



# Newsberries

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## Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We hope you found last week's Newsberries useful in consolidating some of our key information. Newsberries will be sent out on paper at the beginning of each term for parents to reference and also to encourage contact information to be updated.

We started last week off with a very exciting 'Rock Choir' assembly. This was a demonstration given to all pupils of the kinds of instruments which would make up a rock band! The children enjoyed an exciting performance through a range of popular music aimed at inspiring pupils to learn an instrument.

As we move further into May the statutory assessments begin for Key Stage 1 and 2. Next week our Year 6 children will take their end of Key Stage SATs. Our pupils in Year 6 have been working hard in preparation for these. We wish them every success and know that they will all use this opportunity to show us their best. The Key Stage 1 SATs are a more low key process. Children will sit tests in groups throughout May. The results of both end of Key Stage tests will be included in the end of term report for these two classes.

**Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon**

**Please remember that the school will be closed on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May as it will be a Polling Station.**

## Oliver Dowden (MP) Visit

On Friday 26th April, Oliver Dowden - our local Member of Parliament - visited our school. Only a few weeks earlier we composed a letter to Mr Dowden, inviting him to visit Newberries. He responded saying he would be honoured to come. The day of his visit finally arrived; we met both Mr Dowden and Mrs Traxon at the entrance and began a brief tour of the school. Showing him around the school, we acquainted him with each class and told him about our school



values and explained how School Circle works. After the tour, Mr Dowden came into the Year 6 classroom for a question and answer session. Many questions were asked such as: 'What is being done to stop people parking in the wrong places?' and 'What is a typical day for a MP?' Mr Dowden answered our questions thoughtfully and we discovered so much about his role. Everybody benefited from the visit and it was such a remarkable experience. Thank you Mr Dowden for coming into our school. **Lucy, Millie and the rest of Year 6.**

## Diary Dates

13/5	Start of Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Y6
17/5	Deadline for Class Photo Orders*	All
17/05	School Disco	All
21/05	Mini Olympics	Y1
23/05	Polling Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	All
24/05	End of Half Term	All
27-31/5	Half Term Break	All
03/06	Children return to school	All
04/06	Reception Trip to Paradise Park	YR
06/06	Year 2 Trip to Montfichet Castle	Y2
08/06	PTA Car Boot Sale	

\*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May is the deadline for school based class photograph orders. After this date you will still be able to order online, however the School Office will not be able to accept any more orders.

## Letters / Emails Home

<b>Y6</b>	SATs Letter	<b>All</b>	
	Attendance Letter		

## PTA

### Summer Disco

We are really looking forward to the children's fun-filled summer disco next Friday 17th May! Don't forget to buy tickets in advance as they won't be available on the door. Please complete the attached form and return with exact money to the PTA post box by the school office.

### Car Boot Sale

Pitches are now available (from £15) for our fantastic car boot sale at school on Saturday 8th June from 9am. Please complete the attached form and email [radlettbootsale@gmail.com](mailto:radlettbootsale@gmail.com) to book your space. Entry will be £2 per adult available on the door and kids go free. Come along to enjoy some food and drinks while you pick up a bargain!

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<b>17/05</b>	<b>Summer Disco</b>
<b>08/06</b>	<b>Car Boot Sale</b>
<b>14/06</b>	<b>Father's Day Secret Shop</b>
<b>20/06</b>	<b>Bingo Night</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b>

# Governor News

## Governor Strategic Day

Towards the end of last term we held our annual Strategy Day which involved Governors and Senior Leaders (the Heads and Deputy Heads) carrying out Learning Walks into the classrooms, to see how the school is implementing strategies to achieve current aims. These aims are set by the Senior Leadership Team in conjunction with Governors and an advisor from Hertfordshire County Council. Current aims include looking at the learning environment and ensuring it is used effectively to enhance education, as well as a close focus on writing skills across the school. We saw clear strategies in place and spoke to a number of pupils, to ensure they understood what was expected of them in their lessons and why. It was striking how engaged the pupils were in their learning and how keen they were to share their new knowledge with us. The school is well on-track to achieve the set aims and embed relevant strategies across the school and curriculum. **Sarah Ginsberg (Chair of Governors)**

## Class Blogs

Class Blogs are updated each week and give a flavour of the things that have been happening across the school. Please take a look when you can! It can give you a valuable insight into work across the school as well as offer a good talking point if you would like to find out more about your child's learning each week.

<https://newberries.herts.sch.uk/classes/>

## Pot of Gold Postcards

Congratulations to those children who have received a 'Pot of Gold' postcard home this week. If your child would like to have their postcard presented to them in Celebration Assembly then please send it back into school so that we can all congratulate them on their achievement!

## 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!  
**This Week**



Reception	Leo		
Y1	Thomas	Y2	Finlay
Y3	Dan	Y4	Gabriel
Y5	Callie	Y6	Abigail