

Newton Road School Newsletter

27th November
2018

Wow! What a couple of weeks! We have been incredibly busy here. We wished Miss Harris and her partner well as she begins her maternity leave. We welcomed Mrs Young, who is teaching in Badgers and Mrs Fisher, who is working in our Nurture Provision. I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to our Newton Road family. We have taken part in anti-bullying week and discussed with the children what bullying is and isn't and how we treat each other with respect. Mr Fisher has led an assembly about how disciplined you have to be when taking part in Judo and the importance of respect. We are now busy preparing all of our Christmas activities so please find the details attached to this newsletter.

Remembrance

On Friday 9th November we held our first Remembrance Gallery to showcase all of our children's work. The amount of effort that the children and staff put in was outstanding! Well done everyone! The comments from all of our visitors were amazing. Five of our Phase 3 children also took part in a Remembrance Festival at Manor School on Friday 16th November. The event was incredibly moving and the children who took part were fantastic ambassadors who showed our PRIDE values throughout—well done.



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 23rd November 2018 is **95.85%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Red Kites with 98.52%

2nd place - Dragonflies with 98.11%

3rd place - Squirrels with 96.57%

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. 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 also help prevent spread. 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

In Literacy Squirrels class have listened to 'The Gingerbread Man' story. They have retold the story using pictures and labelled and described the characters. In Mathematics the focus has been on finding one more or one less than a number, either using objects or a number track to help find the answer. We have started to learn and practise our Christmas singalong songs and we cannot wait to share these with you on Thursday 13th December at 2.15pm. Get your singing voices ready!

Year 1/2

Last week in Phase 1 we were using our thinking skills to understand what is meant by anti-bullying and how we can be kind to each other using our PRIDE values. In maths we looked at subtraction and will continue this this week. We also had fun making captions for our fact files for 'The Naughty Bus'. In our Learning Journey lessons we looked at job roles within our local community and there are an incredibly wide range of diverse jobs.

Year 3/4

We had a great week on our topic, Natural Disasters. The children constructed some buildings out of cocktail sticks and marshmallows in a challenge to withstand the power of an earthquake. The pupils really enjoyed this and really thought about how to construct them safely. In maths, we looked at division and practised different methods using arrays, groups of and repeated subtraction. The children have also been writing instructions on how to build their own house after the floods using our key text. Another great week, well done!

Year 5/6

Our Born Survivor Learning Journey continues as we have been learning different sketching techniques using art pencils and are working towards sketching a boat. In Science, we have started to look at how the Earth orbits around the sun and have written a script to describe this process. In English, the children have started to explore holiday brochures in order to write their own persuasive text to encourage others to visit an island destination. In Maths, we have been using the column method to multiply numbers up to 4 digits by 1 digit and 2 digit numbers and have moved onto division using the bus stop method.

Parent News

We are now offering Parent Workshops sessions in our new family room at school. Our next Parent Workshop entitled '**Christmas on a Budget**' will begin on Thursday 29th November and will run each Thursday morning for 4 weeks from 9.30-11.30. Please sign up at the school office or speak to Lynn Butler on the playground. This is a fun practical session with ideas and crafts to make for Christmas. The session is for parents and carers only as there is no childcare provision. We are also 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.

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone that sent in their silver coins for Children in Need. The children had a wonderful time decorating Pudsey Bear. We managed to raise £150.25 so a big thank you to you all.



Sports Update

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils that took part in the School games Level 2 sports hall athletics competition on Wednesday 21st November. The children had so much fun and showed PRIDE at all times! Well done! The next competition is new age curling so Mr Butler is busy finalising all of the arrangements for that.

Choir News

The Key Stage 2 choir took to the stage on Thursday and performed with four other schools at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough. This was a concert organised by the Wellingborough Rotary Club and all the children performed beautifully and their PRIDE shone! Well done.



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Winter Singing Workshops

Open to anyone who enjoys singing, would like to feel their confidence grow and is keen to improve their health and wellbeing

Tuesdays 7pm-8pm, starting 20th November 2018
Email to book your place— office@rushdenmind.org.uk

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?
Friday 30th November	The KS1 Choir singing at Barwick House in Rushden	KS1 Choir Group	Ensure permission slip is complete
Tuesday 4th December	The KS2 Choir singing at Rushden Hall Park for the Rushden Pensioners' Group	KS2 Choir Group	Ensure permission slip is complete
Thursday 6th December	Foundation and KS1 Santa's Grotto and Disco 4-6pm	All Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2 children	Bring your child at 4 pm with £4 for a ticket which includes Santa's Grotto
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Order before midnight on Tuesday 4th December
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Wear school uniform with a Christmas jumper and bring in an item of chocolate for the tombola
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Sing a Long	Foundation Children	Come to the foundation brown doors at 2.15 pm
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. Please can all donations be in by **Tuesday 11th December**

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