



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"



SPRING NEWSLETTER 3 – MARCH 2019

Message from the Headteacher:

The half term holiday is a distant memory and with only 5 weeks until Easter, there is so much to pack in. Thank you for all your support in all aspects of our school. Most children now arrive before 0855 so they benefit from starting their learning at the same time as others. We also received a well-deserved letter from Education Secretary, Rt Hon Damien Hinds MP, congratulating us on achieving 100% in our 2018 KS2 Maths – putting us in the top 5% of Primary Schools in England. It is through hard work, dedication, high expectations and working in partnership with parents that we achieve these results.

Attendance is 96.5% up to half way through the year – this is just above our target. There have been a small number of fines issued in line with our updates policy, as explained in September.

Recent sports events have also achieved excellent results – especially in swimming, netball and cross country where we are now 3rd out of 19 schools in Sedgemoor!

Nick Arnold

Safeguarding and Security

Despite repeatedly telling our children not to offer to open the front gate when parents wish to enter, it is in their helpful nature to do so. We are trying to address this issue by making it clear they are not to offer to open the gate to anyone.

Please help reinforce this security message to your children.



Car Parking – Please respect the agreement.

Please do not park in the pub car park – or in the Village Hall section **after 4.30pm during Parent Evenings this week.**

The pub will be open for business...and we should not be parking there apart from our agreed times. I have also been informed that The Harvest Moon are seriously considering erecting gates at the entrance to the pub car park section. If this happens, we will lose the use of the car park altogether. Please refrain from abusing the current agreement.



PTFA Appeal

Do you have any unwanted teddies, any size, shape, even small key-ring ones? The PTFA would like them for their upcoming May Fayre.

Please could you drop your donations into the school office.

Thank you!



WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Keep North Newton Tidy! Community Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who made this event a huge success on Saturday 9th Feb. A great turnout, (including children and dogs) despite the weather!

Between us we collected 14 big refuse sacks, various car parts and a leopard print dog training tunnel! Refreshments were served afterwards at St Peters church hall to our trusty volunteers.

We will be doing it all again in the Autumn...watch this space!



Wear Red to school with a £1 donation to Comic Relief.



New Officers required!

After 3 years, the current PTFA Committee Officers will be standing down in September. They have carried out their roles diligently and co-ordinated many successful events – raising lots of funds so we can spend on all the children at North Newton Community Primary.

We are looking for a new set of members to pick up the baton and enter into a new phase of the PTFA. Are you willing to help co-ordinate these events to enable your child to continue to enjoy the things the PTFA have provided in recent times?

It may well appear quite a daunting task – but there will be a detailed handover and support...you may even enjoy it! Have a think and if you are interested, have a chat with me or any member of the current PTFA Committee who will be happy to help.

The alternative isn't even worth considering...but it would become a reality if nobody stepped forward.

Thank you. Nick Arnold

Site Improvements

Good News!

We have been successful in achieving a grant to further improve our security.

Plans will be shared when published. In addition, there will be further improvements in the coming 6 months including work on the natural bank next to the PE shed, tarmacking some pathways, Squirrels will have new fire doors (Foxes & Hedgehogs already have theirs!) and the flat roof above Hedgehogs and Foxes cloakroom is being re-felted.

We have also received a small grant to replace the carpet in Hedgehogs and install storage units for our Reception class... in desperate need of updating!

Uniform...

Please help 'redress our dress code'!

Thank you to the majority of pupils who wear the correct uniform and PE kit. We should look proud to be at North Newton Primary School, and follow the correct guidelines. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform, and has the right PE kit:

UNIFORM

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo)
Dark grey or black trousers or shorts
Black or grey pinafore/skirt
White polo shirt or blouse/shirt
Summer dress (blue/white check)
Hair Bands (if required) dark blue or black
No jewellery – studs only if ears pierced.
Black shoes

PE KIT

Plain white T-shirt
Plain dark blue or black shorts
Trainers (preferably black) No daps please!
Black / dark blue jogging bottoms when cold
Fitbits: only when agreed by PE teacher.
Long hair must be tied back.

Please refrain from wearing:

Brightly coloured socks or hair bands
Non-logoed school jumpers / cardigans
Sports kit not in line with agreed PE kit

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

All items available from Jual, The Granary, Units 1&2, Petherton Road, North Newton TA7 0BB, but other shops are available for 'non-logo' clothing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM			
Tuesday 5 th March	Pancake Day & races... Parent Consultation Evening		
Wednesday 6 th March	Netball Small Schools Tournament RBS 4pm – selected children Parent Consultation Evening		
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – Animal Theme		
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day		
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd March	Magdalen Residential – Squirrels Class		
Friday 29 th March	Badgers – Holy Week workshop – St Peter’s church. 6.00pm – 7.45pm. PTFA Disco Village Hall		
Monday 1 st April	6pm Finance Committee Meeting (Governors)		
Thursday 4 th April	6.30pm – 7.30pm Music Evening RBSC		
Friday 5 th April	3.15pm End of Spring Term		
SUMMER TERM			
Tuesday 23 rd April	0845 School restarts		
Monday 29 th April	6.30pm Full Governing Body meeting		
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday – No school.		
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	KS2 SATs		
Thursday 16 th May	Y3/4 PE Event North Petherton School		
Saturday 18 th May	12 – 2pm May Fayre		
Thursday 23 rd May	Y4/5 Girls Cricket – Wembdon Cricket Club 5pm – 7pm KS1 Movie Night - PTFA		
Fri 24 th – Sat 25 th May	6.30pm – 8.45am KS2 Sleepover - PTFA		
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM			
Monday 3 rd June	0845 – School restarts		
Tuesday 4 th June	Timeless images – school photos		
Thursday 6 th June	4pm – 8pm Stoke St Gregory – football & netball competition		
Monday 10 th June	Y5/6 Dance Festival		
Friday 14 th June	Sports Day 2-4pm		
Monday 17 th June	6pm Finance Committee Meeting (Governors)		
Friday 21 st June	Reserve Sports Day 2-4pm		
Thursday 4 th July	Y2 PE North Petherton School		
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th July	Badgers Residential to Eden Project.		
Monday 15 th July	6.30pm Full Governing Body meeting		
Monday 22 nd July	5.30 – 7.30pm Summer Festival		
Tuesday 23 rd July	2.15pm Leavers’ Assembly 3.15pm End of School year.		
SUMMER HOLIDAYS			
<u>RECEPTION 2020 OPEN DAYS</u>			
The Open Days for children starting Reception in September 2020 will be held on the following days:			
Tuesday 8 th October 2019	9am – 12noon	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office
Wednesday 9 th October 2019	1.30pm – 3pm	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office
Tuesday 12 th November 2019	9am – 12noon	North Newton Community Primary School	From School Office
Wednesday 8 th 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			