



# NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## "TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"



### SUMMER NEWSLETTER 3 – JULY 2019

#### Message from the Headteacher:

It has been a wonderful term so far – with so many events, successes and challenges along the way. Thank you for all your support in providing hats, sun cream, long trousers, costumes etc. for the multitude of things we've been doing to ensure your children have a fab summer term. Most recently a wonderful trip for 2 classes to Fyne Court, whilst our Badgers enjoyed their residential trip to the Eden Project.

**Our Year 6 SAT results were superb and we are so proud of our 11 pupils.** We will be in the top 15% in the country as we achieved pass rates of 100% in Reading, 100% in Grammar, Punctuation & Spellings, 91% in Maths and 83% in Writing! This is a truly remarkable achievement for our 11 pupils; they are more than ready for their Secondary Schools. Thank you to all my staff who have helped produce these results – and to Mr Day for his relentless energy and drive to ensure each child could achieve their true level of success in their final year at North Newton. Each year is essential to a child's learning and as important as any other year. In year 6, however, final preparations must be just right in order for children to achieve their best. Our Year 6 have blown us away achieving a super set of results.

Nick Arnold

#### Staffing News

We say goodbye and thank you to **Mrs O'Leary** who is leaving after over 4 years at North Newton. Mrs O'Leary will be a Reception teacher at Kingston St Mary.

We say farewell to **Miss Moore** who begins her Maternity Leave at the end of term and look forward to her return, sometime in 2020. We are delighted to have appointed **Mrs Eggar** for 2 days a week working alongside Mr Arnold in Squirrels Class.

Congratulations to **Mrs Haysham** who has gained her Professional Clerk Qualification. Sally's training has been rigorous and she continues to manage her Business Manager's role effectively – always with a smile!

#### September 2019

##### **Slight change to the start of the day from September.**

From September, the main gate will be opened from 0845 and all children will be expected to be in their class, ready to learn, **by 0855**. With learning time pressures, lessons will begin at 0900. Appreciating those coming from slightly further away will mean leaving your house 5-10 minutes earlier, but the positive impact on your own child's learning will be worth it. Children who arrive after 0855 will be marked as late and parents will be required to come to the office to sign them in. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter and we look forward to your child being able to enjoy their lessons from the start.

##### **Swimming will begin during the first week:**

Squirrels - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Foxes – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Hedgehogs – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**PE will begin on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September for all classes.**

##### **Uniform & PE kit**

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and uniform.

##### **Meet the teacher meetings:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Badgers 3.30pm – 4pm**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Foxes 3.30pm – 4pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Squirrels 3.30pm – 4pm**

### Job Vacancy

There is a part-time vacancy at our school from September. If you are interested, please call the office to make an appointment to discuss the position. The vacancy is being advertised on our school website.

### Book Bags



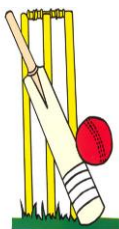
Unfortunately we have made the decision that children will not be allowed to bring in rucksacks in KS1. Please ensure your child brings the free book-bag they were issued with in Hedgehogs class for school books and information and a drawstring bag for PE and swimming. Book bags are accessed daily by teachers and children and need to be kept in the cloakroom where they are easily accessible. With the ever increasing size of rucksacks appearing, the cloakroom space is becoming limited, cluttered and children are having difficulty accessing their bags. In winter the problem is made worse by large coats being placed over the top of large rucksacks causing more loss of space. The large rucksacks are also unable to fit in lockers effectively and therefore children are leaving them on the floor in the locker room which becomes a trip hazard. At home time when letters, books and sheets are handed out they can be placed flat inside a book bag and not crunched up inside a rucksack therefore reaching you in better condition! I know this may not be popular with some children but it is the only solution to a small school with limited space. Thank you for your understanding and support.



### Sports News

Somerset Cricket are pleased to be able to offer free 'Come and try' cricket sessions for any boy or girl between the ages of 9 and 12 who is not part of a cricket club. All information can be found via the link below.

<https://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/give-cricket-a-go-for-free/>



### Site News – Building Works

We are delighted the 'Green Eco-friendly bank' has nearly been completed beside the PE shed. Over time, the bank will be covered with a range of colours and grasses. Thank you to the children who allowed the builders to get on with their work, but ensuring they knew they were being carefully monitored!

Over the holidays, there is much work being carried out to make further improvements to our site.

Thank you to County Hall for all the grants we have been lucky enough to win! External doors, the flat roof over Foxes and Hedgehogs cloakroom and Hedgehogs ceiling are all being replaced, as well as some fire doors. The safeguard fencing improvements by the side gate will be installed during the autumn term.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	11am Hedgehogs to Little Steps Summer Party 2.15pm Leavers' Assembly 3.15pm End of School year.
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### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET DAY – No Children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.45am Children start / return – School begins Squirrels swimming starts
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Badgers</b> – Meet the Teacher 3.30pm – 4pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Foxes swimming starts
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Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Hedgehogs swimming starts
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Squirrels</b> - Meet the Teachers 3.30pm – 4pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	2.45pm First Celebration Assembly of the New Year.

### RECEPTION 2020 OPEN DAYS

The Open Days for children starting Reception in September 2020 will be held on the following days:

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	9am – 12noon	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	1.30pm – 3pm	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	9am – 12noon	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	1.30pm – 3pm	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office

All appointments **must** be booked in advanced with the school office on 01278 662140 or via email [northnewton@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:northnewton@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



