



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

This week all classes have been taking part in extra PSCE (Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education) lessons to raise awareness for Anti- Bullying week. The theme this year is 'Respect'. The children took part in an assembly and we all came to school wearing our odd socks on Tuesday. We have learnt a new song about respecting others and celebrating being unique. There will be a whole school workshop (funded by the PTA) taking place on 27th November where the children will explore these themes further. A big thank you to Mrs Culverhouse for organising Anti- Bullying week!



Thank you to all the parents who attended parent consultations this week. We enjoyed sharing with you how the children have settled into their year groups and the progress they have made. Thanks also to the children for working so hard and your positive feedback.

We have been working hard over the last year on developing the quality of communication we have with parents. Some of the biggest changes we have made are to both Newsberries and our school website. We would be keen to gain your views on these changes and the on other ways in which we communicate with parents. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey below to inform our work further.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BW753TM>

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Attendance

Diary Dates

Attendance

As a school we are expected to have an attendance figure of at least 96%. Last year our attendance figure for the whole school improved from 95% to 96%. We have continued to work closely with our Attendance Improvement Officer to improve attendance across the school.

This year we will continue to monitor pupils attendance on a half termly basis. If your child's attendance now falls below 95% we will be writing to you to make you aware of this. Please remember that a days 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 and/or religious observance. 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.

Letters have been sent out this week to parents whose child's attendance is below 95%. A leaflet was sent to all parents to explain our policy on attendance.

19/11	Girls Football Match	Y5/Y6
27/11	Anti-Bullying Workshop (PTA)	All
30/11	Y6 - Class Assembly	Y6
02/12	PTA Winter Fair	All
03/12	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	YR-Y5
03/12	Scholastic Book Fayre	
05/12	RE Enrichment Day (PTA)	All
11/12	Infant Play - 1:45pm	
12/12	Infant Play - 7pm	
13/12	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party	Y3/4
14/12	Christmas Jumper Day	All
14/12	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party	Y5/6
18/12	Infant Christmas Party	YR,1,2
19/12	Carol Service - Christchurch	All
20/12	Children's Christmas Dinner	All

Year Three's Class Assembly has been postponed for this term and rescheduled for Friday 15th February, 2019.

Children in Need

Thank you to all children for supporting Children in Need by coming to school with wacky hair – you looked fantastic! The children enjoyed participating in variety of activities. Thank you for your donations.

Choir

This term we are trialling a lunchtime club for Junior children who wish to participate in the choir. The children who choose to be part of this club will perform just before the infants perform their Christmas production. Children should let their class teachers know if they wish to join the choir.

Letters / Emails Home

All	Newberries Extra	Music Pupils	Music invoices
All	Attendance leaflets	All	Christmas Dinner

PTA

Non-uniform day – Friday 23rd November

Don't forget that non-uniform day is next Friday 23rd November. Please send your children into school on the day with a donation for the chocolate tombola for the Christmas Fair. Chocolate only please – no sweets.

Christmas Fair – Sunday 2nd December

Our fantastic Christmas Fair will soon be here! Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work in preparing all the stalls and activities. We hope you're having fun with your children getting the jars ready for our jam jar dip. As a reminder, please wrap an empty jar (any size is fine but the bigger the better) in Christmas paper and fill it with small gifts such as stationery, homemade crafts or Christmas treats. Please send the filled jars into school during the week of 26 November.

Newberries Tea Towels

Our 'Newberries Tea Towels' are flying out of the door! Priced at £5 each these make a great keepsake or an ideal gift. They are selling fast, so please use the attached form to order yours soon to make sure you don't miss out! Thank you to Julie Caplan of the PTA for all her hard work on these, including delivering them in their lovely festive wrapping.

PTA Diary Dates

Friday 23 November	Non-uniform Day
Sunday 2 December (12-3pm)	Christmas Fair

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!



Reception	Rut		
Y1	Mia	Y2	Alanys
Y3	Marcus	Y4	Jamie Z
Y5	Abigail	Y6	Sam G