



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"



SPRING NEWSLETTER 1 – JANUARY 2020

Message from the Headteacher:

Happy New Year and Decade! On behalf of my staff, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and are returning to routine. The children have settled back to school well, in correct uniform, and all are looking like they've had a great time. We look forward to a great term ahead.

If you would kindly complete and return the Parent Survey, we'd be most grateful.

Nick Arnold
Headteacher

Homework and Home Support

As parents, we all find it challenging with our own hectic lives; supporting your child by giving them time is golden to their development socially, emotionally and academically. Reading with them each evening quickly become routine once set up and helping them learn whatever they are currently working towards is so crucial in your child's progress.

It won't be long until your child has left Primary School and there will be other challenges as they pass through Secondary School – please help ensure their foundations are solid during their Primary learning. Our website has many helpful hints, support and advice how best to help your child. Make their love of learning thrive by embedding into their everyday lives.



Music Performances – Chance To Shine

After many years of our Annual Music Evening, and having listened to opinions, we are changing the way our children can perform their musical skills.

Our talented pupils will have their opportunity during Celebration Assemblies. We have planned a timetable of performances well in advance to give you good notice so you may be able to attend when your child is performing. Your child will be able to let you know when they are performing too.

Guitars & Ukulele – Friday 6th March from 2.45pm

Piano – Friday 13th March from 2.45pm

Flute / Recorders & Clarinet – Friday 27th March from 2.45pm

Choir Performance – Friday 3rd April from 2.30pm

In the Summer Term, we will book a date in for our Speech & Drama students to perform - perhaps in an outside area in our grounds.



Please be on time!

Registration is 0855 and our lessons begin at 0900. Please avoid your child being late – it can affect their learning and well-being.

Thank you for your support on this important matter.

Parent Support from Somerset Children Health & Well-being.

Support is there for you if, and when you need it. Please pop onto their site: www.cypsomersethealth.org which has oodles of advice, support and contact details.

From the Sports Desk



Amazing Footballers!

Recently, our girls played in the Somerset County Finals. They played so well and were a credit to the school. Played 5, Won 2 Lost 3 and were therefore just knocked out in the group stage. Thank you to Mr Day who took them and to all the girls who played so well as a team.

Cross Country

The next race is coming soon on Wednesday 5th February for Years 3 and 5, and on Thursday 6th February for Years at King Alfred's (TA9 3EE). First race is 4pm, please collect runners at 3pm on relevant days as parking will be tight. Letters have been sent out.

Coats, Gloves & Scarves

Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable attire, as we know how quickly the weather can change in North Newton!

Hats, coats and gloves...and tracksuits / warm tops are essential for PE.



Online Safety - How safe is your child?

This term in our Online Safety assembly we will discuss the importance of asking adults permission and being vigilant when downloading files and games from the Internet. We will also discuss why we need to ask a trusted adult before downloading files and games. With younger children we will reinforce and make reference to their usernames/passwords on 'Minimash' and 'Purplemash' and the need to use a secure password and safe screen name when using an online tool.

Please talk to your children about how to download content safely and legally and help them understand why it's important to keep computers at home and at school free from viruses.

For further help and support for devices at home, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/downloading-viruses/>

In the event of bad weather - closing procedures.

Although not forecast for a few weeks yet, we have the following procedures:

- The decision to close will be made in the best interests of safety of children and staff, by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.
 - The difficulty arises as many staff live outside the catchment – local roads are untreated. We cannot open if we do not have enough staff to operate safely.
- Decision will be made by 7.15am. Parents and staff hopefully notified by 7.30am by text.
- School website is updated – please press F5 to refresh each time!
- Head teacher will inform County Hall that school is closed for the day.
- Parents can log onto www.somerset.gov.uk/school-closures/ for confirmation.
- In the event of weather deteriorating during the day, we will text / call to inform parents.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2020	
Thursday 23 rd January	6.30pm PTFA Committee Meeting
Tuesday 28 th January	Swimming Gala Finals – Selected Children
Monday 3 rd February	Start of Children’s Mental Health Week
Monday 3 rd February	R and Y6 Heights and Weights Measurement
Wednesday 5 th February	Cross Country Event – King Alfreds School 4pm
Thursday 6 th February	Cross Country Event – King Alfreds School 4pm
Monday 10 th February	Governors - Business and Finance Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 12 th February	3.20pm Squirrel Residential Kilve Information Presentation (30 minutes)
Thursday 13 th February	R School Vision Screening
Friday 14 th February	3.15pm School breaks for Half Term
Monday 24 th February	8.45am School resumes 6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 6 th March	Netball Qualifying Matches – Robert Blake
Thursday 12 th March	6.30pm PTFA Committee Meeting
Monday 16 th March	Netball Tournament 1.30pm Taunton School - TBC
Wednesday 18th March - Friday 20th March	Squirrels Kilve Court Residential
Monday 23 rd March	Business and Finance Meeting 6pm
Thursday 2 nd April	PTFA Easter Disco...yes, it’s on a Thursday this year.
Friday 3 rd April	3.15pm School Breaks for Easter Holidays
SUMMER TERM 2020	
Monday 20 th April	8.45am school resumes
Monday 27 th April	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday! School is closed.
Monday 11th – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 – End of KS2 SATs.
Saturday 16 th May	PTFA May Fayre. 12-2pm
Thursday 21 st May	Stoke St Gregory Tournament
Friday 22 nd May	3.15pm School break for Half Term.
Monday 1 st June	8.45am School restarts
Thursday 4 th June	Reserve Date Stoke St Gregory Tournament
Monday 15th – Thursday 18th June	Badgers Residential Trip – Outpost & Devon.
Monday 15 th June	Business and Finance Meeting 6pm
Monday 29th June	Year 6 going to RBSC – Transition Day 1.
Tuesday 30th June	Year 6 going to RBSC – Transition Day 2.
Wednesday 1st July	All Year 6 Transition Days to Secondary Schools. All Classes – Transition morning. 9.00 – 12.15pm.
Monday 6 th July	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 17th July	2.15pm Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly. End of School Year.