



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

As a school we have marked Science Week, by involving the children in additional sessions to promote a love of Science.



Each class has also been using their Science and Technology skills to create an origami reptile out of a single piece of paper! Please take a look at the school's website to see further photographs of what we have been doing.

In response to the sad news about Professor Stephen Hawking, the children have had a special assembly this week celebrating his incredible life and contribution to the world of Science.

On Wednesday, Governors were invited in for Strategic Morning. This takes place once a year and is an opportunity for Governors to visit classrooms to gain an insight of a working morning in school. Governors give up a great deal of time supporting the school and seeing a morning of teaching and learning in action is most helpful to them in their roles. It was a positive morning all round.

We look forward to next week when we will be raising money for Sports Relief!

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

For Your Information...

School Grounds

Please make sure that your child does not go onto the school field or play equipment before or after the school day. Can we also make you aware that there is an area which is currently out of bounds on the school field. Please ensure that neither you or your child enters this area.

Sports Relief

Children need to bring Sports Kit in on Friday 23rd March to do a Fun Run as part of an extended daily mile. Sponsor / Donation Forms will be sent out on Monday.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Class
20/03	Class Trip to Celtic Harmony	Y3
22/03	Poet Visit	All
23/03	Class Assembly	Y5
23/03	Sports Relief	All
23/03	PTA Cake Sale	All
26/03	World Autism Week	All
27/03	Year 3/4 Play & Choir 1.30pm	Y3/4
28/03	Year 3/4 Play 7.00pm	Y3/4
29/03	RSPB Visiting	All
29/03	School Finishes @2pm	All
16/03	Children Back to School	All

Please also refer to the Key and Term Dates

School Closure Arrangements

School Closure – Severe Weather

In case of severe weather it may be necessary to close the school. Most usually, this applies to snow.

The school will close if:

- There are not enough staff members able to travel safely to school to supervise pupils
- The school site is not safe
- Parents and pupils are not able to travel safely to school

We will endeavour to open wherever possible, although the majority of our staff live a considerable distance from school. If we are able to open, we would always advise parents to assess the safety of their own journey. There may be times where we operate a partial or late opening / early closing approach. Parents will be kept fully informed of this.

In order to ensure that parents are well informed, we will make decisions regarding closure as early as is possible. Sometimes this may not be until the day of the closure as conditions may change, particularly overnight. We would advise parents to be prepared with alternative arrangements if weather conditions look like a closure may be necessary.

In order to keep you well informed we advise parents to sign up to the Everbridge System. This is the system we must use to ensure that County is aware of school closures. By signing up to this parents will get automatic alerts of school closures via their registered email or mobile numbers. Alongside this system we will also aim to use our own communication systems (School Gateway which allows email and text messaging) so that every parent has the best chance to gain access to the information. Apologies if you hear from us more than once!

Everbridge Alert System

Parents/ Carers are encouraged to sign up to ensure that they receive the vital correspondence if there is an emergency or should the school have to close in the event of severe weather.

The following link will direct you to the 'Sign Up' page where you should click on the 'Sign Up' button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip. Please follow the instructions form there: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

It should take no more than five minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change mobile numbers or an email address. Each contact within the system can have two devices added for each communication type if you wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately. If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at. Once signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of your child's school.

School Gateway will also be used to send messages in the event of any school closure. However, these notifications will not be as immediate as using the Everbridge System and we therefore strongly recommend that you register via the above link.

We will endeavour to keep the school website updated with information also: - <http://newberries.herts.sch.uk/>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Letters / Communications home this week

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

Year 3/4 Play – Please see attached reminder

PTA

Thanks to everyone who attended our fantastic Race Night and many thanks to those dads who came up with the idea and put so much effort into making it happen. The evening made an amazing profit of £740!

Our last event of term will be our Bake Sale next Friday. See the attachment for details.

Would you like to buy a gift or make a financial contribution to the school? Take a look at the PTA's Fundraising page!!

www.newberriespta.org.uk

Stars of the Week

“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up.”

Professor Stephen Hawking



Congratulations to all our stars!



Rec	Ozzie	
Y1	Yanis	Y2 Zach S
Y3	River	Y4 Ben P
Y5	Millie	Y6 Rosie