

Newton Road School Newsletter

18th June 2019

It has been a busy couple of weeks since returning to school. Last week a group of our children took part in the Rotary Club annual Kids Day Out to Wicksteed Park. All the children had a fabulous time and represented Newton Road School with PRIDE, the rain even managed to stay away for the day! A big thank you to the Rushden Rotary Club for sponsoring this event. On Wednesday we will be welcoming our new Foundation Parents/Carers to Newton Road School at our intake evening. Our sports day has been postponed until Tuesday 2nd July, please read the Sports Day information over the page.

Please see Key Dates information for dates of the Year 6 transitions days.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 24th May 2019 is **95.29%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Red Kites with 99.20%

2nd place - Badgers and Squirrels with 99.17%

3rd place - Eagles with 98.75%

Where possible, please make all routine appointments/check-ups outside of school hours or during the school holidays. If you need to remove your child from school for a medical appointment, please bring a copy of the clinic/hospital etc letter into school so that it may be recorded and coded accordingly.

Foundation Stage

The Squirrels have had a fantastic week with learning based around 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We are remembering the traditional tale and beginning to retell the story to each other using expression. It has been exciting learning about how plants grow, what they need to be healthy and we have been able to observe our own beans germinating. In Maths we have been learning to recognise and identify the different coins and beginning to add different amounts. We have also been learning how to measure which is extremely useful when we want to know how tall a giant is. At the end of each day we have been learning different songs related to 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and this has really helped us in our story telling. We are looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities in the coming weeks.

Year 1/2

Ants, Bees and Dragonflies have been very busy this week. We have been reading lots of alien and real words as well as group reading with Roald Dahl and learning how to delve deeper into a text. Measuring capacity and volume has been great fun, using rice and water to find out how many ml and litres will fill different containers. Pet fish and how to look after them has been the hook for our writing this week and the children have enjoyed learning how to create step by step instructions. We have been amazed by the incredible homework projects that have appeared this week- thank you.

Year 3/4

It has been another great week in Year 3/4. The children have enjoyed working on time during maths. In English, we have been studying the characters and settings within the key text, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have had a lot of fun reading parts of the story and acting out some of the scenes. The pupils have been learning about the Mayas and what their hieroglyphics and number system looked like. They enjoyed writing facts using the hieroglyphs and dates using the number system. Children have been looking at solids, liquids and gases in science and we have used balloons, sponges and plastic bottles to complete some very interesting experiments. Well done Year 3/4.

Year 5/6

Our Learning Journey this term is 'Shang Dynasty' which the children are really enjoying learning about. In English, we have started reading a new book 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' and have begun writing a one sided argument.

Last week the children were excited to join new groups for maths and have been doing a mixture of reasoning and arithmetic, techniques to learn times tables and problem solving.

The children enjoyed having two Magistrates join them for a mock trial based on cyber bullying.

Sports News

During our first week back at school, ten Year 5/6 girls took part in the School Games District Kwik Cricket Competition. They performed admirably and really improved throughout the competition and finished 6th! I am so proud of all the girls on how they represented the school, they showed great sportsmanship, fair play and worked so well together encouraging each other throughout the day. For those children taking part in the Qwik Sticks Hockey Competition this has now been re-scheduled for Thursday 27th June after school.

Sports Day 2019

The new date for sports day is **Tuesday 2nd July** at Rushden Cricket Club. Lets hope the weather will be kind! All other details remain the same, KS2 will be at 9:30-11:30am and Foundation & KS1 12:45-2:30pm. We hope as many parents and carers will come along and support, remember there is a race for adults after all the events are finished so bring your trainers!

Parking around the School

We have had a number of complaints regarding parking around the school and in particular parking on our neighbours drives which is not acceptable. Please could we remind everyone about being respectful and courteous when parking around the school. We do appreciate that whilst the building work is ongoing that parking can be difficult but we would appreciate your co-operation.

School Gateway

We currently have **40%** of parents that have downloaded and signed up to our School Gateway app which is fantastic! If you have not downloaded the app, it's quick and simple to do. Please make sure we have your upto date mobile number and email. This means we can send you app messages that you can reply to, for FREE. If you do need any help please ask at the office.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 - Sports Day	Thursday 27th June 2019 - Junior Athletics Championships in Corby
Thursday 4th July— Year 6 Transition day at Manor School, The Ferrers and Rushden Academy	Friday 5th July— Year 6 Transition day at Manor School, The Ferrers and Rushden Academy
Tuesday 9th July—Year 6 Transition Day at Sharnbrook Academy	Wednesday 10th July—Year 6 Transition Day at Sharnbrook Academy
Friday 19th July 2019 - Last day of term	Wednesday 4th September-School Re-opens