



**NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018**

Dear Parents,

**Happy New Year to you all!**

I trust you all had a restful and wonderful Christmas with friends and family. We have a busy and exciting term ahead for the children and staff and your continued support is invaluable and essential in all we do at school.

**Christmas Play:** I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful performances by the KS1 children of their production "The Nativity". It was good to see so many parents, friends and relatives at the shows.

**Christmas Play DVDs:** If you would like to order DVDs of the Christmas Play, please complete the form attached and return by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

**Lunch and Parties:** I hope all children had a lovely time at their parties on the last day of term. The Christmas lunch provided by Taylor Shaw was a great success and I should like to express my sincere thanks to all the staff; it was an 'all-hands-on-deck' lunch and all children were given a lovely hot meal.

**STAFF**

**Mrs. Elkington (Squirrels Class Teacher & SENCO)** will be taking her maternity leave from the end of this term; we are advertising for both posts for two terms and will advise parents of the appointment later in the term.

**Mrs. Hodge (Business Manager)** will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs. Hodge originally announced her retirement last year however we are grateful she agreed to stay on for an extra two terms (she says this time she really is going!). We are currently advertising for her replacement and will advise of the appointment as soon as possible.

**Mrs. Copping (Early Birds Breakfast Club)** resigned in the final week at the end of last term, but made it clear she wished to continue until the end of January. Last week, Mrs Copping informed us she will not be returning! We are now advertising for a new supervisor. I am grateful to Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Hodge who will be working alongside Gillian for the coming weeks.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to all those children celebrating birthdays this month:

Charlie Hunter  
Sam Grindrod  
Layla Bonfield  
Joshua Milton  
Kayla Loader  
Jayjay Hancock  
William Jones  
Lucy Aven  
Logan Simmonds



**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

The first Celebration Assembly for the Spring Term will be held on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January** at 2.45 p.m. and all parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure your contact details are up-to-date to enable us to reach you in the event of an emergency and also to send text messages.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**After School Clubs** start back this week. It is not too late to sign up for a club – please complete the form distributed before the Christmas holidays or pick up another one from the School Office.

**Piano and Speech and Drama Lessons** will start this week.

**Ukulele and Guitar** lessons will commence on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

The next two events are on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at Brymore, then on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at King Alfred School, Highbridge. Further details to be given out at a later date.

### **EARLY BIRDS' BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are looking for a Breakfast Club Supervisor to help with our club which runs from 7.30 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. each school day. Anyone interested in this position should speak with me or Mrs. Hodge as soon as possible.



The applicant should be a caring, efficient and enthusiastic worker who wishes to provide before school supervision for our children. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts subject to relevant employment checks and criminal background check via the disclosure procedure.

### **SCHOOL DAY**

Children are encouraged to say goodbye to their parents in the playground. Class teachers and teaching assistants will be in the classrooms with activities for the children from 8.45 a.m.

Should you wish to see your class teacher, please make an appointment via the office - they will contact you to arrange a suitable appointment.

May I stress, if you need to speak with your child's class teacher urgently then, of course, you are welcome into the classrooms in the morning.

### **SWIMMING**

Swimming starts back this week for all children.

The cost for swimming for this half-term is £14.00 for Foxes, Squirrels and Badgers classes or £2.80 per week.

In the Summer Term, Hedgehogs Class will start swimming. It is essential Hedgehogs' parents take

their child to the swimming pool in preparation for the summer.

### **STAYING SAFE WHEN USING COMPUTERS**

In our whole school assembly today the children learnt about the importance of staying safe whilst using computers – "I am safe and secure". Our "Online Safety Policy 2017", which is available on the school's website, gives full details of how we strive to ensure children are safe whilst using computers at school.



Children in KS2 will be asked to sign a "Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement"; children in KS1 will be bringing home an Agreement for parents to sign after discussing with their child the importance of internet safety. We ask that parents sign the form and return to school by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

### **RESIDENTIAL TRIPS**

Parents wishing to pay in instalments for their child's trip to Kilve or Rock and Rapid later this year should forward this month's payment.

**Please ensure cheques are dated  
2018.**

### **PRIVACY NOTICE: How we use pupil information**

We, North Newton Community Primary School, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Support your teaching and learning;
- Monitor and report on your progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- Assess how well your school is doing.

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, any special educational needs and relevant medical information. If you are enrolling for post 14 qualifications we will be provided with your unique learner number (ULN) by the Learning Records Service and may also obtain from them details of any learning or qualifications you have undertaken.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school without your consent unless the law and our rules allow us to.

We are required by law to pass some information about you to the Local Authority and the Department for Education (DfE)

If you want to see a copy of the information about you that we hold and/or share, please contact Mrs. Hodge in the School Office.

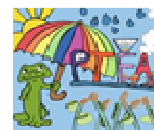
If you require more information about how the Local Authority (LA) and/or DfE store and use your information, then please go to the following website:  
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London  
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## PTFA NEWS



**PTFA MEETING:** Please make every effort to attend the next PTFA meeting which will be held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Arnold  
Headteacher

## SPRING / SUMMER TERMS 2018

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School restarts from 8.45 a.m.
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Tag Rugby at Somerset Bridge (selected children)
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00 p.m. PTFA Meeting
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Gala (selected children)
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	SENCO interviews
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	6.00 p.m. Finance and Business Committee
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Business Manager Interviews
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Squirrels Class Maternity Cover Interviews
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country at Brymore
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 a.m. Years 3/ 4 Fundamental Skills Festival (PE), North Petherton
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30 a.m. Blackbrook PE Festival – KS1
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3 & 4 Residential – Kilve Court Outdoor Centre
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 a.m. Blackbrook PE Festival – KS2
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 p.m. PTFA Easter Bingo
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30 p.m Finance and Business Committee
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Cross Country at King Alfred, Burnham-on-Sea 6.30 p.m. Music Evening at RBSC
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30 a.m. Years 3 /4 Sports Festival – Teamwork (PE), North Petherton
<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Field to Food – (Squirrels/Badgers classes)
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 p.m. Finance and Business Committee
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 5/6 Sports Festival – Leadership, North Petherton
<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00 p.m. Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15 a.m. Class/Team Photographs Reserve Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip. Rock & Rapid, North Devon
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day: RBSC/Chilton
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition: RBSC
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 1/2 PE Sports Festival – Multi Skills, North Petherton
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	NEWT FESTIVAL
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 a.m. Finance and Business Committee
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Poetry Slam
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Badgers PE Sports Festival – Alternative Games, North Petherton
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day: Chilton Trinity
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 p.m. Leavers' Assembly/End of Year – 3.15 p.m.

**NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SWIMMING PAYMENT**  
**(8<sup>th</sup> January-9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018)**

NAME .....

I enclose payment for swimming as follows:

Foxes Class/Squirrels Class/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)

Signed .....Parent

NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY DVD ORDER**

NAME .....

**“THE NATIVITY”**

No. required .....

<b>Cost:</b>	1 @ £3	5 @ £11
	2 @ £5	6 @ £13
	3 @ £7	7 @ £15
	4 @ £9	

TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....

Signed ..... Parent