



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Thank you to all those children who have walked to school this week. What a beautiful week for us to support this initiative. Even parking a little further away so that you can enjoy walking for some of the journey to school makes a difference.



Year 2 had a fabulous day in the sunshine at Mountfitchet Castle on Tuesday. The children experienced lots of hands on activities but the favourite one was firing a water balloon from the catapult in order to get the adults wet! Needless to say we were all too quick for them!

Year 2 have also completed their SATs this week. These statutory assessments are given to pupils to assist the class teacher in making their teacher assessment judgements at the end of this term. Well done to Year Two pupils who have worked hard this week.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Almond at the end of this term. Mr Almond has taught with us at Newberries for ten years and will be missed by us all. We would like to thank him for all the work he has done to advance both the PE and the Computing curriculum, as well as his work on the school's website. We wish him every success in his new job as he is relocating to another county.

We have appointed Miss Scantlebury who we are delighted to have join our teaching team. Allocations of class teachers for the next academic year will be announced towards the end of the summer term.

The new phone system was installed this week. Parents will notice that when they now ring the school they will reach a switchboard with a number of options. These include being offered the opportunity to talk directly to the School Office or leave a message to report your child's absence. For now, the 'important messages' option will give details of the current term dates and any urgent school closure information, for example as a result of bad weather. We hope this supports parents further when communicating with the school.

We wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 4th June**, ready for the final half term of this academic year!

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

For Your Information...

Governor News

The Governing Body met this week to ratify the school's budget. As you are aware funding remains increasingly tight. As a school in an area of low deprivation our income is significantly lower than that of other similar sized schools. However, through general cost saving; ongoing generous donations from our amazing PTA (supported by our parents) and a substantial increase in income generated through the use of the school buildings for hirings; we have once again been able to set a tight but positive budget.

Diary Dates

04/06	Children return to school	All
05/06	Year 1 Class Trip	Y1
05/06	Kwik Cricket @ Queens	Y6
05/06	Tri-Golf @ Queens	Y3
06-07/06	Hula Hoop Workshop	All
08/06	School Disco	All
11/06	Phonics Screening week Begins	Y1
15/06	Reception Class Assembly	YR
15/06	PTA Father's Day Shop – 1-3pm	All
20/06	Reception Class Trip	YR
21-22/06	Bushcraft Trip	Y4
22/06	Year 1 Class Assembly	Y1

Please also refer to the Key and Term Dates

PTA

Summer Disco: Tickets are now available for the Summer Disco on Friday 8th June.

Summer Fair: There is a competition to design the cover of the Summer Fair brochure.

Comedy Night: Thanks to everyone who supported this event. We hope you enjoyed the evening.

See the attachment for further details on all of these events.

Would you like to buy a gift or make a financial contribution to the school? Take a look at the PTA's Fundraising page!!

www.newberriespta.org.uk

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!



Rec	Grayson		
Y1	Bertie	Y2	Jake
Y3	Lily	Y4	Mia
Y5	Sam	Y6	Robert