

Newton Road School Newsletter

1st May 2019

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for a busy but short term, I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Holiday and didn't eat too much chocolate! We are hastily speeding through this term already and the children have all settled back in school beautifully and are all showing PRIDE! Our Year 6 children are all working extremely hard as they prepare for their **SATS, which begin on the Monday 13th May** and let's not forget our Year 2 children who are also working hard in preparation for their assessments, which begin on **Monday 20th May**. If you have any concerns or questions regarding these assessments then please feel free to speak with your child's teacher. I was extremely proud of our children who took part in the Basketball Tournament last Wednesday and the Sports Crew Conference yesterday; they were very well behaved and showed outstanding PRIDE at all times. You can read more about these two events in the sports section later on in the newsletter. We would just like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst the building work is on going, we are all making every effort to ensure there is as little disruption as possible. Enjoy the long weekend and see you back in school on Tuesday 7th May.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 26th March 2019 is **95.36%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Bees with 98.86%

2nd place - Owls with 98.21%

3rd place - Dragonflies with 97.60%

Parents/carers must contact school on the first day of their child's absence and explain the reason for absence. Please leave a voicemail message on our Pupil Absence Line as soon as possible in the morning. The register is a legal document and all absences must be coded correctly accordingly.

Foundation Stage

Ahoy There Matey! This week the children were introduced to our new theme, which began with a treasure hunt set up around the school grounds. Everybody involved had great fun and got to enjoy their chocolate treasure! We have been learning all about pirates this week including how to talk like a pirate. This has encouraged the children to learn lots of new vocabulary. Squirrels class have also learnt a new pirate counting song, which they have been working hard at learning all week! Not only that, but the children have been working exceptionally hard at remembering how to spell our word of the week - pirate! They have been FANTASTIC at including this word in their writing this week, receiving praise from other staff members and pupils around the school for their hard work.

Year 1/2

We are excited for our new learning journey 'Waterworld.' We have been investigating and exploring our new text which focuses on a watery habitat. We will be learning about many watery habitats, including rivers and oceans. We will also dive deeper to find out about the life cycle of a seahorse. In maths Year 1 have focused on doubling and sharing into equal groups and Year 2 have focused on telling the time and reading different scales. They have really impressed us with their work ethic.

Year 3/4

It was lovely to see all the children back after the Easter break, full of interesting stories of the fun they have had over the holidays. This week we have been working hard developing our drama skills using our key text for this term. The children have enjoyed expressing themselves in different ways and the acting skills have been amazing. In maths, we have been looking at area and discussing how this can be calculated for different sorts of shapes. The children have been introduced to their new topic of 'On Safari - Africa' and have already located Africa on a world map and discussed many of the different countries that make up the continent. A great first week back, well done!

Year 5/6

This week in Maths the children have been refining their data handling skills– interpreting and plotting information onto line graphs. They have also been interpreting pie charts and using percentages. In English, the children have been identifying the features of an instruction text and have written an instructional text to show the emergency produces on board the Titanic. The children have continued their Learning Journey about Titanic with a Maths and English focus. A fantastic start to a busy term.

Sports

Over the past week, a number of Year 5 and 6 children have been representing the school at different events. A group of children went to a Trust basketball festival and learned a variety of different skills and learnt how to apply them in competitive games. They really impressed me with their team work and how they worked together effectively against opposition. I am very proud of the way the children performed, behaved and applied themselves throughout the whole afternoon. In addition, five Year 5 pupils went to the Sports Crew Conference yesterday. It was a full day where the children took part in a variety of activities, which will help them lead other children into getting 60 active minutes during the school day. The children left really enthused and full of exciting and engaging ideas to start implementing across the school, so watch this space!

Mr Butler

Parent Sessions

Thank you to everybody that was able to attend the Relationships and Changing Me PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) parent session on Monday with Bill. We hope you found it helpful and if anyone has any questions then please feel free to speak with your child's teacher.

Easter Raffle and Tombola

A big thank you to everyone who donated Easter Eggs and came to support the event. It was a great success and we managed to raise over £100 towards our playground project. So thank you to all. If anyone has any other fundraising ideas or knows a company who will sponsor our project then please come into school and speak with Mrs Bell.

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.



Key Dates for Your Diary

	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