



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We hope you have all enjoyed the half term break and that many of you were able to make it to the PTAs Fireworks Display with Tabards Rugby Club last weekend. The event was an amazing success! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Parkinson and her team in achieving this vision of a wonderful community event which has raised significant funds for the school. Please look at the PTA News section below to find out the final amount raised!

This half term has started with class teachers building in outdoor learning experiences for their classes. The benefit of learning outdoors is well documented and something that we are passionate about encouraging as we continue to develop our curriculum. Children from all classes have spent sessions outdoors, supporting lessons like maths where they have explored symmetry; enjoyed art sessions and used the space to create historical timelines. Thank you to parents for providing the necessary clothing for them to take part in these activities. The children (and staff) have had a fabulous week.

Classes have also been working hard this week on an art project for Remembrance Sunday and carrying out a range of activities to support their understanding of this. As you are all aware this year marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War and we have spent time with all the children reflecting on this. Lessons have been tailored depending on the ages of the pupils with Year 6 focusing all of their learning this week around this theme. Across the school, classes have made mosaics; explored poetry and looked at historical resources. Please visit the class blogs this week to find out more.

<https://newberries.herts.sch.uk/classes/>

At 11 o'clock this morning we gathered outside and set up our very own memorial in honour of this significant anniversary. The seventeen crosses decorated with poppies made by the children are intended to represent the estimated seventeen million lives lost during this war. We hope that you will get the chance to come and take a look at the children's work which can be viewed in the meadow area just outside the school office.

Finally, following some recent changes we have been trialling in our approach to Home Learning, we are keen to seek parental views. We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to respond to this in order to provide us with some feedback. The link below will take you to the questionnaire relating to Home Learning. Have a good weekend!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9LM2DM2>

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

| Attendance | Diary Dates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Attendance As a school we are expected to have an attendance figure of at least 96%. Last year our attendance figure for the whole school improved from 95% to 96%. We have continued to work closely with our Attendance Improvement Officer to improve attendance across the school.</p> <p>This year we will continue to monitor pupils attendance on a half termly basis. If your child's attendance now falls below 95% we will be writing to you to make you aware of this. Please remember that a days absence from school counts as two sessions (morning and afternoon). Obviously, we understand there are reasons for individual children to be absent and at this point in the year this could be influenced by seasonal illness and/or religious observance. However, in order to maintain and improve upon our good attendance we are keen to keep parents informed. We thank you for your on-going support with this.</p> <p>Letters will be sent out next week to parents whose child's attendance is below 95%. A leaflet will be sent to all parents to explain our policy on attendance.</p> | <table border="1"> <tr><td>12/11</td><td>Individual School Photos</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>13/11</td><td>Speed Stacking</td><td>Y4</td></tr> <tr><td>13/11</td><td>Parent Consultations</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>14/11</td><td>Class Trip – Lincolnsfield</td><td>Y6</td></tr> <tr><td>15/11</td><td>Parent Consultations</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>16/11</td><td>Children in Need</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>19/11</td><td>Girls Football Match</td><td>Y5/Y6</td></tr> <tr><td>23/11</td><td>Y3 – Class Assembly</td><td>Y3</td></tr> <tr><td>27/11</td><td>Anti-Bullying Workshop (PTA)</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>30/11</td><td>Y6 - Class Assembly</td><td>Y6</td></tr> <tr><td>02/12</td><td>PTA Winter Fair</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>03/12</td><td>Nasal Flu Vaccinations</td><td>YR-Y5</td></tr> <tr><td>03/12</td><td>Scholastic Book Fayre</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>05/12</td><td>RE Enrichment Day (PTA)</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>11/12</td><td>Infant Play - 1:45pm</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>12/12</td><td>Infant Play - 7pm</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>13/12</td><td>Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party</td><td>Y3/4</td></tr> <tr><td>14/12</td><td>Christmas Jumper Day</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>14/12</td><td>Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party</td><td>Y5/6</td></tr> <tr><td>18/12</td><td>Infant Christmas Party</td><td>YR,1,2</td></tr> <tr><td>19/12</td><td>Carol Service - Christchurch</td><td>All</td></tr> <tr><td>20/12</td><td>Children's Christmas Dinner</td><td>All</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Year Three's Class Assembly has been postponed for this term and rescheduled for Friday 15th February, 2019.</p> | | | 12/11 | Individual School Photos | All | 13/11 | Speed Stacking | Y4 | 13/11 | Parent Consultations | All | 14/11 | Class Trip – Lincolnsfield | Y6 | 15/11 | Parent Consultations | All | 16/11 | Children in Need | All | 19/11 | Girls Football Match | Y5/Y6 | 23/11 | Y3 – Class Assembly | Y3 | 27/11 | Anti-Bullying Workshop (PTA) | 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 |
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| 13/11 | Speed Stacking | Y4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13/11 | Parent Consultations | All | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14/11 | Class Trip – Lincolnsfield | Y6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15/11 | Parent Consultations | All | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16/11 | Children in Need | All | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19/11 | Girls Football Match | Y5/Y6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23/11 | Y3 – Class Assembly | Y3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27/11 | Anti-Bullying Workshop (PTA) | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Essential Information

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| <p>Children in Need During School Circle, the children voted on how they would like to raise money for 'Children in Need' this year. The most popular idea was to come to school in uniform, but with a wacky hairstyle! We look forward to seeing these on <u>Friday 16th November</u> – please send you child with a small donation for this worthwhile charity.</p> <p>Mrs O'Sullivan</p> | | | |
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Letters / Emails Home

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| All | Milk Letters | Y5 | Swimming Letters (Spring Term) |
| Y3 | Class Information Update | | |

PTA

Spectacular Fireworks Night!

Thank you to everyone who supported our very successful fireworks night with Tabard Rugby Club. It was wonderful to see more than 1800 people from across the community enjoying the evening while watching the fantastic fireworks! A huge thank you to our chair, Nicole Parkinson, for all her hard work in arranging the event with excellent support from Tabard and help from the PTA.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised the incredible amount of **£4,065** for the PTA!

The fireworks will be back next year – even bigger and better than before!

Non-uniform day – Friday 23 November

Non-uniform day is on Friday 23 November. Please send your children into school with a donation for the chocolate tombola for the Christmas Fair. Chocolate only please – no sweets.

Lotto Winners

Congratulations to October's lucky lotto winners! The £20 first prize was won by Mog Hepworth, second prize by Sharon Jenman and third prize by Natalie Schneider. It's not too late to join the lotto - please see the attached form for details.

Newberries Tea Towels

Tea towels are back by popular demand! Our lovely children have been busy creating the 'Newberries Tea Towel'. Priced at £5 each these will make a great keepsake or an ideal festive gift. Order forms have been sent home with children this week and a copy is attached. We have a limited number available so order yours soon to make sure you don't miss out!

Christmas Fair – jam jars needed

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching on Sunday 2 December from 12 – 3pm and Santa's PTA elves are busy preparing lots of festive treats for you all to enjoy. We need your help with our surprise jam jar stall for the children. Please wrap an empty jar (any size is fine but the bigger the better) in Christmas paper and fill it with small gifts such as stationery, homemade crafts or Christmas treats. Please send the filled jars into school during the week of 26 November.

PTA Diary Dates

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| Friday 23 November | Non-uniform Day |
| Sunday 2 December (12-3pm) | Christmas Fair |

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!



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| Reception | Freddie | | |
| Y1 | Sophia | Y2 | Hannah |
| Y3 | Ben P | Y4 | Martha |
| Y5 | Jackson | Y6 | Sam E |