



Value of the Month
RESPECT

Newsberries

13.09.19

Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

New Playground Equipment

It is with great excitement that we can announce that the construction of our new play equipment for the Infant and Junior playgrounds will begin next week.

We look forward to sharing the progress of these works with you and are excited about the climbing unit that has been chosen for the Juniors and 'Newberries Castle' for the infants.

A huge thank you to the PTA and all who support them for their astonishing contribution of £20,000 which has been raised to support this longer term project, alongside the regular donations they make to the school.



The children are looking forward to this work beginning, as are we! Please may we remind parents to be extra vigilant with their children both before and after the school day, as contractors may still be at work during these times. The work is expected to take around three weeks.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon
(Headteachers)

PSCHE and Values

(Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education)

This week all classes have been introduced to our new scheme of work for PSCHE which is designed as a whole school approach. Our staff are looking forward to sharing the exciting, progressive lessons with the children, which should help them to really know and value who they are and be able to relate to others in this ever-changing world. The programme also includes regular sessions on Mindfulness.

After much consultation with the staff, parents and children we are pleased to introduce our set of school values for this term. We will introduce a new value each month through assemblies and lessons. Watch this space for more information on both Jigsaw and Values!

The value this month is 'Respect'. This will be displayed on the front page of Newberries.

Mrs Culverhouse (PSHE Subject Leader)

Pupil Well-being

The school's role in keeping your child both physically and emotional safe in school is paramount to us.

We work hard to promote positive interactions between pupils and support them in their developing social and emotional skills. There are strategies in place to support children who need to talk to someone during the day. Please ensure that you regularly encourage your child to talk to an adult in school if anything is worrying them during the day, so that we can support them as quickly as possible.

Throughout the school, we carried out a Protective Behaviours activity with pupils where they are encouraged to draw around their hand and write on each digit who they would turn to in school if they ever needed help or support. This can be a useful activity to carry out with your child at home from time to time to help them acknowledge the support systems they have around them.

Home Learning

Your child will have started bringing a reading book home already this term. Home Learning will be sent home today.

Letters / Emails Home

No letters sent this week

PTA

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a lovely summer holiday. A warm welcome to the new Reception children and families. We have a full PTA Committee and are looking forward to the year ahead with lots of exciting PTA events planned for everyone to enjoy. Please put the dates below in your diary and watch this space for more details!

Diary dates

16/10	Comedy Night
18/10	Spooky Disco
15/11	Non-uniform Day
30/11	Winter Fair

Frozen Friday

Weather permitting, Frozen Fridays will be back again for the next few weeks!

Clothes bank

Had a clear out over the holidays? The new clothes recycling bank is now in place in the school car park. All money from the clothes bank goes to the PTA, so please do use it whenever you can. The bank takes clothes, shoes, bags and textiles. All contents are to be bagged, with shoes to be bagged separately to clothes and shoes with laces to be tied together in pairs. No duvets or pillows please.

Diary Dates

16/9	Play equipment being installed	
16/10	Comedy night (PTA)	PTA
18/10	Spooky disco (PTA)	PTA
25/10	Inset day	
28/10-1/11	Half term	

Meet the Teacher

We invite all parents and carers to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions. These sessions give parents and carers an opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher and gain general information about their child's new year group. All Meet the Teacher sessions will be held in classrooms (with the exception of Reception which will be held in the school hall). Please enter the school via the School Office.

Date	Class	Time
17/09/19	Year 4	9.00am
19/09/19	Year 5	9.00am
20/09/19	Year 6	9.00am
24/09/19	Year 1	9.00am
25/09/19	Reception	9.00am
26/09/19	Year 2	9.00am
27/09/19	Year 3	9.00am

Term Dates

Academic Year 2019/20

Dates	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Start /End	Monday 2 nd September 2019 to Friday 20 th December 2019 <u>school finishes at 1.30pm</u>	Monday 6 th January 2020 to Friday 3 rd April 2020 <u>school finishes at 1.30pm</u>	Monday 20 th April 2020 to Tuesday 21 st July 2020 <u>school finishes at 1.30pm</u>
Children Back to School	Wednesday 4th Sept	Tuesday 7th January	Monday 20th April
School Holidays Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2019 to Friday 1 st November 2019	Monday 17 th February 2020 to Friday 21 st February 2020	Monday 25 th May 2020 to Friday 29 th May 2020
Children Back to School	Monday 4th November 2019	Monday 24th February 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
School Holidays End of Term Break	Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January 2020	Monday 6 th April 2020 to Friday 17 th April 2020	Wednesday 22 nd July 2020 to Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
INSET Days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020	Thursday 7 th May 2020 (Polling Day)
Occasional Days	Friday 6 th December 2019		

School Governors

Please find below the team of Governors at Newberries Primary School.

Sarah Ginsberg	Chair of Governors, Safeguarding link governor
Lewis Myers	Vice Chair of Governors Personnel and Curriculum Committees, SEN link governor and Health and Safety link governor
Lucy Selby	Chair of Personnel Committee, PTA link governor and head of governor training and development
Martin Shields	Finance and Curriculum Committees
Neil Caplan	Chair of Curriculum Committee and DPO
Richard Finer	Finance Committee and grants applications
Beverley Grant	Chair of Resources Committee
Rachel Wright	Curriculum Committee

Our role is:

- **Giving the school a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction**
- **Holding the Headteachers to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils**
- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

This involves close working with the Headteachers and Senior Leaders to set the vision of the school, whilst upholding the school's values and ethos. In order to ensure that we are working towards our aims, we work closely with Leaders to monitor both overall pupil performance as well as the school's budget.

We like to work closely with parents and staff to ensure Newberries continues to be a warm, inclusive, safe, supportive and ambitious environment for all pupils and staff. Part of this is by raising the profile of Governors to ensure we are known within our school community. We welcome communication from all parents and staff. If you have any questions or comments for us, please contact the school office or email directly to: gb@newberries.herts.sch.uk

Sarah Ginsberg (Chair of Governors)

Extra-Curricular Activities 2019/20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 07:45 – 08:45	Breakfast Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 07:45 – 08:45	Breakfast Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 07:45 – 08:45	Breakfast Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 07:45 – 08:45	Fencing (Y3 – 6) specialistsports@live.co.uk 15:30 – 16:30
Violin Lessons (Y2 and above)	Guitar Lessons (Y4 and above)	Cricket (Y3 – 6) Summer term only info@excelsport.co.uk 15:30 – 16:30	Piano Lessons (Y2 and above)	
Yoga (Y1, 2 & 3) careyoga@mail.com 15:30 – 16:30	Netball (Y3 – 6) netballclub@outlook.com 15:30 – 16:30	Karate doug.connell@shogunpracticalkarate.com 15:30 – 16:30	Dodgeball (Y2 – 6) info@excelsport.co.uk 15:30 – 16:30	
	Football info@excelsport.co.uk 15:30 – 16:30			
After School Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 15:00 – 18:00	After School Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 15:00 – 18:00	After School Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 15:00 – 18:00	After School Club (Topkidz) dupebalogun@aol.co.uk 15:00 – 18:00	

Please find above an email link to the clubs that are available.
 If you are interested in music lessons, please contact the School Office.

If your child is unable to attend a club you have signed up for, please make sure you inform the club organiser

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/>