



# Newsberries

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## Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

As a school we are expected to have an attendance figure of at least 96%. Last year our attendance figure for the whole school was 95%. We have been working closely with our Attendance Improvement Officer to improve attendance across the school. We have always monitored the attendance of all pupils regularly and will continue to do so. However, if your child's attendance now falls below 95% we will be writing to make you aware of this. Please remember that one day's absence from school counts as two sessions (morning and afternoon). Obviously, we understand there are reasons for individual children to be absent and at this point in the year this could be influenced by seasonal illness. However, in order to maintain and improve upon our good attendance we are keen to keep parents informed. We thank you for your on-going support with this.

It is **World Book Day** next Thursday (1st March). As always we will be marking the occasion with a range of reading related activities designed to encourage and promote reading for enjoyment! If your child would like to dress up as a character from their favourite book they are very welcome. This is entirely optional, please ensure that any costumes are still practical for a day in school i.e. no onesies.

**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.

#### Uniform Providers

Please see attached information regarding ordering pupil's summer uniform from our uniform suppliers Mapac.

### Diary Dates

Date	Event	Class
01/03	World Book Day & Book Day Lunch	All
02/03	PTA School Disco	All
05/03	Class Trip to Hazard Alley	Y5
06/03	Parent Consultations	All
08/03	Parent Consultations	All
09/03	Class Assembly	Y2
09/03	PTA Mother's Day Shop	All
15/03	PTA Dad's Race Night	All
20/03	Class Trip to Celtic Harmony	Y3
23/03	PTA Cake Sale	All
23/03	Class Assembly	Y5

*Please also refer to the Key and Term Dates*

## School Closure Arrangements

***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 and from there follow the instructions: <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.

**We will also aim to keep you updated with information via: -**

- The School Website - <http://newberries.herts.sch.uk>
- A **ParentMail** message

However, these notifications will not be as immediate as using this new system and we therefore strongly recommend that you register via the above link.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Please remember...

### Contacting Us!

If you need to make contact with the school please remember that the email address for parents is [admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk). The Office Staff will pass your message on. Most often those who work most closely with your child, the class teacher, will respond to you. If you need to contact us more urgently please call the school to speak to someone or leave a message on **01923 857180**.

## Letters / Communications home this week

Y6

Isle of Wight Trip

Y5

Hazard Alley Trip

# PTA

The Newberries School Lotto will be launching next week. It could be you! Tickets are now available for the Spring Disco and we will soon be selling tickets for our forthcoming Race Night on Thursday 15th March.  
See the attachment for further 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](http://www.newberriespta.org.uk)

## Stars of the Week



Congratulations to all our stars!



<b>Rec</b>	<b>Tommy A</b>		
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Tommy H</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Jake G</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Harry B</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Dunni</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Olivia P</b>