 am	KS1	Look out for the letter to order your tickets
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas Parties	Whole School	Look out for the letter to indicate what food items you need to send in

Each class are creating their own hamper for the raffle and we would appreciate any donations. The classes have each got their own colour scheme and donations should be in that colour. Colours are in the list below. Any late donation are very welcome!

Squirrels—White	Bees-Blue	Ants-Green	Dragonflies-Purple
Wolves-Yellow	Owls-Silver	Badgers-Red	Eagles-Gold
Red Kites-Black	Hawks-Orange		



Jog Northants: New 0-5km jogging groups especially for beginners to start in January.

Northamptonshire Sport's 'Jog Northants' programme announces 12 new jogging groups to start throughout the county in January, all helping beginners to start jogging regularly using a gradual progression programme. Jog Northants is Northamptonshire's recreational running programme which has encouraged over 5000 participants countywide to sign up to the scheme since it started in 2011.

All the groups start with a mixture of walking and jogging and are ideal for anyone that has never ran before and especially those that have bad memories of school PE when they were younger!

The groups cater for all fitness levels and abilities from the complete beginner and those returning to running to those who fancy running with likeminded people. The camaraderie and social element is always strong within the groups with members attending social events and runs regularly.

One new group for complete beginners will be starting in East Northants in January, please see below for details or [Click Here for the full list of groups starting countywide](#)

Stanwick Lakers Beginner Jogging Group

Date: Every Monday, starting 14th January for beginners

Venue: Meet in Waitrose car park, Rushden (far corner)

Time: 17:45 for 18.00 start

Cost: £10 single one off payment (non refundable)

Contact: Heather Watts hwatts09@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile: 07775 796183

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stanwicklakers>

Other info: This is a course for beginners to get from Couch to 5km in 10-12 weeks. If you can already run for 15 minutes or more and would just like some motivation or social company, anyone can come and join in with the existing group. All abilities welcome.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Sarah Harvey; Sarah.Harvey@firstforwellbeing.co.uk / 07834 495841

January Beginners Groups Wellingborough:

Running Mate Wellingborough

Date: Every Monday and Tuesday at 19:15 and every Thursday at 18:30. Starting 7th January for beginners.

Venue: Castle Street, opposite the entrance to Castle Fields

Cost: £2 per session

Contact: Susan Harrison susan@running-mate.co.uk

Mobile: 07988 799182

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RunningMateNorthants/>

Wollaston and Irchester Joggers

Date: Every Tuesday, starting 8th January for beginners

Venue: Wollaston playing field, London Road, Wollaston NN29 7QS

Time: 18:15 – 19:15

Cost: £1 suggested donation towards lighting costs

Contact: countryparks@northamptonshire.gov.uk or kathyholley48@yahoo.co.uk

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