

Newton Road School Newsletter

19th July 2019

Wow! What a year! This year has flown by and we have achieved so much. The end of the year is a time for celebration and goodbyes. Our Year 6 have blossomed throughout their time with us and we wish them well as they move on to their Secondary Schools but hope they continue to show PRIDE and truly Dream, Believe and Achieve. It is not just our Year 6 pupils leaving but we have a number of staff also moving on. We have spent the last couple of days saying goodbye to staff that are moving on to new adventures and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best. So good luck to Mrs Abel, Mrs Radd, Mrs Mann, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Moody, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Judkins, Mrs Sproson, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bates, Mrs Ridley, Miss Barry and Mrs Finnegan. All of who will be sadly missed.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 12th July 2019 is **95.30%** and our target was 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1st place - Hawks with 98.89%

2nd place - Eagles with 98.33%

3rd place - Badgers with 97.08%

Enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September 2019 when Newton Road School re-opens to all pupils.

Foundation Stage

Wow! We are all impressed with how Squirrels class have continued to work so hard during our last term. It has been very busy but the children have shown lots of determination and perseverance. This week we have been practising how to log on to a computer and navigate around Purple Mash. The children enjoyed creating artwork using Purple Mash and they have learnt how to save their work. In mathematics we have been using our 'superhero' powers to solve doubling and halving problems. The children enjoyed solving the doubles for the 'Numicon city.' We would like to thank you all for your continued support during this year and we wish you a restful summer holiday.

Year 1/2

Year 1 and 2 have had an amazing term learning all about creatures that live in the water. We are especially pleased with the incredible writing and sculpture produced by all the children. It was fantastic to be able to show this off to you all in our art gallery and we can't express enough thanks to all the parents and carers that came and took the time to share in the experience with the children. Reading books have now been collected in for the summer but don't stop reading as you can take part in the library summer challenge! Have an amazing summer - get out to the park, go shopping and show off your money and calculation skills and ask lots of questions. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Year 3/4

We have had another great week in Year 3/4. The children have been learning about poetry this week and immersing themselves in different features and themes. They have also enjoyed designing their own chocolate bar and are looking forward to making them, along with designing their packaging to store them. We have looked at the History of Chocolate and also conducted a science experiment showing the melting and solidifying of chocolate as part of our science topic. Year 4s have been looking at different triangles and quadrilaterals in maths alongside time. Year 3 have also been looking at time, angles and symmetry. It has been a great year and we wish all the children every success in their new year groups in September.

Year 5/6

Over the past few weeks, we have been working very hard on the Year 6 production – we hope that those who were lucky enough to see the show enjoyed it! As part of their fond farewell, Year 6 enjoyed a picnic at the cricket ground on Wednesday afternoon. Year 5 have been writing poetry about fireworks linked to 'The Firemaker's daughter' book and Year 6 have been working on their Year 6 leavers speech. All staff in Year 5 and 6 wish the children a fantastic summer holiday and a much needed rest to prepare them for their next educational adventure in September.

Sports News

A great end to the year for sport at Newton Road School. First of all, District Sports, 32 children went and represented the school over at Corby Triangle Sports Arena. Taking part in a variety of events the children performed admirably and supported each other fantastically. Having the opportunity to represent and perform at such a venue made it an unforgettable experience for the children.

Sports Day! First of all thank you to all parents/carers who came and supported at sports day, it made for a wonderful atmosphere on the day. Time for the results! **KS1**-Thetford 4th, Sherwood 3rd, Rockingham 2nd and Salcey 1st. **KS2** - Sherwood 4th, Thetford 3rd and Rockingham and Salcey were joint 1st! It was a fantastic day. Well done to all the children taking part and to all the staff for helping!

Finally, 6 children took part in the School Games East Northants District Finals Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament. After qualifying for the tournament they won 2 out of 5 games, they got better as the tournament progressed. This was a great way to end a fantastic year for sport at Newton Road School.

Thank you to all those that have supported the children at competitions and sporting endeavors this year whether it was curricular or extracurricular! Keep it up over the summer and I can't wait to hear what you have all been up to when we get back.

Mr Butler

Choir

The choir concert on Monday was fantastic, both choirs sang beautifully. The duets and solos were super! Thank you to all the children and to their parents/carers for all their continued support with the choir. I would like to wish good luck to Year 6 as they move to new schools. I will miss everyone involved with choir as I move to pastures new, but know that Mrs Liverton will do a fantastic job.

Mrs Bates

Healthy Lunch Boxes

To encourage healthy eating we will be have a nutritionist coming into school to deliver an assembly on healthy packed lunches. To help you with ideas on these we would recommend you look at the Change 4 Life website (see link below) which will give you some fantastic ideas on healthy packed lunches.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

School Structure 2019-2020

In September we will be welcoming some new staff to our team. As previously shared with you, Mrs O'Neill will be joining us as Vice Principal and Senco of the school. I have summarized the staffing structure below and will send out further details in September. I know that you will join me in welcoming our new staff to the school.

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher
EYFS	Squirrels	Miss Owens
EYFS/Y1	Ducklings	Miss Donald and Mr Biddle
Y1	Rabbits	Miss Webber
Y2	Hedgehogs	Ms Beveridge and Miss Cumley
Y3/4	Wolves	Mr Fisher
	Owls	Miss Davies
	Badgers	Miss Flavin
Additional Y3/4 Teacher am only		Mrs O'Neill
Year 5	Eagles	Miss Morris
Year 5	Hawks	Miss Harris and Mrs Ash
Year 6	Foxes	Miss Kelly

Key Dates for Your Diary

Friday 19th July 2019 - Last day of term	Wednesday 4th September-School Re-opens
16th October 2019 - 18th October 2019	Kingswood Residential—Years 5 and 6
Friday 25th October 2019	Last day of term
Monday 4th November 2019	Training Day for Staff
Tuesday 5th November	School re-opens to children
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term