



NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable half-term and are looking forward to the busy period leading up to Christmas.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure coats are in school **every day**. Also, please ensure your child/ren has/have suitable warm clothing for PE – we will always aim to be outside.

We held an assembly today to discuss the importance of wearing bright clothing to help motorists see us clearly. Please reiterate this message at home.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to all those children who are celebrating a birthday during November:

Josh Bult
Sonny Morris
Richard Robertson
Beth Ridgley



BUILDINGS

Over the half-term we have seen completion of the windows in the main school building – I am sure parents will agree they are very much in keeping with our lovely Victorian school. We have already noticed a noise reduction and hopefully reduced heating bills!

The partition between Foxes and Squirrels has also been completed and is a great asset to noise reduction between the classes.

Work on the borders in the School Garden is continuing. We are extremely grateful to a grant we have received from the Bridgwater

Agricultural Society amounting to £1060 to provide three sustainable and educational horticultural areas within our school grounds as well as improving the borders throughout the school.

JOB VACANCY – LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

5 days, term time only. 12.30 p.m. – 13.30 p.m.

We would consider x2 part-time supervisors.
Please speak to Mrs. Hodge in the School Office if you are interested.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Congratulations to Oak House on being last half term's House Winners. The children in Oak House may come to school in non-uniform on Thursday, 2nd November and enjoy an extended play. Well done Oak House.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Due to insufficient demand we are unable to run Multi-Skills this half-term. We are hoping to run a hockey club in the spring term – please look out for further information when the extra-curricular clubs letter is circulated later in the term.

LITERACY BOARDS

To develop a love of writing across the school we will be displaying "Literacy Boards" on the front wall of the school. The boards have been purchased using sponsorship from the following companies:

Jual Embroidery
ADI Electrical Solutions

Throughout the term children's work will be displayed as we continue to celebrate our wonderful authors in the making.

PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS MEETINGS

In our last newsletter we advised of Parents' Consultation Meeting dates – please note, these have now been changed for Badgers Class. Appointments may be made at the following times



Monday, 6th November:

Badgers: 3.30-6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th November:

ALL classes: 3.30-6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th November:

Foxes and Squirrels Classes 3.30-6.30 p.m.

If you would like to make an appointment, please sign up against the appropriate time for the teachers you would like to speak with. The appointment sheets are available in the Dining Room.

If you would like to speak to more than one teacher, please allow at least 10 minutes between appointment times.

Riverford Veg Boxes

A representative from Riverford will be at the Parents' Consultation Evening on Tuesday, 7th November – please see the leaflet accompanying this newsletter about their organic veg boxes.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

"Timeless Images" will be taking individual and family photographs on **Thursday, 9th November, 2017**, starting at 9.00 a.m. The company is a local company and I know some parents have used them in the past and have been very happy with the quality and service they provide. We are grateful to Little Steps

Pre-School who have offered the use of the Village Hall for the photographs as this company require more space to take the photos. Children will be escorted across the road for their studio session.

GREAT WAR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Children in Year 6 will be joining with other local primary schools in a Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church, North Petherton on Friday, 10th November. The children will be taken to and from the service by minibus.

PE AT THE BLACKBROOK PAVILION

Every school receives a grant for PE from the Government. Schools must use the funding to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport they offer.

We use our PE grant in a variety of ways (please see our school website for information). We shall also be using it to give all the children an opportunity to visit Blackbrook Sports Centre for a morning of PE when children will be introduced to a variety of different sporting opportunities. A letter with details will be coming out soon, with consent slip to complete and return. KS2 will be going on 17th November.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

As a school we have always supported Children in Need Day, however as KS2 will be at the Blackbrook Pavilion on the morning of the 17th this does cause complications.



Children in KS1 (Hedgehogs and Foxes) should come to school in their normal school uniform; KS2 children should arrive in their PE kit ready to be taken to the Blackbrook.

To raise funds for Children in Need we will draw a Pudsey on the school playground (weather permitting) and children can fill it with silver/gold coins (no coppers please).

SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to all parents who are ensuring their child is in school before 9.00 a.m. ready to start.

KS2 RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

May I remind parents payment for November is now due for the 2018 residential trips.

SWIMMING

Parents - your support is essential to assist in escorting children to the pool. If you are available to help, please speak to your class teacher/teaching assistant as soon as possible and sign up for a session. Your child will receive one free swim for each session you assist.



