

# Newton Road School Newsletter

19th March 2019

The children and staff all looked fantastic on Friday wearing their 'Crazy Socks' for comic relief. The amount raised was £110.68 which will be donated to Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone that sent in a donation. Another thank you to all those that came and supported the book fair, we raised £296.53. £76 of that will be given back to us and will be spent on books for the school library, so again thank you! I would like to say good luck to Mr Butler and the 6 children who will be taking part in the Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Manor school on Thursday. I'm sure they will all show great PRIDE!

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 15th March 2019 is **95.39%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Hawks with 98.08%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Red Kites with 97.69%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dragonflies with 96.12 %

**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.**

## Foundation Stage

Last week in Squirrels class we have been looking at one of our favourite books 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children really enjoyed all of our activities throughout the week linked to this storybook and have been very creative in making their own butterflies. The children have also completed some fantastic writing describing the initial setting in the story! In maths, we have focussed on the concept of taking away, introducing another mathematic symbol and using this independently when solving subtraction number sentences.

Squirrels class were very excited in welcoming Miss Donald into class last week and she is looking forward to working with and getting to know the children.

## Year 1/2

Ants, Bees and Dragonflies have been reviewing the terrible twisted tricks from the book The Twits. Is 'the frog', 'wormy spaghetti' or 'stretching and shrinking' the most terrible trick?! This week we will be using drama and role play to create our own tricks so that next week we can write about our tricks.

## Year 3/4

Year 3/4 worked very hard last week showing us just how clever they are in their Spring tests. They have really risen to the challenge and we are very proud of them. The children are enjoying being immersed in the lives of Ancient Greeks and how they lived. They have looked at soldiers and every day Greeks and what their homes and lives would have been like. They are participating in activities based around light and shadows and children are starting to understand the scientific vocabulary based on this area of science. They have been investigating how to use spreadsheets in ICT and are looking at different Olympic events in PE. Another great week, well done!

## Year 5/6

Alongside assessments, the children were very busy last week! They have created a bank of vocabulary to build suspense within an adventure story in English. In Maths, year 5 have been learning to subtract decimals using the column method. Year 6 have been finding and simplifying ratio. In Science, the children are investigating living things so they focused on birds and made fact booklets on their chosen bird. In Learning Journey, the children have continued to look at icebergs and have looked at the number of iceberg sightings before the Titanic sank in April 1912 and plotted their locations on a map.

### Author Visit

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, we are very lucky to be hosting a visit from a children's author and illustrator, Olaf Falafel. Olaf will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landings by visiting 50 schools around the UK, and Newton Road School is fortunate enough to be one of the 50 schools chosen. During his visit Olaf will talk to children about being a comedian and author, covering his love of illustration and story writing which began when he was in primary school and he will teach the children how to draw a character from the book. If you would like to purchase a copy of his new book "One Giant Leek for Mankind", please complete the slip on the letter that was sent out last week and return it to school as soon as possible along with the £10 payment.

### Year 5 visit to Northampton University

Fourteen very excited Year 5 children had a fabulous morning at Northampton University. They were in awe with the new campus, particularly the views across Northampton, from the balcony of the Learning Hub. All children were impeccably behaved and were fantastic ambassadors for our school, especially when they were granted special permission to walk through the top floor learning space - an area in which there is complete silence, and which the children respected perfectly. They learned about trusted and untrustworthy resources, particularly when going online, and enjoyed developing their creative skills when writing a story using a selection of unusual props.

It was an excellent morning, with our hosts commenting on what a lovely, enthusiastic group of well behaved children we had. It was a great pleasure to be able to take such a wonderful group of children out for the day.

Mrs Moody

### Change 4 Life Club

This term we have been running a Change 4 Life club for children across the school. The club aims to educate children on how to stay healthy through exercise and nutrition. If this is something you think your child may be interested in, please come and get a letter from Mrs Ribano in the school office for more information or speak to Mr Butler. A confirmation text message will be sent out if your child has got a place.

### Parking

Can I politely ask that all parents and carers park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting from school. I have had reports of cars parked partly on the pavements around school, and have seen cars parked on double yellow lines close to junctions. I know it is congested at the beginning and end of the school day, but we cannot compromise the safety of our school community. Thank you.

### School Dinners - Easter Menu

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Chartwells will be having an Easter Celebration Menu. If your child would like to receive this meal, please visit the Parent Pay website to place your order.

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Orders **must** be placed by midnight on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March for your child to receive this meal.

Thank you.



### Newton Road School Website

Our new school website is well and truly up and running. This is a great source of information to help keep you up to date with information and events happening at school. All letters that are sent out are available for you to view under the **Info for Parents** tab on the front page, then by clicking on **Letters** on the left hand side of the page.

Have you had chance to take a look at the school calendar? This is another fantastic place to find out just what's going on in school, from clubs to school holidays, everything is listed here, so if you haven't had chance to have a look, now is the time! You will find it located at the bottom of the first page on the website.

### School Gateway

We currently have **39%** of parents that have downloaded and signed up to our School Gateway app which is fantastic! Ideally we would really like **all** our parents to sign up but we are aiming to achieve at least 70%, so please help by downloading the app and help us achieve our target. Using the app means we can send you app messages that you can reply to, for **FREE**. It's quick and simple to do. Please make sure we have your up to date mobile number and email. If you do need any help please ask at the office.



## Emails

We have decided that we will be emailing letters and newsletters directly to you, so we can be kinder to the environment. In order to do this, we need to have an up to date email address on record. Please complete the reply slip on the letter that was sent on Friday 15th March or contact the school office by Friday 22nd March 2019 in order that our system can be updated. If you do not have an email address on record and need a paper copy of any letters, newsletters etc then please let the office know.

We will continue to send letters home to all parents/carers when a permission slip needs completion. Whilst we are gathering all the email address, we have decided to send one letter home per family, this will be sent with the eldest child.

## Newton Road School-PTA

If you would like to become a member of our PTA then please pop into the school office and register your interest. We look forward to you joining us!



**Newton Road School  
P.T.A**  
**We really do need your support!**

**As parents, you are AUTOMATICALLY a member of the P.T.A... your voice counts!**

**Be the Change**  
Be a role model—be the change you want to see. You'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.

**Count Me In! Volunteer**  
Make a Difference—There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved—from designing a poster, photocopying and distributing letters in the school, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways. You decide how much you can contribute, every little counts!

**We're not just for mums!**  
It's important to our PTA, our school and our pupils to have parents and carers of all descriptions represented on our committee and to help reach out to other parents and carers. Are you a dad, a grandparent or carer with a skill that would come in useful?

**You'll feel more connected—** There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support. Every PTA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you. You will be part of a like-minded network of people who share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

**You'll be part of a great network—** Many hands make light work—you'll be part of a great network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all of our children.

**Help us continue to create lasting memories—** Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the PTA help fund make learning even more engaging.

## Key Dates for Your Diary for Spring Term 2

Friday 5th April 2019 - Last day of term	Tuesday 23rd April 2019– School Re-opens
Friday 26th April 2019 - Class Photos	Monday 6th May 2019 - Bank Holiday -School closed (1day)
Monday 13th May 2019 - SATS Week	Monday 20th May 2019 - KS1 Assessment Week
Friday 24th May 2019 - Last day of term	Monday 3rd June - School Re-opens
Friday 19th July 2019-Last day of term	Wednesday 4th September-School Re-opens