



# Newsberries

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## Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon



This week Year 6 took part in the second round of the Regional Hockey Tournament. They won and are now going forward to represent Watford and Hertsmere in the County Finals, which will be held in the Summer Term. Well done to all the children in the team!

Congratulations also to our Boy's Football Team who won 1-0 against Little Reddings School on Thursday after school!

We have spent some time this week meeting with outdoor play equipment contractors. We are keen to develop a longer term plan to improve the play equipment in several areas of our outdoor space. The plan is to enrich the opportunities for pupils' physical and imaginative play whilst outside. Once these plans have been formulated, taking into consideration the views of pupils, we will put them on display for parents to see. Alongside the regular donations the PTA make to the school to support enrichment activities and buy additional resources, we are keen to have a larger long term project to fund raise towards. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you in due course.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed our latest survey. Here is a reminder in case you have not yet had a chance to do so!

### Communications Survey

*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**

## For Your Information...

### School Photographs

Please ensure that any orders for photographs are in school by **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** as these will be collected the following day. If you miss the deadline you will still be able to order online.

### Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

Rotary Shoeboxes were sent out to parents. If you would like to complete one of these as a family please make sure that they are returned to school by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** so that they can be collected. We will not be able to accept any Shoeboxes after this date.

### Topkidz Breakfast Club (Reminder)

As there will be a Carol Service on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at Christchurch, Topkidz Breakfast Club will be closed.

## Diary Dates

27/11	Anti-Bullying Workshop (PTA Funded)	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

## Letters / Emails Home

<b>All</b>	Photograph Proofs	<b>All</b>	Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal
<b>All</b>	Raffle Tickets (PTA)	<b>All</b>	Xmas Fair Brochure (PTA)

## PTA

### Christmas Fair – Sunday 2 December

Only one week to go until our exciting Christmas Fair, which takes place at school next Sunday 2nd December from 12-3pm!



### Raffle tickets

We have some fantastic prizes to win in our Christmas Fair raffle – Amazon vouchers, personal training, beauty treats and more! For a full list of prizes, see our lovely fair brochure which went home with children today. Raffle ticket books were also sent home this week. Please return completed ticket stubs with cash or cheque (payable to Newberries PTA) only, along with any unused tickets, to the white PTA post box outside the school office.

### Jam Jar Dip

Next week, please remember to send in your filled and wrapped jam jars for our jam jar dip stall at the fair. Please wrap an empty jar (any size is fine) in Christmas paper and fill it with small gifts such as stationery, homemade crafts or Christmas treats.

### Newberries Tea Towels

Don't miss out on snapping up one of our 'Newberries Tea Towels'! 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!

### P.S.

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for the chocolate tombola stall at the fair.

# 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/>

## 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	Emilie		
Y1	Maxwell	Y2	Colbie
Y3	Saul	Y4	Skye
Y5	Isabella	Y6	Kobi