



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We started the week with Year Five's day trip to Hazard Alley. Hazard Alley gives the children an opportunity to respond to a variety of situations, including emergencies, in a safe and controlled environment. The class gained a range of valuable life lessons and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to those parents who have completed our Parents Questionnaires. We value your feedback and have enjoyed reading the many positive comments and suggestions. Once we have collated the information we will share the outcomes with you.

We would also like to thank the parents who have contributed to our Values survey. We have had a number of parents share their views on this, which will help us to plan out our Values Education approach. We will keep you informed once themes have been planned out so that you are able to reinforce these with your children at home. The aim of the Values Education approach is to further strengthen personal development and pupil's social skills. Kindness and happiness have come out as the favourites so we plan to begin with one of these!

We had a very valuable local network meeting this week with St John's Infants; Fairfield Juniors and Shenley Primary. We meet once a term so that all staff have a chance to share best practice. This term we focused on the work teachers are doing as Subject Leaders.

This week we have been celebrating Science Week with the focus on 'Journeys'. Each year group have been investigating different types of journeys; from electrical to physical. Thank you to Mr Mellor for organising this, he has also planned an enrichment activity for the end of the Spring Term where each class will take part in a workshop focusing on journeys.

Today we supported the good work of Comic Relief by marking Red Nose Day. It was lovely to see the children in something other than red and grey! The non-school uniform day raised over £150. The children also spent time in assembly and class finding out more about the work of Comic Relief both abroad and in the UK. The highlight of today's assembly was all the children singing and signing the Comic Relief 2019 song!

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

For Your Information

Milk Orders

Milk Orders need to be returned and paid for by **Friday 22nd March**. If we do not receive your orders by this date, we will not be able to provide your child with milk in the Summer Term.

Easter Production

The Year Three and Four play will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd April and the evening of Wednesday 3rd April. A letter with further details about ordering tickets will be sent to parents on Monday. The choir will perform on a separate occasion.

Diary Dates

22/3	PTA Mother's day sale	All
29/3	PTA Easter cake bake	All
2/4	Y3 and Y4 Play (afternoon)	
3/4	Y3 and Y4 Play (evening)	
4/4	Science Workshop (PTA)	All
5/4	End of term	
23/4	Back to school for the start of the Summer Term.	

Please note: Tuesday 23rd April is St Johns School Inset day and there will be no Topkidz afterschool club on that day.

PTA

Mother's Day Secret Shop

We will be holding the Mother's Day Secret Shop on Friday 22nd March during the school day. All gifts are just £3 each. Please send children into school with exact money for the amount of gifts they would like to purchase. This event is extremely popular with the children who take great care with choosing their gifts.

Gift List

A huge thank you to everyone who has already purchased from our [PTA Gift List](#), which we have put together by working closely with the Newberries staff.

If you haven't had a look at it already, please click on the link below and see what's available.

As well as purchasing items from the list, there is also an option to make a one off donation or standing order to the school.

<https://newberriespta.org.uk>

Letters / Emails Home

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	Mayan		
Y1	Rosie	Y2	Oliver
Y3	Jake	Y4	Leo C
Y5	Isaac	Y6	Mipo