

The Value of the Month is Respect



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Drop-in Sessions

Our SLT drop-in sessions will resume next week. SLT members will be available on the first Wednesday of every month, in the school hall, to meet with any parent who has a question, query or something positive they would like to give as feedback to the school.

Our hope, in most instances, is to be able to give you a response at that session, however at times you may be referred to another member of staff, who is better suited to help you. If we notice themes emerging then this will be taken forward for us to explore further.

As this is a drop in session, you will not need to book. Staff will be available until 9:15 am. The first SLT Drop-in session for this term will be at 8.45am - 9.15am on Wednesday 2nd October.

Curriculum Information

Thank you to those parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions over the past couple of weeks. The presentations and curriculum information from these meetings will be uploaded onto Google Classroom for your information.

We understand, from our most recent parent survey, you are keen to know more about what your children are learning in school. Over the past few years we have been carrying out ongoing work to develop a curriculum that provides the children at Newberries with challenge, variety and topics that they find interesting and fun to learn about. Our aim is that children leave Newberries fully prepared for the next step in their lives and beyond. They will have gained a desire to learn and succeed through decision making and self-evaluation as they strive to be lifelong learners.



There is a wide range of information regarding our whole school curriculum, including progression of knowledge and skills documents, on our school website. This can be found by following the link below:

[Newberries Curriculum](#)

Further information regarding individual class curriculum topics can be found on Google Classroom (Tapestry for Reception). The class blogs can be found on class pages on our website:

[Class Blogs - Class Pages](#)

We hope you find this information useful.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

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!

The Governing Board is looking for a new parent governor to join our energetic board of governors. The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational performance and financial monitoring.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. We are keen to promote diversity on our governing board to ensure we reflect and represent the pupils in our school.

If you have skills or are interested in well-being, grant applications and/or premises this would be of great benefit, however these are not necessarily prerequisites. We just ask for enthusiasm, positivity, commitment and engagement. This includes: attendance at meetings; maintaining confidentiality; committing to training; supporting the school and asking plenty of questions!

Self nomination forms are available from the School Office. These need to be submitted by Friday 4th October. The usual term of office for a school governor is four years.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role please contact our School Office, who can put you in touch with one of our governors who will be happy to discuss the role with you.

Meet the Teacher Session - Reception

There is one more of our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions left. Once all meetings are completed, slides will be posted on Tapestry for Reception, so parents who are unable to attend can view the slides shared.

Reception*	Tues 1st Oct @9:00am
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'Meet the Teacher' for our Reception Class will be a little longer, as this will also include a Phonics Workshop. This will give you an understanding of how your child learns to read. We anticipate this session will finish by 10am.

Year 1 - Phonics Workshops Invitation

'Meet the Teacher' for our Reception class will include the Phonics Workshop you were invited to last year. If you would like to join us to take part in this workshop again, you are very welcome.

Please arrive at the school office by 9.15am on Tuesday 1st October. You will then be able to join our Reception class team and our new Reception class parents for this workshop, once they have finished their 'Meet the Teacher' session.



Travel Reminders

Please be advised that throughout next week (30th - 2nd Oct) the road markings on Newberries Avenue are due to be repainted. This may mean that there is restricted access to parts of the roads around the school.

Please ensure that you allow enough time to make your way to school safely.

Parking

Please observe the parking restrictions and road markings around the school. We have had parents raise concerns about others parking on the zig zag lines outside school. This is a clear, no parking area and marked in this way to keep our children safe.

We operate a voluntary one way system to aid the flow of traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. Please ensure that you observe this and encourage others, who are picking up your child/ren to do the same.

[Newberries One Way System](#)

Arriving at School

Children need to be in school by 9am. Registers close at this point. If your child arrives at school after this time, they must enter the school via the office to ensure that they are registered appropriately and booked in for a school lunch.

Year 5 - Class Blog



Over the past few weeks, Year 5 have been studying taotie masks and taotie patterns in Art, linking to our Ancient China topic. We created some of our own taotie patterns out of clay and used a plaster of paris solution to create a mould from that (rather than molten bronze!). The masks are already looking excellent and the next step is to paint them to create a rusted green bronze look!

In Maths we have been working through our place value topic, practising how to present our calculations beautifully in our books and in English we have been focusing on suspense writing; we have used drama and freeze frames to show emotion and created exciting and chilling sentences to keep our readers gripped!

Mr Costi, Mrs Castellana, Mrs Jones (Year 5 Team)

Communication Sent Home This Week

Year 5 Cross Country - New date	Y5	Email
Scootability information / Cancellation	Y2	Email
Change of menu	All	Email
Tapestry information	YR	Email
Stags Open Evening	Y5 & 6	Email
Rickmansworth Open Evening cancellation	Y5 & 6	Email
Reading book information	YR	Email

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	Emira	Kai
Year 1	Mia	Olivia J
Year 2	Tate	Zack
Year 3	Freya T	Stanley
Year 4	Asma	Michal
Year 5	Asher	Nina
Year 6	Freddie	Sienna

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Thank you to everyone for supporting Year 6's bake sale – I hope all the children enjoyed the yummy treats!

Spooky Ball Disco:
Friday 18th October

KS1: (YR to Y2) 3.30 to 4.45pm £6.50 each, snacks and drink included. Children will get changed at school. They should bring clothes in with them in the morning. School staff will be there to help.

KS2 (Y3 to Y6) 5pm-6.15pm £5 each, bring money for snacks
Come dressed in your spookiest outfits!

Book online from today: <https://forms.gle/7Kvb7akwwpPjAvth9>

(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/>