

## **Newberrries Primary School**

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Diary Dates

## **Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon**

Welcome back! It has been wonderful catching up with pupils and parents this week. We have enjoyed seeing a wonderful array of shiny shoes and new bags accompanying the smiling faces returning to school. So far we have had a positive, but as always, busy start. We look forward to sharing more about our forthcoming plans and events over the coming weeks.

The whole staff took part in a Values Based Education training day on Monday. This session will help us to build on our current work and will encourage a rolling 'curriculum' of Values Education. This will run as an underlying theme throughout school alongside the formal curriculum. We will be in contact with parents later this term to gain your input on this specific piece of work.

The day also involved staff training on Growth Mindsets and Mindfulness. Mrs Culverhouse began championing the way for this last year; work in this area will continue as part of our commitment to ensuring that pupils develop the necessary skills to support a positive mental health. We have begun the term by introducing a daily Mindfulness session in all classes (and the School Office!) as part of our commitment to teaching pupils this valuable skill. We look forward to telling you more about this during our forthcoming 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which will be held for each class.

#### Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

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'Meet the Teacher' sessions will begin the week after	11/09	Reception Group 3 start school	Rec
next. Following feedback from parents, we are trialling	13/09	Roald Dahl Day (See below)	All
all sessions being held straight after drop off starting at	17/09	Reception stay for lunch	Rec
9am. We hope this will help parents and be		Collect @1pm	
manageable for the school.	19/09	Reception stay all day	Rec
	20/09	Meet the Teacher Y3 @ 9am	Y3
The session will be led by your child's class teacher and	21/09	Meet the Teacher Y4 @ 9am	Y4
will include both general and class specific information.	25/09	Meet the Teacher Y5 @ 9am	Y5
There will also be opportunities for you to ask any	27/09	Meet the Teacher Y6 @ 9am	Y6
questions you may have. The session is intended to last	28/09	Meet the Teacher Y1 @ 9am	Y1
approximately half an hour.	02/10	Meet the Teacher Y2 @ 9am	Y2
	03/10	Meet the Teacher YR @ 9am	REC
A full list of Term Dates and Diary Dates will be sent out next week. Including details on 'Meet the Teacher'			
sessions.			

## For your information...

## Can you help?

### **Roald Dahl Day**

On Thursday 13th September we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day by inviting the children to dress up as one of Roald Dahl's famous characters. The children will be doing a Roald Dahl book focus for the next two weeks.

#### Homework

Homework begins in full next week:

- Reading books came home this week
- The homework grids will be sent home next Friday
- Spellings will start the following week for Years
   1-6

#### PE

Please make sure all PE Kits are in school from Monday ready for PE lessons (Years 1-6).

Once again we have found ourselves short of quiet, wet playtime and Golden Time activities. If you are having a

Wet Play Time and Golden Time Activities

post Summer Holiday clear out please think of us! We would love:

- Boards games (complete)
- Card games
- Lego or any other construction toys

If you have anything to offer please send it in with your child to their class teacher. If it does not quite suit the age group, teachers will happily pass your donation on to another class.

Equally our Reception Class are always delighted for any good quality toys or dressing up clothes you may have finished with!

Watch this space for the first stars of the term!