The cost for swimming for this half-term is:
Foxes/Squirrels - £22.40
Badgers - £19.60
Or £2.80 per week.

DINNER MENUS

Dinner menus are being distributed today for the next three weeks. Please return by Wednesday, 8th November and ensure full names are on each menu to assist Taylor Shaw.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to:

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/north-newton> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by Friday, 10th November, 2017**. If you would prefer to order and pay by cheque, please send your order into school by Friday, 10th November, cheques payable to "North Newton Community Primary School" please.

PTFA NEWS

Helen Barham

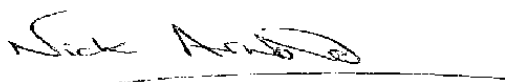
At the end of last half term the Committee accepted the resignation of Helen Barham from the PTFA. Helen has been a member of the committee for 17 years and has been involved in many fundraising activities over the years. On behalf of the children, staff and governors we thank Helen for her service to the school.

Annual General Meeting

Please join us at our AGM on:
Wednesday, 15th November, 2017 at
7.00 p.m.
Hot drinks & biscuits on arrival!

Please return nomination forms for positions available on the Committee by Friday, 3rd November, 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Arnold
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Thursday, 2 nd November	Oak House, non-uniform day
Monday, 6 th November	3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Evening (Badgers)
Tuesday, 7 th November	3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Evening (all classes) Riverford Organic Company will be showcasing.
Wednesday, 8 th November	3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Evening (Foxes/Squirrels)
Thursday, 9 th November	9.00 a.m. Individual Photographs – Timeless Images – Village Hall
Friday, 10 th November	11.00 a.m. Great War Remembrance Service (Year 6 only)
Wednesday, 15 th November	7.00 pm PTFA AGM – all welcome
Friday, 17 th November	KS2 to Blackbrook for PE session Children in Need – donations please
Thursday, 23 rd November	PTFA Bottle Run for Christmas Fayre
Friday, 24 th November	PTFA Tombola gifts for Christmas Fayre
Saturday, 25 th November	3.00 p.m. PTFA Christmas Fayre 3.15 p.m. Inter-House Sing-Off Competition
Monday, 27 th November	1.15-3.00 p.m. Tag Rugby Tournament, Somerset Bridge School
Friday, 1 st December	KS1 to Blackbrook for PE session
Monday, 4 th December	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Tuesday, 5 th December	Badgers class to EDF event, Bridgwater
Wednesday, 6 th December	9.30 a.m. Flu Vaccination (Years R-4)
Thursday, 7 th December	8.45 a.m. KS2 Christmas Trip: "Peter Pan", Blakehay Theatre, W-S-M
Monday, 18 th December	1.30 p.m. KS1 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal, Village Hall
Tuesday, 19 th December	10.00 a.m. KS1 Christmas Play, Village Hall 6.00 p.m. KS1 Christmas Play, Village Hall
Wednesday, 20 th December	9.45 a.m. KS1 Christmas Trip: Odeon Cinema, Taunton (tbc)
Thursday, 21 st December	12.30 p.m. Whole School Christmas Dinner 1.30-3.00 p.m. Christmas Parties
Friday, 22nd December – Friday, 5th January Christmas Holiday	
SPRING / SUMMER TERMS 2018	
Monday 8 th January	School restarts from 8.45 a.m.
Monday, 12th – Friday, 16th February Half-Term	
Monday, 19 th February	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Monday, 5 th – Wednesday, 7 th March	Years 3 & 4 Residential – Kilve Court Outdoor Centre
Monday, 26th March – Friday, 6th April Easter Holiday	
Monday, 9 th April	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Monday, 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday, 14 th - Thursday 17 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday, 28th May – Friday, 1st June Half-Term	
Monday, 4 th June	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Monday, 11 th – Friday, 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Thursday, 14 th June	9.15 a.m. Class/Team Photographs
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th June	Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip. Rock & Rapid, N. Devon.
Tuesday, 24 th July	2.15 p.m. Leavers' Assembly

SWIMMING PAYMENT

(30th October – 21st December, 2017)

NAME

I enclose payment for swimming as follows:

Foxes/Squirrels Classes – £22.40

Badgers Class - £19.60

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