



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY – 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

STAFFING NEWS

Miss Hannah Barker (Squirrels Class Teacher, 1 day) has decided for family reasons that she will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Barker has been with us for two years in Squirrels class one day per week. We all wish Miss Barker well in her new ventures.

I am delighted to report at the end of last half term the Governors appointed the following staff who will be joining us in the summer term:

Squirrels Class: Miss Jennifer Moore will be teaching 4 days per week in Squirrels Class and I will be teaching 1 day per week whilst Mrs. Elkington is on maternity leave.

SENCO: Mrs. Jo Latham will be taking on the role of SENCO on a Friday.

Business Manager: Mrs. Sally Haysham will be in the office 5 days per week from 8.45 am – 3.30 pm.

Hedgehogs Class: Mrs. Carol Adams (LSA) is currently on sick leave; during her absence Mrs. Claire Larcombe will be joining Hedgehogs class as their Teaching Assistant.

Mrs. Rebecca Skews: We welcome Mrs. Skews who will be working as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant for this half-term.

Mrs Donna Prickett: We welcome Mrs. Prickett who is our new EBBC Supervisor.

EARLY BIRDS BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder - Breakfast Club now starts at 7.45 am

Parents may use the Club daily or occasionally; perhaps you'd like to enjoy a full day's shopping and an early start would be helpful.....your child(ren) are

welcome to join us at Breakfast Club so you can get a good early start.

It is helpful to let the school know in advance if your child(ren) will be using the club however it is not essential as there are always two staff on duty.

The Club costs £4.00 from 7.45 am-8.45 am to include breakfast or £2.00 from 8.15 am -8.45 am (without breakfast).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs start back this week however a reminder there is **no film club** this half term and no school clubs will run on the last week of the term.



FizzPop Science starts tomorrow for those children who have signed up.

The sessions will take place in Badgers Classroom from 3.25-4.25 p.m. and will run each Wednesday of this half-term (including the last week).

CROSS COUNTRY

The 2nd Sedgemoor Area Cross Country Race takes place tomorrow at Brymore. The Year 4 race starts at 3.15 p.m. followed by Year 3; Years 5 and 6 races start from 4.00 p.m.

Children must wear their PE kit and they will be given a label advising of their school/year group, etc.

Parents are responsible for taking their child(ren) to the races and supervising them whilst competing. Younger siblings may be collected from school at the same time as children competing in the races.

I understand parents are being encouraged to take part in the warm up, so please wear suitable clothing and footwear and help set the right example to the children.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Kilve: Final payments are now due for children visiting Kilve in March. A letter has been sent advising on the balance due and full payment would be appreciated by Friday, 23rd February please.

Rock and Rapid: Final payment is due in March for children in Years 5 and 6 who are taking part in this residential trip

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENINGS

Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings take place next week. If you have not already signed up, please see the available slots on the sheets in the Dining Room. Information Evenings are taking place as follows:

Tuesday, 27th February for **all 4 classes** 3.30 - 7.00 p.m.

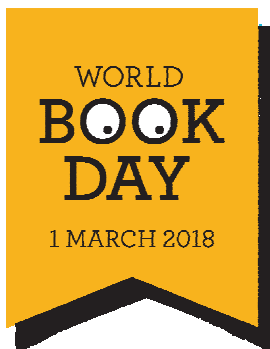
Wednesday, 28th February for **Squirrels and Badgers only**: 3.30 - 6.30 p.m.

Thursday, 1st March for **Foxes and Badgers** Classes only: 3.30 - 6.30 p.m.

If your appointment is after 5.30pm, please do not park in the Village Hall section of the car park.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday, 1st March, 2018**. Details of our exciting day will be distributed later but we are welcoming children to come dressed as a Classic/Fairy-tale book character or to bring a prop from one of the characters.



Please find attached to this newsletter a World Book Day book token for each child which can be used to purchase books at participating bookshops.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB LEAFLETS

Your child will be bringing home a Scholastic Book Club leaflet and you may use your World Book Day voucher on any purchase from this leaflet. All orders should be returned to the School by Friday, 2nd March, 2018 please.

MUSIC EVENING

This year's Music Evening will take place on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. at the Robert Blake Science College, Bridgwater.



The evening will involve all children in the school with class and individual singing, group instrument playing, and performances from children having instrumental lessons. We can seat up to 230 people and we shall therefore be allowing families to purchase up to 3 tickets in advance. If you require more seats, please indicate on your form and we will endeavour to make these available to you. Please complete the slip attached requesting the number of tickets you require and return with payment by **Friday, 2nd March, 2018**. Any unsold tickets will then be made available from **Monday, 5th March**.

Tickets cost £2 each and every child (including babies) must have a seat – no sitting on laps is allowed. If you require wheelchair or disabled access this must be clearly marked on the form so we can allocate you the correct seats.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to the children who took part in the recent Bridgwater and Area School Swimming Gala Final. Our school competed against 5 other schools and I am delighted to announce we were the winners. Well done to the swim team!

The cost for swimming for this half-term is £14.00 for all classes

Or £2.80 per week.

Please make payment on the form attached.

HOMELESS SHOEBOX APPEAL, BRIDGWATER

This year the YMCA have an Easter appeal collecting chocolate eggs and treats for the children living in emergency accommodation in the Bridgwater area. They are also collecting donations of nappies, wet wipes and food which are greatly needed not only for the people living in emergency accommodation but also for the rough sleepers. If you would like to make a donation please email:

homelesshooboxappeal2015@gmail.com for more details.

