

Newton Road School Newsletter

24th May 2019

It has been a very busy but short term with lots going on. Thank you to everyone involved for their help with supporting children with their end of year assessments and especially our parents who have been very supportive. We are extremely proud of how all the children have coped with these assessments. Next term is set to be another busy one with lots of events and activities taking place. Do keep looking on the Newton Road School website for all events and any letters we send out so you are up to date with everything. Have a wonderful half term and a well deserved rest and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 3rd June**.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 24th May 2019 is **95.22%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Red Kites with 98.08% and Dragonflies with 98.08%

2nd place - Hawks with 95.71%

3rd place - Ants with 95.38%

Please can all Parents/Carers complete a Request Form for Leave of Absence if you are taking your child/children out of school for a holiday. Miss Mills is not able to authorise holidays and there is a risk of a Fixed Penalty Notice to Parents/Carers who remove children from school during term time. Forms are available from the school office or from our school website.

Foundation Stage

Wow! This term has just flown by! Squirrels class have been working very hard this term learning all about pirates. Our word of the week this week has been 'sail' which the children have been practising each day, showing determination to include this word in their writing. In maths this week, we have been learning how to half a number.

To celebrate the children's hard work this term, we have had a fun-filled day, participating in lots of fun activities. The children have been able to decorate their own pirate biscuits and hunt for hidden treasure.

As a FANTASTIC role play activity, Squirrels class have taken on the role as pirates today battling in our pirate ship. The children thoroughly enjoyed target practise using water bombs as our cannons.

We are extremely proud of how hard the children have worked this term and are looking forward to our last term.

Year 1/2

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 2's this week for completing their Special Agent Training with such amazing determination. Year 1's have been creating a shop and exploring money so don't forget to ask them to help with the shopping over half term. We have been creating explanations of the frog life cycle and learning how to use headings and subheadings. We now know lots about sea creatures and are looking forward to continuing with this learning after the half term.

Year 3/4

We have had an excellent week in Year 3/4. The children have been completing charts and tables in maths looking at the classes' favourite items and then making pictograms and bar charts from the information. In English, we have been researching the Savannah and writing an explanation text based on the animals and plant life living there. We had the amazing experience of the African Drummer this week and the children loved learning about rhythm and experiencing using the authentic drums. Science has also been really enjoyable for the children as they have been learning about the human body, specifically the skeleton and muscles used to help us move and what good posture looks like.

Congratulations to all the children who completed the project at home this term. We have received some amazing examples. We hope the children have a lovely break during half-term and look forward to seeing them back on Monday 3rd June, ready to have more exciting experiences with our new learning journey. Well done Year 3/4!

Year 5/6

In Maths, the children have worked on using their skills in reasoning and problem solving in real life contexts. In English we have reflected on our previous learning of the Titanic with an evaluation and description of the key text we used throughout the learning journey 'I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic'. In Learning Journey we have designed a 1st class log cabin, paying attention to the proportions and scales of sizing.

Sports News

Last week 4 children represented the school at the School Games Level 2 , KS2 Goalball Competition. This Paralympic sport required the children to be blindfolded whilst trying to throw and block a weighted ball with a bell into the oppositions goal and prevent it from going in theirs. A bit apprehensive at first, but they soon reveled in this unique sport and gained a real insight into how people play sport with either partial or no vision. This week KS1 and KS2 have been practicing and taking part in their forest competitions in school. KS1 have been practicing athletics relay races, Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket and Years 5 and 6 rounder's. Next term ten Year 5 and 6 girls are going to represent the school at the School Games 'Girls Only' Kwik Cricket tournament at Wollaston Cricket ground, they have been practicing very hard, watch this space to see how they get on!

Sports Day 2019

The date has been confirmed for **Wednesday 19th June** for Sports Day 2019! KS2 will be at 9:30-11:30am and KS1 12:45-2:30pm. Parents are very welcome to come along and support their child/children. This event will take place at Rushden Cricket Club on Short Stocks. A letter was sent via email yesterday. A copy of this letter is available to view on the school website.

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

Friday 24th May 2019 - Last day of term

Monday 3rd June - School Re-opens

Sports Day - Wednesday 19th June

Friday 19th July 2019-Last day of term

Wednesday 4th September-School Re-opens