

Newton Road School Weekly Newsletter

24th September



We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year by celebrating the history of Newton Road School. And our hopes and dreams for the future. We had a lovely event to celebrate the launch and becoming part of the Nene Education Trust. The children looked very smart in their new uniform and, surprisingly, enjoyed the Victorian lunch. It was good to see so many parents, friends and family of Newton Road School join us for our special launch. Our curriculum is designed to provide children with a broad range of opportunities and experiences. As part of this our foundation children enjoyed a fun and educational start to their school journey with a 'Messy Play Session' again with parents/carers attending and enjoying themselves! A number of them went home covered in shaving foam. We were also incredibly lucky to have Mr Mistry come in and teach our Year 3 and 4 children karate. It was lovely to see the children enjoyed trying something different and learning new skills. We have lots of forthcoming events happening so please keep a look out for letters and more information in weekly newsletters.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 21st September 2018 is **95.25%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Eagles with 100.00%

2nd place - Hawks with 99.20%

3rd place - Dragonflies with 97.60%

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, Lynn Butler who will be happy to help.

Forest Points

The children have been working extremely hard in lessons since returning to school after the summer holidays. The new coloured forest t-shirts look fantastic! If you have not ordered one for your child and you would like to, then please go onto the Rock-It website www.rock-itpromotions.co.uk/products/school-shops/newton-road-school. If you are unsure of your child's forest colour then please ask at the office.



Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have had a fantastic week. They have been successful in learning our class and school routines and expectations. We have started learning to read sounds in our phonics sessions. In mathematics we have practised accurately counting objects and have created 2D and 3D shapes. We have explored our outdoor area, the children have enjoyed learning outside. As the weather is changing, please can you ensure your child has appropriate clothing for learning outside e.g. coat, scarf, hat, gloves and if raining wellies.

Year 1/2

Ants, Bees and Dragonflies have had an amazing week which started with a crash landing in our school garden. The children were sent to investigate the mystery and made good use of all their senses to help describe what they could notice, smell, touch and hear. Captions and labels were then created in class with fantastic adjectives and nouns. In maths we have been looking for patterns in numbers; making groups of objects and recognising the different shapes numbers make. Thank you to the amazing support we have been receiving with home reading!

Year 3/4

In Year 3/4 the children have had an exciting week looking at Skara Brae and excavating fossils from sand. They have made detailed observations of the fossils and different types of rocks and have shown us their wonderful sketching skills. We were also very lucky to have a representative from Northampton Town FC visit our phase, to show us some football etiquette and some fun activities, which the children really enjoyed. The children have been using many different pieces of mathematical equipment during our lessons to represent number and have written some very interesting setting descriptions based on The Stone Age. They have wowed us with their hard work this week. Well done Badgers, Owls and Wolves!

Year 5/6

In English we have started reading Kensuke's Kingdom and from this they have written some fantastic diary entries with a theme of great sadness. In Maths, the children have been focusing on place value where they have been reading and writing numbers up to the millions and recognising what value each digit represents. The children have really enjoyed Science this week where we have begun to explore the properties of materials using scientific vocabulary. As part of our Learning Journey 'The Born Survivor' we have written instructions listing the priorities to survive on a desert island.

Breakfast Club



We do have space available in our breakfast club for any parents wishing to send their children. It opens at 8.10am and the cost is £1.50 per morning per child. This includes a choice of cereal, toast, yogurts, fruit and of course a drink! Please pop in to the office if you would like to book a place for your child/children.



Toys and Personal Belongings

It has been noted that more and more Toys and Personal belongings are being brought into school by children. Please could we ask you not to let your child bring any toys or any personal belongings into school. We really like the fact that our children are developing their independence and want to bring in their own pencil cases but these do take up a significant amount of room in the classroom and can distract from your child's learning so we would ask that these stay at home.

Key Notices and Reminders

PE KITS: Please remember PE Kits should be in school for the whole term! Can we also remind you that earrings and jewellery must be removed for PE.

PACKED LUNCHES: Please remember that if you send your child's lunch to school in a carrier bag it is important to name it.

SCHOOL DINNERS: Just a reminder that all school meals must be ordered by Midnight on a Tuesday for the following week.

PARKING: Just a reminder can I politely ask that all parents and carers park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting from school. Thank you.

SCOOTERS & BIKES: If your child is coming to school on a scooter or bike and wishes to leave it at school could we ask that you do not leave it by the Nursery/Pre School as it is not secure. Please ask at the office and we advise you where to leave them.

Key Dates for Your Diary for Term 1

Thursday 27th September PM - Please bring in your cake donations	Friday 28th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning -9.15am in the hall
Monday 8th October - 2.30pm Grandparents Stay & Play- Foundation	Thursday 11th October - 2.30pm Phonics Stay & Play - Foundation
Friday 19th October - Last day of term	Tuesday 30th October - School Re-opens
Thursday 1st November - 2.30pm - Maths Stay & Play-Foundation	Thursday 8th October - 2.30pm - Junk Modelling with Parents - Foundation