



# Newsberries

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## Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Our congratulations go to Mrs O'Sullivan and her family who have welcomed a baby boy this week. We look forward to meeting him and finding out his name in due course!

Well done to Year Four who won the local 'Rapid Fire' cricket tournament this week. They will be going on to represent the school at district level on Tuesday.

A big thank you once again, to the PTA who have produced a new 'PTA Gift List' for the school. Staff at Newberries work really hard to ensure that we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for your child, however the financial support we gain through the PTA is crucial to the school. Please take a moment to look at the Gift List.

<https://newberriespta.org.uk>

### Parent Questionnaire

We think it is important to receive feedback on the things we are doing well and also gain an insight into areas where we could improve further.

During Parent Consultations next week, a parent questionnaire will be available for you to complete. Please pick up the questionnaire from the main entrance and return it to the collection box as you leave.

We thank you in advance for your time. Your views are extremely useful to us. If you have more than one child and your answers would differ depending on the individual, please feel free to complete additional questionnaires.

**Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon**

## Values Education

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As part of our work on curriculum design at Newberries Primary School, we are giving much attention to the development of values.

### **What are values?**

Values are the principles, beliefs and standards that guide our feelings, thinking and behaviour. These values underpin the school curriculum, informing our sense of ourselves, our relationships and our society.

### **Why are we using values?**

Our own set of values reflects and shapes our personal view of the world and how we interact with one another. By thinking about and discussing values we are helping our children to both develop their own views and opinions and respect those of others.

We want to continue to develop our happy and successful school. We believe that positive values should underpin our curriculum and all of school life.

**We would appreciate your help and opinions in deciding which are the most important values for us as a school. We would be grateful if you could follow the link and select ten values from the list (shown when you access the link and below) that are important to you.**

courage	happiness	kindness	responsibility
co-operation	helpfulness	perseverance	self-respect
compassion	honesty	politeness	teamwork
determination	independence	resilience	tolerance
equality	justice	respect	trust

We will analyse all your responses (together with responses collected from the children and staff) to find out which values people most agree on.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XBMTB7F>

**Mrs Culverhouse and Mrs Baxter**

## **World Book Day**

World Book Day is taking place on **Thursday 7th March**. To celebrate this event in school we would like the children to come in on this day dressed as their favourite book character. This could be a character from a comic book, a novel or a picture book. Please feel free to 'think outside the box!'

Please remember that the children will continue to be outside at playtimes and lunchtime so will need appropriate footwear and a coat. Reception children will be using their outside areas so please ensure that costumes are appropriate for outdoor learning.

The children will have a special assembly together in the morning with author Sue Hamilton who will be carrying out workshops (funded by the PTA) with each class throughout the day and selling her books in the dining room after school.

If you have any questions regarding costumes for World Book Day, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

## PTA

### \*\*\*\*GIFT LIST LAUNCH\*\*\*\*

After working with all the teachers, we are thrilled to launch our brand new PTA gift list!

Please, click on the link below, have a read of what the list is about and then, if you can, see what item you may like to fund the purchase of (large or small). There is also an option to make a one off donation or standing order to the school.

<https://newberriespta.org.uk>

**Newberries PTA**

## Diary Dates

5/3	Parent consultations	
7/3	World book day	
7/3	Parent consultations	
7/3	NO DODGEBALL	
8/3	Class 2 Assembly	
15/3	Red Nose Day	
11/3	Y5 school visit to Hazard Alley	
22/3	PTA Mother's day sale	
29/3	PTA Easter cake bake	
2/4	Y3 and Y4 choir and play	
5/4	End of term	
23/4	Back to school for the start of the Summer Term.	

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

## Letters / Emails Home

All	E-safety	YR6	Cycle Training YR6
		YR3	Swimming Letter

## 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	Deeyan Vyas		
Y1	Liberty Hill	Y2	Adriana
Y3	Sophie Finer	Y4	Isla Blatch
Y5	Joshua Phillips	Y6	Kiran Fabiyi