



# Newsberries

19.07.19

## Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Celebration Afternoon. It is always so exciting for the children to share what they have been doing in school. We have seen some very positive end of key stage results this year which can be seen reflected in the work, books and classrooms. Once again we are very proud of our pupil's hard work.

Last week, many of our Year 6 pupils spent some time at their new schools, we have enjoyed hearing their excitement about their new beginnings and although do not relish the goodbyes that leavers assembly will bring next week, know that they are all ready for the next stage of their education. We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents at the assembly next Tuesday morning. This week children from the rest of the school have had a session with their new teacher to help to get to know them a little before the holidays.

Today we found out a little more about Year 4's adventures at Bushcraft through their assembly. The children clearly had an amazing time and involved themselves thoroughly in a wide range of outdoor learning activities. One of the assembly's highlights was 'The Bushcraft Song' – written by Oli and performed beautifully by the whole class! Well done Year 4!

As we approach the final days of term we would like to thank all parents and carers for their support over the past academic year. All staff at Newberries Primary School work hard to ensure the best learning experiences for your children and we are passionate about the work that we do in our school. The support we have from you certainly helps us in our drive to achieve the best outcomes possible. We would also like to thank you for the thoughtful gifts, cards and kind words staff have started to receive as we write our last Newsberries of this academic year.

Finally, we say some end of term goodbyes. Mrs Whitaker-Shaw (née Ms Davis), who has been working in Year 2, leaves us at the end of term. We also say goodbye to Mr Irwin who has been working as a Teaching Assistant and also in the School Office. Both are moving on to exciting new opportunities. We wish them the very best and thank them both for the very positive contributions they have made at Newberries in the short time they have been here.

Just a reminder that term finishes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm. We look forward to seeing pupils back to school on Wednesday 4th September! We wish you all an exciting summer break.

**Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon**

## French Enrichment

The week started with great excitement as Mrs Culverhouse and Mrs Allen set up a Café for our French enrichment day. It was a great success. Everyone enjoyed practising their French and displaying the art work they made last week. Key Stage One sang songs in French to Key Stage Two, while children enjoyed their snacks from the café.



## Newberries Reading Competition

Over the summer holiday we would like you to take part in a fun and exciting competition. You will need to find a perfect place in which you can read your favourite book and then ask an adult to take a picture of you as you read. Some examples include sitting in a tree, reading in front of a famous landmark or perhaps floating in a pool?! The more creative the better!

Photographs will be used in a whole school display and there will be a prize for the most creative entry! Please bring in ONE photo with your full name and year group by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September if you would like to take part.

Best of LUCK!

**Mrs Baxter (Acting English Lead)**

## Eco Challenge

In September we are planning to create a whole school art piece promoting eco-friendliness and recycling. Please collect and bring in plastic bottle lids at the beginning of the year.

**Mr Mellor (Science Lead)**

## Diary Dates

<b>23/07</b>	Leavers Assembly – 9am (Year 6 Parents)	Y6
<b>23/07</b>	End of Term – 1.30pm	
<b>04/09</b>	Children Back to School!	

Pupils will bring home their books next week.  
Please send your child in with a carrier bag to help with this!

## Extra-Curricular Activities 2019/20

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

Please find above an email link to the clubs that are available.  
 We have also attached flyers for some of the clubs that we offer.  
 If you are interested in music lessons, please contact the School Office.

## Term Dates

### Academic Year 2019/20

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

# Letters / Emails Home

No letters sent this week

## PTA

### Goodbye to our PTA Chair

Our wonderful PTA chair, Nicole Parkinson, will shortly be stepping down after three fantastic years. Please see the attached "goodbye" message from Nicole. A huge thank you from your PTA committee for all you have done!

On that note, take a look at our fantastic end of term video to see what we've achieved this year at Newberries with everyone's support:

[End of Year Video 2019-20](#)

Thanks for putting together another great video, Leyla Preston

### Frozen Fridays

Remember "Frozen Friday" will be back again on Tuesday as it's the last day of term! Have a brilliant summer and see you in September!

## 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	Cole		
Y1	Maxwell	Y2	Colby
Y3	Ruby	Y4	Oli
Y5	Thomas	Y6	Nathan

