



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Christmas Fair on Sunday. It was a huge success as ever. We would like to thank the PTA once again for their ongoing efforts to arrange such successful events and to all the parents who support them! Take a look at the PTA section this week to find out more!

Our thanks to Mrs Silverstone for organising an enrichment day this week to support World Faith Day. We had a brilliant day of workshops run by members of the community from Bhakivedanta Manor. Thank you once again to the PTA who funded this event.

Next week we begin our many events to mark Christmas. We will be holding our Infants Christmas Play; Junior Parties and finally Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. On Friday 14th children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or an item of festive clothing if they would like to. The collection at the performances this term will be in support of 'Save the Children' – The Christmas Jumper Day Charity.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

For Your Information...

Christmas Play

Please return your forms to the school office if you require tickets for the Christmas Play. This takes place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December. We are now **sold out** for the afternoon performance on Tuesday; however tickets are still available for Wednesday evening.

Christmas Parties

Please see the 'Diary Dates' for the date of your child's Christmas Party. If your child would like to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon they are welcome. They do not need to bring anything else. A snack and a drink will be provided by the PTA. Thank you once again to the PTA for supporting this!

Diary Dates

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
07/01	INSET DAY (School Closed)	
08/01	Children Back to School	All
24/01	Phonics Workshop for Parents – 9.00am	YR / Y1

Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who supported our **Children in Need** Appeal. We raised £205.54!

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 19th December at Christ Church in Radlett. Full details of this event will be sent home today both electronically and on paper. Please make ensure you take the time to read the arrangements.

School Closure Arrangements

School Closure – Severe Weather

In case of severe weather it may be necessary to close the school. Most usually, this applies to snow. The school will close if:

- There are not enough staff members able to travel safely to school to supervise pupils
- The school site is not safe
- Parents and pupils are not able to travel safely to school

We will endeavour to open wherever possible, however the majority of our staff live a considerable distance from school and we need to take in weather conditions local to them. If we are able to open, we would always advise parents to assess the safety of their own journey. There may be times when we operate a partial or late opening / early closing approach. Parents will be kept fully informed of this.

In order to ensure that parents are well informed, we will make decisions regarding closure as early as is possible. Sometimes this may not be until the day of the closure as conditions may change, particularly overnight. We would advise parents to be prepared with alternative arrangements if weather conditions look like a closure may be necessary.

Everbridge Alert System

In order to keep you well informed, we advise parents to sign up to the **Everbridge System**. This is the system we must use to ensure that County is aware of school closures. By signing up to this parents will get automatic alerts of school closures via their registered email or mobile numbers. Alongside this system we will also aim to use our own communication systems (School Gateway which allows email and text messaging) so that every parent has the best chance to gain access to the information. Apologies if you hear from us more than once!

Parents/ Carers are encouraged to sign up to ensure that they receive the vital correspondence if there is an emergency or should the school have to close in the event of severe weather.

The following link will direct you to the 'Sign Up' page for **Everbridge System**, where you can follow the instructions on screen to 'login' or 'create an account'. Please follow the instructions from there:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx>

It should take no more than five minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change mobile numbers or an email address. Each contact within the system can have two devices added for each communication type if you wish to – this means that in

In addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately. If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at. Once signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of your child's school.

School Gateway will also be used to send messages in the event of any school closure. However, these notifications will not be as immediate as using the **Everbridge System** and we therefore strongly recommend that you register via the above link.

We will endeavour to keep the school website updated with information also: -

<http://newberries.herts.sch.uk/>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Letters / Emails Home

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PTA

Christmas Fair success!

Thank you so much to everyone who came along and generously supported our fabulous Christmas Fair last Sunday. We hope you all had lots of fun enjoying the wonderful stalls, tasty food and fun activities!

A huge thank you to all the staff, PTA, class reps, sponsors and everyone else who put so much time and effort into making the fair such a wonderful event.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised the incredible amount of £5,000!

This is a fantastic achievement and will go towards various initiatives supporting the children's learning.

Matched funding?

Matched charity funding – do you own a company or work for one that may offer matched funding for all or part of the funds we have raised at a PTA event? Please get in touch if so.

Secret room and tea towels sale

If your children missed out on choosing a present for a family member at our secret room shop at the fair, then make sure they come along to our secret room present sale next week! We will be selling the presents (£3 each) after school in the dining room on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 December. 'Newberries Tea Towels' will also be on sale then, if you haven't got yours yet (£5 each).

Children's Christmas parties

We will be using PTA funds to sponsor the food that the children will be enjoying at their Christmas parties coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Save the date – quiz night! Please put **Wednesday 13 February** in your diaries for our fun quiz night in the new year.



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	<i>Belle</i>		
Y1	Krish	Y2	Anisa
Y3	Lily S	Y4	Alice
Y5	Annie	Y6	Lucy