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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

As we approach the end of our first week back, we are pleased to share with you the exciting experiences we have planned for the children this term. We start with workshops to support active and safer travel.

As part of our work to improve congestion outside the school gates at the start and end of the school day we have been working closely with the Safer Travel Team at Hertfordshire County Council. This includes ensuring the children are aware of how to stay safe when travelling to and from school on foot, or via scooter or bike.



This term the children in all year groups will take part in a variety of workshops to increase their awareness of safer ways to travel to school. These workshops will be run by a member of the Hertfordshire Active and Safer Travel Team and will take place either online or in school. Please see details of these workshops below:

Year Group	Workshop	Date
Reception	Travelling by Car - online	24th September
Year 1	Visiting the Zoo - online	24th September
Year 2	Scootability Training - on the infant playground (Letter for parents to follow)	25th September
Year 3	Safer Crossing Places - in school	27th September
Year 4	Pedestrian Skills - on the pathways directly outside the school (Letter for parents to follow)	26th September
Year 5	Distractions Training - online	1st October
Year 6	Street Engineering Quiz - online	27th September

Please find attached an overview of our key dates. These detail the rest of our plans for this term.
Have a good weekend!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Safety Around School - One Way System

One-Way System & Parking Guidelines

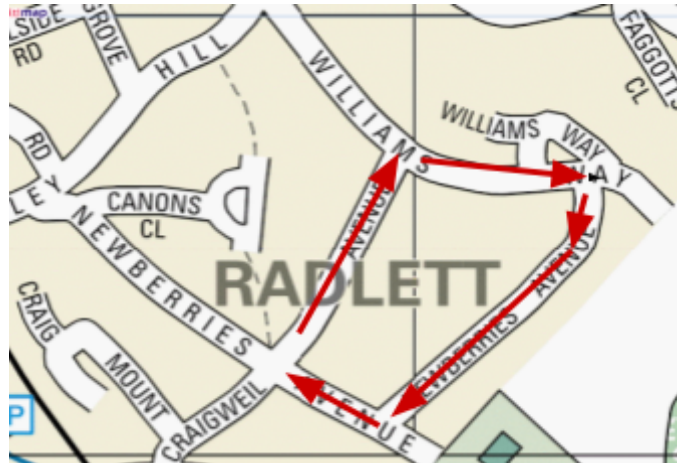
A number of parents have contacted the school to raise concerns about the congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. Many schools suffer from congestion at these times, which is why we work hard to put systems in place to help ease this situation. Please make sure you are using the voluntary one-way system. Where possible walk, or park further afield and walk, to make your journey to school.

Please read this guidance carefully prior to returning to school after the holidays

A number of years ago, the school introduced a one-way system following concerns about the problems caused by parking around the school. The following guidelines have been implemented to ensure the safety of the whole school community when they arrive and leave school.

To follow the one-way system traffic should go up Craigweil Avenue, right along Williams Way and down Newberries Avenue, parking and dropping off on the school side of Newberries Avenue.

Please note: there are parking restrictions in the vicinity of the school, including the turning circle – please allow sufficient time to park sensibly and walk the rest of the way.



Parking Pan Handle / Turning Point

Please may we also bring the following to your attention:

- Parking is not permitted on the right hand side of the pan handle as you approach the school – this significantly improves visibility for children crossing the road at this point.
- We also urge parents to avoid parking on both sides of the road on the stretch of Newberries Avenue going down the hill towards Craigweil Avenue, as this narrows the road and regularly obstructs coach access to the school when off site visits are taking place.
- Please do not enter the pan handle directly outside the school, if at all possible.
- There is no stopping on the zig zag lines, even to drop off the children – please park safely further along the road and encourage the children to walk in.
- Parking in the school grounds is not permitted. If you have a disability or specific need, you must apply and be granted a parking permit. Please speak to the school office.
- Where possible walk, or park further afield and walk, to make your journey to school.

It is essential that anyone else who is dropping off or picking up your child is made aware of these arrangements!

Homework

Homework for children in Years 1- 6 will begin this week. Information regarding your child's homework can be found on Google Classroom. Your child's login details for this can be found on a sticker in the front of their Reading Records. If you are having any difficulties accessing Google Classroom, please contact the School Office.



Children will also have started / be coming home with a reading book this week. We are currently in the process of carrying out reading benchmarking for our older pupils. At first, pupils will begin the year on the colour they were on at the end of the Summer term. These levels will be adjusted accordingly, as benchmarking is completed.

Meet The Teacher Sessions - Reminder

Our 'Meet The Teacher' sessions will begin from the week beginning the 16th September. These meetings give you an opportunity to find out a little more about how things run in your child's new class. If you are able to attend, please come along on the date below. These will be held in your child's classrooms starting shortly after **9:00am**, once the children have been registered and taken to another activity. These sessions will last approximately 15 minutes (with the exception of Reception).

Reception*	Tues 1st Oct
Year 1	Wed 18th Sept
Year 2	Tues 24th Sept
Year 3	Thurs 26th Sept
Year 4	Wed 25th Sept
Year 5	Tues 17th Sept
Year 6	Thurs 19th Sept

Slides will be posted on Google Classroom / Tapestry (Rec) so parents who are unable to attend can view the slides shared.

***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.



Class Blogs

Each week your child's class teacher will upload a blog. This is intended to give a brief overview of the week or a 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 of what they have been doing in school. Please follow the link below to see all of our archived class blogs or blogs from other year groups.

[Class Pages - Blogs](#)

If you would like to know more about our curriculum in more detail regarding what is taught in each class throughout the year, please follow the link below to our website.

[Newberries Primary School - Curriculum Overviews](#)

Year 1 - Class Blog



This week in Year 1 we have been learning how to use our maths books! We were so excited to have our own and now do Maths learning inside them. We have been looking at how to group different objects and how to represent them on a tens frame. We have also started reading a new book in English 'Peace At Last'. We have been on a noise hunt to understand what noises Mr Bear could hear.

Miss Morris, Mrs Hanns & Miss Diaconu (Year 2 Team)

Communication Sent Home This Week

Milk Reminder	Email	YR
Reception PE	Email	YR
Year 6 School Trip	Email	Y6
Year 4 School Trip	Email	Y4
Secondary Transfer (Sent to Year 5 for information only)	Email	Y5&6

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	Margaux	Xander
Year 1	Joy	Ollie
Year 2	Clara	Grace
Year 3	Ariana	Ralph
Year 4	Ibrahim	Liberty
Year 5	Daniel	Ellie K
Year 6	Jordan	Rosie

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Please put the following dates in your diary – more details to follow...

18th October - Spooky Disco
29th October – Pumpkin Carving
30th November – Winter Fair

Tuck shop and Uniform shop:

This will take place every Friday afternoon straight after school.

Also we are very pleased to welcome two new members of the FoNs team – Danielle Rodell and Claire Rogers.

Best wishes
(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/>