



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2 – MARCH 2020

Message from the Headteacher:

With the ongoing **COVID-19** situation at the front of everyone's mind, please be reassured we continue to follow guidance and monitor the situation, on a daily basis, from Public Health England and Somerset County. **We will remain very cautious.** We do have several children within our school with vulnerable immune systems.

Considering the latest news, if you can purchase and supply some hand sanitizer gel for your own child to use, that would be helpful. We bought a small supply last week, but replenishing stock will be tricky! Whilst it is a concern for us all, we continue going about our daily business unless the advice tells us otherwise. The older children are discussing the matter within class and appear to be well informed without major concern. We will continue to operate as normal unless otherwise advised. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Nick Arnold
Headteacher

Music Performances

Children will be performing at 2.45pm on Fridays, as an introduction to Celebration Assembly:

- 6th March – Piano.
 - Parking will be an issue on 6th due to 2 other gatherings locally.
 - Please note - Instrument change to last Newsletter: guitars / ukulele – now 13th March
- 13th March – Guitar / Ukulele
- 27th March – Clarinets / flutes
- 3rd April – Choir – this will start at 2.30pm

These will be wonderful opportunities for our children to perform to an audience. Please attend when your child is playing their instrument. Celebration Assembly will follow at around 3.00pm.



INSET DAYs – 2020/2021

Out INSET Days for next academic year have been set. Children do not attend school on these days:

- Thurs 3rd / Fri 4th September 2020
- Friday 18th December 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Friday 23rd July 2021

Staffing Update

Despite the short period of time Mrs Eggar taught in Squirrels Class, her contract has now ended, and we wish her well in the future.

Miss Moore has confirmed will be returning in June. Until then, we are delighted Mrs Hart is doing a fantastic job for us!

From the Sports Desk

Cross Country

The final Cross Country races are on Wednesday 25th March for Years 3 and 5, and on Thursday 26th March for Years 4 and 6 at Brymore School, Cannington. First race is 4.30pm. Letters have been sent out.

We are currently in 4th place out of 19 schools....great effort, thank you parents and runners!

Netball

The school has entered 2 teams into the Small Schools competition which will take place at Robert Blake on Friday 6th March.

A team has also been entered into a Bee Netball competition at Taunton School on Monday 16th March.

Netball League fixtures commence on Wednesday 11th March when North Newton will host Cannington at 3.30pm. Supporters welcome!

Good luck to all those taking part.

Pupil Illnesses - reminder

Following guidance, your child is required to remain off school for 48-hours after their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

As stated in my introduction message, we have several children with vulnerable immune systems.

Appreciating attendance is so crucial for academia and social interaction, health is even more important for all.

School Closing Procedures.

Although not forecast, we have the following procedures should they be required:

- 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
 - 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 5 th March	WBD20 – Theme Superheroes (Foxes/Squirrels/Badgers) Parents Evening: 3.30 – 6pm
Friday 6 th March	WBD20 – Hedgehogs Class (not doing on Thurs due to swimming / PE) 2.45pm C Assembly – with piano performances. Netball Qualifying Matches – Robert Blake Selected Children 3.30pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Netball Match v Cannington (H) 3.30pm
Thursday 12 th March	6.30pm PTFA Committee Meeting
Friday 13 th March	Sport Relief – Wear Red for a £1+ donation. 2.45pm C Assembly & guitar/Ukulele performance
Monday 16 th March	Netball Tournament 1.00pm Taunton School return 3.45pm
Wed 18th - Fri 20th March	Squirrels Kilve Court Residential
Wednesday 18 th March	Tag Rugby Competition – BCA. Year 5/6 only
Friday 20 th March	Netball Match v North Petherton (A) 3.30pm
Monday 23 rd March	Business and Finance Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Cross Country – Brymore – Years 5 and 3. 4pm 1 st race.
Thursday 26 th March	Cross Country – Brymore – Years 6 and 4. 4pm 1 st race.
Friday 27 th March	Netball Match v St John and St Francis (H) 3.30pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Netball Match v Somerset Bridge (A) 3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	PTFA Easter Disco...yes, it's on a Thursday this year.
Friday 3 rd April	PTFA – Non uniform. All funds raised for National Autism Day. 2.45pm Celebration Assembly with Choir performance – in VH. TBC. 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
Thursday 7 th May	PTFA – Bottle Run
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday! School is closed.
Mon 11th – Thurs 15th May	Year 6 – KS2 SATs.
Saturday 16 th May	PTFA May Fayre. 12-2pm
Thursday 21 st May	Stoke St Gregory Tournament
Friday 22nd 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
Friday 5 th June	Children - Ash Cake Sale – 3.15pm - PTFA
Friday 12 th June	Children – Beech Cake Sale – 3.15pm – PTFA
Mon 15th – Thurs 18th June	Badgers Residential Trip – Outpost & Devon.
Monday 15 th June	Business and finance Meeting
Friday 19 th June	Children – Oak Cake Sale – 3.15pm – PTFA
Monday 15 th June	Business and Finance Meeting 6pm
Friday 26th June	Sports Day. 2pm on field.
Monday 29 th June	Year 6 going to RBSC – Transition Day 1.
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 going to RBSC – Transition Day 2.
Wednesday 1 st July	All Year 6 Transition Days to Secondary Schools. All Classes – Transition morning. 9.00 – 12.15pm.
Friday 3 rd July	Children – Willow Cake Sale – 3.15pm – PTFA
Monday 6 th July	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 8th July	Reports to Parents
Friday 17 th July	2.15pm Year 6 Leaver's Assembly. End of School Year.



Dear Parent / Carer,

Healthy, Happy, Safe! Your Family Technology Agreement

Last month, we celebrated Safer Internet Day, along with schools and organisations across the world. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

By creating a **Family Technology Agreement**, this will help support families to:

- enjoy sharing what they do with technology
- support and monitor children as they develop interests and discover what they can do with technology
- balance time on technology with other activities

This is an example of an agreement you can use to help your child stay **healthy, happy, safe** when they use technology. You may have your own agreement already or you can use the one on the back of this letter as a starting point to talk about what is best for your family.

Best wishes

Mrs Crow

Online Safety Lead

For more information:

Safer Internet Day Parent Resources: <http://saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents>

NSPCC Share Aware www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Advice on screentime <http://bit.ly/RCPCH-ScreenTimeForParents>

Ask About Games www.askaboutgames.com

Our Family Contract

Children agree to

- Ask before I go online and use technology
- Talk about what I do online and the technology I use
- Show you what I do online
- Check with a trusted adult before I download a new app
- Share games I play
- Join in with family activities
- Remember to have regular breaks with healthy snacks when I am gaming

Adults agree to

- Stay calm when problems happen with technology – model good behaviour, they learn from you!
- Ask permission before posting photos of family – even your own children
- Discuss apps and check them out together
 - What PEGI rating are they?
 - Is the content appropriate?
- Join in with technology activities
- Set time limits for your child so they know they need to have regular breaks from technology
- Acknowledge the whilst there are dangers when using technology, there are also a great many positive things about it too.

Everyone agrees to

- Family time without technology
- Switch off at an agreed time each night
- Talk about what we do online, just as we do with other activities
- Keep screens out of bedrooms
- Encourage kind behaviour always, not just face to face but online too.