

Newton Road School Newsletter

25th March 2019

You will have noticed this morning that scaffolding has started to be erected around parts of the school. Pupils and parents/carers must not enter the fenced area under any circumstances so we ask that you supervise your children and reinforce this at the start and end of the school day, when you are dropping off and collecting. We would ask parents and carers during the 9 weeks of this project to help us by wherever possible by walking to and from school to reduce the congestion on the roads. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in advance and we will keep you up to date with this as work progresses.

We are delighted to inform you that we have received a grant from East Northamptonshire County Council towards our playground project, however we do still need to raise a further £40,000 for the whole playground project to go ahead. We need your help, if you know of any businesses/organisations that can contribute in any way please contact the school. We are actively fundraising and our first event will be our Easter Egg Tombola on Thursday 4th April and we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for this event. Please see the PTA poster attached for more details on becoming a member of the PTA.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 15th March 2019 is **95.38%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Red Kites with 99.23%

2nd place - Bees with 98.16%

3rd place - Dragonflies with 97.69%

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

With our topic 'Food Glorious Food', this week Squirrels class have been focusing on the book 'Supertato'. The children have really enjoyed the book this week, creatively making their very own character made from potatoes! In literacy, the children have been producing SUPER descriptive words to describe some of the characters within the book. We have learnt about the different stages of growing a potato as well as other fruits and vegetables. In maths this week, we have been looking at naming and describing 3D shapes with the children completing lots of fun activities linked to this.

Year 1/2

Creativity has been flowing in Year 1 and 2 with the invention of new terribly twisted tricks! The children have enjoyed inventing their own trick and deciding which props Mr or Mrs Twit should use. We have begun to write up the new tricks using interesting and exciting vocabulary. In mathematics we have focused on solving word problems and learning which calculations or methods we should use to find the answer.

Year 3/4

Year 3 and 4 have been working hard on their writing to create a newspaper report about a Greek Myth. Maths has focused on converting and subtracting measures, which the children have enjoyed. Through science the children continue to develop their understanding of light and darkness and have had opportunities to create their own sundials and shadow puppets. Learning journey has focused on Greek food and the Olympics.

Year 5/6

In maths, the children have been learning to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. Then they have completed more work on percentages including; finding percentages of amounts, finding percentage reductions and how to increase and decrease using percentages. In English, the children are learning to build suspense within an adventure story. They are using the features of a suspense story including an effective cliff-hanger ending. In Learning Journey, the children have learnt about coordinates and have practiced using them with the game, Battleships.

Sports

Last week was an exciting week at Newton Road School for all things sport and physical activity. On Thursday, 6 x Year 3 and 4 children went to the School Games Level 2 Quick Sticks Hockey competition and came 3rd! A huge achievement which means they have now qualified for the district finals at Wrenn school on the 10th June!

On Thursday the whole school had an assembly about a project the school is taking part in called Beat the streets. This project is taking part across East Northamptonshire and is aimed at getting children to increase their physical activity. As you may have already seen, outside the school is an electronic machine called a beat box. Children are encouraged to walk, run, cycle, scooter between each one and scan a fob to collect points. These points will then be collated on your internet account and count towards the school. If we as a school collect the most points we could win our school some prizes! All information and resources have been sent out to the children last week including the electronic fob and how to register. The beat boxes will go live on Wednesday, so lets get those steps in, those wheels rolling and those running shoes on! In the meantime if you would like some additional information please visit <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastnorthants>

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.



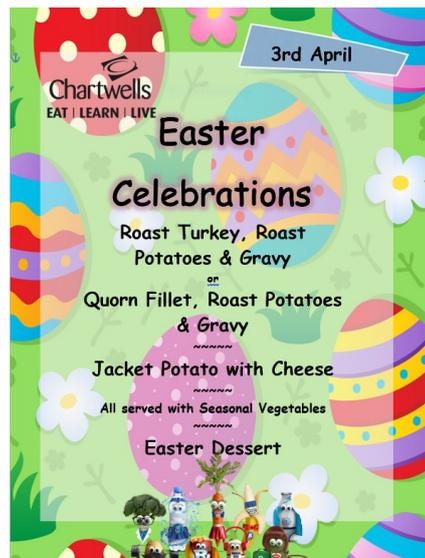
School Dinners - Easter Menu

On Wednesday 3rd 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

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

Thank you.



Recycling with Michael

A massive thank you to all those that have brought in their recycling for the 'Recycle with Michael' scheme. If you haven't, then don't panic, there's still time. The Salvation Army will be coming to school on Friday 29th March to collect our donations so please bring any bags that you have filled to the office by Friday morning. We do have more collection bags if needed, however the Salvation Army will take any bags.

School Gateway

We currently have **40%** 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.



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.

Newton Road School-PTA

On Thursday 4th April we will be having afternoon tea from 2.30pm to the end of the school day in the hall. For all those interested in finding out more information on our PTA, everybody is welcome! If you have ideas for fundraising, have a link with a business that could donate raffle prizes or can donate your time and skills, no matter how big or small then please come along for tea/coffee and a chat.

If we each do a little we can make a big difference together!



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.

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?

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!

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.

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.

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