PTFA NEWS



PTFA MOVIE AND PJ NIGHT

Thursday, 8th March for children in KS1 (Hedgehogs and Foxes classes). Please return the form distributed before half term if your child would like to join in the fun - £5.00 per child. As of 20th February, not enough children have signed up for the event, so please ensure you have bought your ticket or the event will be cancelled.

DESIGN A ROYAL WEDDING CARD

To celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, children are invited to design a royal wedding card. Entries to be received by Friday, 23rd February – see leaflet distributed earlier for full details.

EASTER BINGO

Friday, 16th March is Easter Bingo – 6.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please bring family if you wish – it will hopefully be a fun evening. Appreciating the date clashes with the Cheltenham Gold Cup, I sincerely hope parents are still able to join us.

SPORTS RELIEF DAY

Friday, 23rd March. Children may come to school in sports kit. I wonder how many different sports each class could cover with their kits?

SPONSORED RUN

Friday, 20th April, from 2pm, children will take part in our Sponsored Run. Please come and support them...join in if you wish and raise money for our children.

MAY FAYRE

The date set is **Saturday, 12th May**...the Saturday before SATS. Please make a diary note.

NEXT PTFA MEETING

Wednesday, 14th March at 7.00 p.m. – all welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Arnold
Headteacher

SPRING / SUMMER TERMS 2018	
Wednesday, 21 st February	3.15 p.m. Cross Country at Brymore
Monday, 26 th February	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Tuesday, 27 th February	3.30-7.00 p.m. Parents' Consultation Meetings – all classes
Wednesday, 28 th February	3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Meetings – Squirrels/Badgers
Thursday, 1 st March	World Book Day 3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Meetings – Foxes/Badgers
Friday, 2 nd March	9.30 a.m. Blackbrook PE Festival – KS1
Mon, 5 th – Wed, 7 th March	Years 3 & 4 Residential – Kilve Court Outdoor Centre
Thursday, 8 th March	5.00-7.00 p.m. PTFA Movie & PJ Night
Friday, 9 th March	9.30 a.m. Blackbrook PE Festival – KS2 (No Badgers swimming)
Monday, 12 th March	Netball match, Enmore (Away), 3.45 p.m.
Wednesday, 14 th March	7.00 p.m. PTFA Meeting – all welcome
Friday, 16 th March	6.00 p.m. PTFA Easter Bingo
Tuesday, 20 th March	6.30 p.m. Finance and Business Committee
Wednesday, 21 st March	Cross Country at King Alfred, Burnham-on-Sea 6.30 p.m. Music Evening at RBSC
Friday, 23 rd March	Sports Relief Day – non-school uniform (sports clothes) 9.30 a.m. Years 3 /4 Sports Festival – Teamwork (PE), North Petherton
Monday, 26th March – Friday, 6th April	
Easter Holiday	
Monday, 9 th April	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Wednesday, 11 th April	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday, 18 th April	Field to Food – (Squirrels/Badgers classes)
Friday, 20 th April	PTFA 2.30 p.m. Sponsored Run (School field) All welcome!
Monday, 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Saturday, 12 th May	2.00 p.m. May Fayre
Mon, 14 th - Thurs 17 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday, 14 th May	6.00 p.m. Finance and Business Committee
Friday, 18 th May	Years 5/6 Sports Festival – Leadership, North Petherton
Monday, 28th May – Friday, 1st June	
Half-Term	
Monday, 4 th June	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Thursday, 7 th June	4.00 p.m. Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Mon, 11 th – Fri, 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday, 11 th June	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Thursday, 14 th June	9.15 a.m. Class/Team Photographs Reserve Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Friday, 15 th June	2.00 p.m. School Sports (KS2 Area Sports still TBD)
Wednesday, 20 th June	Open Morning Somerset Young Poets Day – all day event in school
Friday, 22 nd June	2.00 p.m. Reserve School Sports
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th June	Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip. Rock & Rapid, North Devon
Tuesday, 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day: RBSC/Chilton
Wednesday, 4 th July	Year 6 Transition: RBSC
Friday, 6 th July	Years 1/2 PE Sports Festival – Multi Skills, North Petherton
Fri, 6 th - Sat, 7 th July	NEWT FESTIVAL
Tuesday, 10 th July	Poetry Slam
Friday, 13 th July	Badgers PE Sports Festival – Alternative Games, North Petherton
Tuesday, 17 th July	Year 6 Transition Day: Chilton Trinity
Tuesday, 24 th July	2.15 p.m. Leavers' Assembly/End of Year – 3.15 p.m.

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SWIMMING PAYMENT

(20th February – 23rd March, 2018)

NAME

I enclose payment for swimming as follows:

- Foxes Class - £14.00
- Squirrels Class - £14.00
- Badgers Class - £14.00

or £2.80 per week

I am exempt from charges and have provided proof

SWIMMING VOUCHERS

I attach swimming vouchers - please deduct
this amount from your swimming payment
(£2.80 per voucher)

SignedParent



MUSIC EVENING TICKETS
Wednesday, 21st March, 2018

CHILD'S NAME(S)..... CLASS(ES)

I wish to purchase tickets (maximum 3) for the Music Evening @ £2 each.

If more become available I would like.....tickets at £2 each (**don't send money now**).

I require.....wheelchair/disabled access seats @ £2

I enclose £ (cheque payable to "North Newton Community Primary School").



Signed.....Parent