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Newberries Primary School

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Welcome back! We are pleased to start the term with exciting news!

Congratulations to Mrs Morris-Bowman, who had a baby girl soon after we broke up for the summer holidays. Mrs Morris-Bowman and her daughter are both doing very well and Dotty is enjoying being a big sister! We hope to see Dotty in school soon and Mrs Morris-Bowman once she has completed her maternity leave.



Staffing

We were sorry to hear over the summer holiday that Mr Rafiq would not be returning to Newberries this term. We would like to thank Mr Rafiq for his contribution to the school over the last 3 years. He will be missed as a member of our staff, but we wish him well with his next ventures.

We welcome Mrs Birch as a Teaching Assistant to the school. We are excited to have her join our team!

School Building Works

The school has had extensive works take place over the summer holidays, funded by HCC. This has resolved the problems relating to our roof, which caused the closure of our Reception Classroom towards the end of the Summer term. In addition we have had replacement ceilings and lights in the Year 1 classroom and infant corridor areas.

All staff have worked incredibly hard before, during and after the holidays to get our school ready for September, as the work caused disruptions across most of the school. Thank you to everyone for their amazing team effort, with special thanks to Ms Shekho and Mr Hughes. Mr Hughes has started to redecorate our infant areas, a plan which has been on hold whilst we waited for this work to be completed.

It has been wonderful to see all the children return this week, as well as some of our new Reception pupils joining us. Everyone is ready and raring for a new school year!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Autumn Term PE Days

These will be your child's PE days for the Autumn Term. For further information, or a reminder of our PE school uniform, please see our school website here: School PE Kit	Reception	Tuesday and Thursday
	Year 1	Monday and Thursday
	Year 2	Monday and Friday
	Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
	Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
	Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
	Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

Meet The Teacher Sessions

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. They 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.**

Communication Within Our School Community

In order to ensure that our school community remains harmonious, we would like to remind all parents and carers of our 'Home School Agreement' as well as our separate 'Parent Code of Conduct', which you can find copies of here.

[Home School Agreement](#)

[Parent and Carer Code of Conduct](#)

If parents have any concerns, please contact the school, rather than contacting with other parents directly or using Whatsapp groups to communicate.

Reminders

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 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.

Open Door Policy

We are always keen to speak to parents! If you have a brief message this can be communicated to the class teacher or TA at the beginning of the day.

Leaving the School Site

It is important that parents leave the areas next to classrooms as soon as they have dropped off, or collected their children, so that we are able to secure the school site at the beginning of the school day and for after school clubs. We do not encourage the use of our school playground equipment at the end of the school day. This is to, again, ensure that we can close our school gates promptly as we host our after school care.

Absences

It is essential that you inform us, before the start of the school day, on the first day of your child's absence. This needs to be done by either emailing the School Office (admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk) or leaving a clear message on the school answerphone, pressing option '1' for our pupil absence line (01923 857180). Both methods of contact require parents to state a clear reason in order for us to determine whether an absence is authorised.

Attendance

Holidays during term times are not authorised. In exceptional circumstances, parents are welcome to seek authorisation for an absence from the Headteachers. These will be considered on an individual basis. Term time holidays are not considered exceptional. There have been significant changes to the way in which the DfE requires schools to manage unauthorised absences from this September. Further details of these changes will be sent out in due course.

All pupils are expected to aim for an attendance record of 96%. This is monitored regularly by the school and our Attendance Improvement Advisor from HCC, with parents informed if necessary.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child starts the day dressed smartly in school uniform. For full School Uniform Information please follow the link to our website: <https://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk/uniform/>

School Shoes / PE Shoes

Please remember that children will require black shoes to wear in school that are suitable for the school day, including playtimes. On PE days children require black trainers to be worn as part of PE kits.

School Lunches

Meals should always be paid for in advance of pupils receiving these. As the meals are provided by an external operator, we will be unable to provide a school meal for your child if a positive balance is not maintained. Funds can easily be added to your child's account via Arbor.

Healthy Snacks

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a fruit snack each day. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in a snack. Please ensure that these are healthy, ideally fruit.

Nut Allergies

Please ensure that items in lunch boxes or morning snacks do not contain nuts. This includes nut based products such as Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches. We do have pupils with nut allergies in school.

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.

[Newberries School 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.

[Newberries School Calendar](#)

Communication Sent Home This Week

Extraberries bookings	Email	Participants
After School Clubs notification	Email	All
Year 6 residential trip payments	Email	To whom it concerns
Walk Home and Mobile Consents	Email	Y6

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2024 - 2025 Term Dates

September 2024						
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December 2024						
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April 2025						
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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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August 2025						
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Term begins for HCC schools on Wednesday 3rd September, 2025

We will update you further, once school INSET Days have been confirmed for 2025-26



School Closed / Holidays



**INSET Day
(no school for pupils)**



**Occasional Day
(no school for pupils)**



**Bank Holidays
(no school for pupils)**

School ends at 1:30pm on 20th December 2024, April 4th 2025 and July 18th 2025