

The Value of the Month is Equality



Newberries Primary School

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

There is great excitement around the school today as children and staff look forward to the Spooky Ball Disco!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible FoNS (Friends of Newberries School) team for organising this event. It is always a firm favourite! As you are more than aware, FoNS is run by parent volunteers who give up their time to organise events which offer fantastic community experiences for our children and their families, as well as raising much needed funds for the school!

Over recent years, the money raised by FoNS has been used to fund:

- *smart interactive TVs for each classroom in the school*
- *a portion of our digital subscriptions so that we can ensure that all children have ongoing access to these expensive resources*
- *a contribution to school enrichment events, such as our trip to the pantomime*
- *items from our class wishlists*

The list is ongoing! We are currently about to purchase some further technology, this time to support each class with its own iPad to help them access useful apps; photograph and video experiences in school and connect as a teaching tool to our Smart TVs. Following this, we are hoping that funds can be directed to replace existing equipment on the junior playground.

The events organised by FoNS enrich school life for our pupils, offering additional memorable events on top of the education experiences that we work hard to plan and organise. Every penny raised by FoNS is valuable to us as a school. Please keep supporting them in any way you can!

Each week FoNS have a regular section in our newsletter. This is updated weekly and gives parents information about upcoming events. If you would like to know what is coming up; book on to an event; find out other ways of supporting the school through FoNS, please keep an eye on the FoNs section in the Newsberries. If you would like to get more involved please make contact with the school, we would only be too happy to put you in touch with one of the FoNS team.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)



Parent Consultations

We look forward to seeing you in school for Parent Consultation sessions next week. Booking will remain open until the day before each session, although we recommend you book as soon as possible to guarantee a convenient slot.

Some reminders about these meetings...

- Children should be collected as usual at the end of the school day, even if you have one of our earlier appointment slots.
- Parents will be asked to leave the main area outside of the classrooms, as usual, and enter the school via the main school entrance for their Parent Consultation meeting. This is to enable us to secure the building for those children attending after school clubs.
- Parent Consultations will take place in the school hall.
- Parents will be invited into the school as soon as we are ready, with the first appointment starting at 3:40pm.
- Please may we remind you that if your child is in attendance, it is important they have something to occupy them whilst you are meeting with their teacher, as we do not include pupils in our meetings at this time.
- The outdoor play equipment will not be accessible during parent consultation time as these areas will be required by those pupils attending after school clubs.
- Thank you in advance for helping our teachers to keep to the allotted ten minute session.

We look forward to seeing all of you next week!

Parent Governor Elections

Are you proud to be a member of the Newberries Community? Do you value the work of the school and would be keen to contribute to this further?

We are looking for a Parent Governor!

Newberries Governing Body is looking for a new parent governor to join our energetic board. If you would like to find out more about this volunteer role, we would be happy to arrange for you to speak with one of our existing Governors.

Ms Peters and Mrs Traxon will also be available during Parent Consultation evenings, so if you are in school to meet your child's teacher and would like to find out more about the role, please come and find one of us!

Updating Arbor

Please make sure that any changes to contact details, including emergency contacts, are updated on Arbor by logging into the app or the website. Once logged in, you will be able to access this by clicking on **Profile** and then the **Add Information** button.

It is essential that any new medical information relating to your child is updated in this way. Please also follow this up with an email to the school office so that we can be aware of any changes that may impact on the care or education for your child.



Poppies



Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting classrooms each day to sell Poppies in commemoration of Remembrance.

If you would like your child to buy something, please send them in with their money in a named bag or envelope. Please see the suggested price list below. Even though there will be plenty of Poppies available, other items will be limited.

Poppies	<i>A Donation</i>
Slap bands, Erasers, Hair Clips, Wrist Bands, Window Stickers, Key Rings	<i>Suggested Price £1.50</i>

Year 4 - Class Blog

This time last week Year 4 had the exciting opportunity to visit Mountfitchet Castle, and it was a truly memorable experience! The trip gave the children a chance to immerse themselves in medieval history, stepping inside a fully recreated Motte and Bailey castle allowed a vivid glimpse into life during the Norman period.

The pupils explored every corner of the castle, from its towering wooden walls to the detailed living quarters and workspaces. They learned about the defensive features of the Motte and Bailey structure, including how the high mound (or Motte) protected the keep, while the surrounding Bailey housed the village and livestock.

The children were fascinated by the day-to-day life of the people who lived there, from the blacksmith's forge to the kitchen and even meeting some of the friendly animals that roamed the grounds. The pupils left buzzing with new knowledge and excitement about the past, asking brilliant questions and imagining what it would have been like to live in Norman England.

Meanwhile, back at school, Year 4 have been working hard to complete their graphic novels in English, based on Arthur and the Golden Rope. They have spent the week adding finishing touches to their stories and artwork, with bursts of colour and intricate details bringing their adventures to life on the page. The pupils are incredibly proud of their creativity and cannot wait to share their work for you all to see.



Mr Walliker, Mrs Birch and Mrs Bibi, (Year 4 Team)

Class Blogs and School Curriculum

Each week your child's class teacher will upload a blog. This is intended to give a brief overview of the week or focus on one aspect of their learning. This can be used to encourage your child to talk about learning at home and also help you to understand more about what they have been doing in school. Please follow the link below to see all of our current and archived class blogs or blogs from other year groups.

[Class Pages - Blogs](#)

If you would like to know more about our curriculum throughout the year, please follow the link below to our website.

[Newberries Primary School - Curriculum Overviews](#)

Golden Certificates of the Week

"Always keep a positive mindset. It will improve your outlook on the world."

Roald Dahl

☀ Congratulations to all of our children who have showcased our whole school 'Golden Rules' this week! ☀

Reception	Milo	Otilie
Year 1	Erin	Darcie
Year 2	Willow	Levie
Year 3	Nia	William
Year 4	Ayana	Eden C
Year 5	Leo	Olivia
Year 6	Olivia	Anoushka

Communication Sent Home This Week

Christmas Panto	All	Email
Request from Mrs Baxter	Rec	Email

Spooky Ball Disco



(Deborah, Cheryl, Rebecca, Lucy S, James, Katie, Claire O, Danielle and Claire R)

School Dates - Term Dates 2024-25

The term dates for next academic year are now available. Please find a copy of them below. They can also be found on our website by following the link.

Term Dates

Please follow the link below to access the term dates for this and next academic year.

<https://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/>

School Calendar

Dates can be found on our school website. Please subscribe to the calendar to ensure that your personal digital calendar is updated as soon as new dates are added. You can do this by following this link.

<https://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk/diary/grid/2022/09/>

Is my child too ill for school?

For advice on whether to keep your child away from school and for how long, please see the NHS guidelines

[NHS Live Well - Is my child too ill for school?](#)