



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Attendance Update

The overall attendance record of the vast majority of our pupils is good and we very much appreciate you supporting the school's policy on attendance. Last year's whole school attendance was **94.7%** in July, which was a slight decline compared to **95.2%** the previous July.

All guidance is reflected in our Attendance Policy, which can be found on our website: [Attendance Policy](#)

This guidance and policy make it clear that schools may now issue a fixed penalty notice of £160 to any family where a child has unauthorised attendance for ten sessions (ten half days) in a ten week period.

As part of updated guidance from Hertfordshire County Council, we require parents to fill in a leave of absence form if they require absence during term time. These are available from the school office on request or on our website:

[Attendance Leave of Absence Form](#). Term time absence is only authorised in exceptional circumstances. A family holiday does not count as an exceptional circumstance.

You will no doubt understand that as Headteachers we have a duty, along with the Governors, to promote the highest attendance levels possible. The school is set very high attendance targets by the Government and our attendance data, including that for individual children, is scrutinised by the Local Authority and Department for Education.

As part of our work to promote good attendance, we will display the weekly whole school attendance percentage on our noticeboard just outside the school office, along with any reminders regarding attendance.

We thank you in advance for your support with our work on this.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Attendance Ladder



Summer Reading Challenge



We want to send out a massive thank you to all the children who took part in the Newberries Summer Reading Challenge! It was so lovely to see you all reading and especially to see all the wacky and wonderful places you managed to find to read. From reading to the Gladiators, reading in the pool on holiday, and even reading during a solar eclipse! Keep up the great effort, keep up the wonderful creativity and, most of all, keep enjoying reading! Congratulations to Luke in Year 1 for his winning entry!

Mr Costi (English Lead)

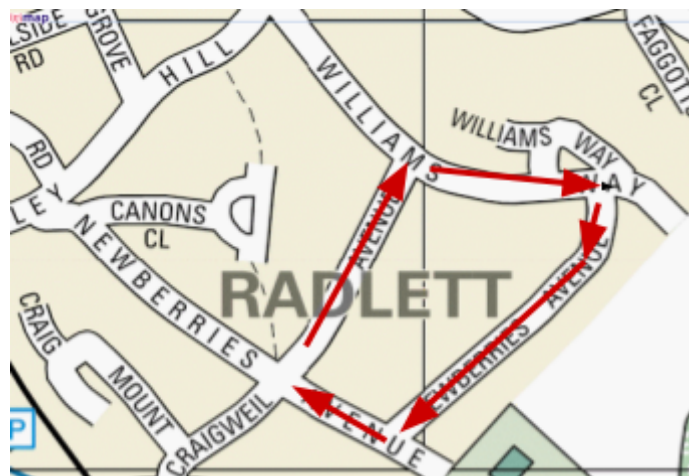


Safer Travel Around School - One Way System

A reminder that a voluntary one way system is in place, at the busiest times, to support those travelling to school by car. Please take time to ensure that you understand the best way to approach the school at the beginning and the end of the school day.

If someone else regularly drops your child off or picks them up, please make sure they are also familiar with this. The idea is to ease congestion and make it safer for all!

To follow the one-way system, traffic should go up Craigweil Avenue, turn right onto Williams Way and then proceed down Newberries Avenue, cars should park and drop off on the school side of Newberries Avenue.



Turning Circle

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.

School Office

A reminder that our School Office is open to parents between 8:45 – 9:30am and again between 2:45 – 3:45pm

The office is accessible at all times for parents collecting or returning children from appointments. You may also email (admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk) or call the office at any time if you have an urgent matter or request. However, we ask parents and carers to keep to these opening times, to allow our office staff time to carry out their other duties.

Please make sure that your child has absolutely everything they need with them for the start of the school day. Our School Office has been inundated in recent weeks with parents bringing up forgotten items. Obviously, from time to time, we all leave something behind in the mornings but these deliveries can be disruptive to lessons. Please help us keep them to a minimum.

We would always encourage parents to access Newsberries or the [school website](#) to gain the latest information. However, if you are unable to find the information you need, our friendly office staff are here to help.

If you have a query about your child, their class teacher should always be your first point of contact.

Ms Shekho & Miss Corbett
School Office

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	Brayden	Kiaan
Year 1	Tenne	Luke
Year 2	Jax	Willow
Year 3	Jenson	Olivia L
Year 4	Grace	Nyla
Year 5	Morgan	Stanley
Year 6	Christian	Raya

Class Blogs and Our 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 our curriculum. Please follow the link below to see all of our current and archived class blogs and 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](#)

Class Blog - Year 2

We have been looking at 'Flight Through Time' in History. Year 2 have been very interested in how and why aviators learnt how to fly and how the Wright brothers built the first flying machine! We even made our own gliders and tested them out.

Year 2 Team



Communication Sent Home This Week

Final Reminder PGL Deposit	Email	To whom it concerns
Cross Country Competition Information	Email	Y5
Late Collections - Extraberries	Email	To whom it concerns
RAF Museum Trip	Email	Y6
Flu Vaccination Information	Email	ALL
Coffee Morning Cancellation - DSPL9	Email	ALL
Head Lice Information	Email	ALL

Hello everyone!

Spooky Disco 🎃

Tickets for our annual Spooky Disco are now on sale! Always a highlight of the year for the children, we can't wait to see everyone there!

 **Book your tickets here:**

[Spooky Disco Ticket Link](#)

A few handy things to know:

- **KS1:** Tickets include a snack and drink.
- **KS2:** Tickets are entry only, with a tuck shop available on the night, so don't forget to bring a purse of coins!

Allergy information will be collected when booking

We also know that discos can sometimes be a little overwhelming, so we'll have a quiet breakout area where children can take a breather, sit down and enjoy some colouring.

Our Fundraising Goal 🎯

Last year, our fundraising focus was to provide the children with Chromebooks, and thanks to your incredible support, we successfully reached our target!

This year, we're turning our attention to much-needed audio equipment for the school. This will be used regularly for assemblies, school productions and other school events.

With your support, we're hoping to achieve this in the first half of the school year, allowing us to turn our attention to helping the school with even more essential equipment.

We'll keep you updated along the way and share our progress towards reaching this year's goal!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your FoNS Team x

💛 **From your FoNS team - Rebecca, Cheryl, Katie, Claire O, Danielle and Claire R** 💛

