

The Value of the Month is Resilience



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together

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Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We were all so delighted to welcome the children back to school this week and have had all of the classrooms full of a positive learning noise filling our corridors again!



We also welcome some new staff members to our team. Our new Assistant Headteacher Mrs Morris-Bowman has been taking her time to get to know the children and we know has spoken to some parents at pick-up and drop-off also.

Miss Wells has enjoyed her week getting to know her Year 1 class. She is so impressed with the way they have settled into the routine of the classroom.

Mr Rafiq has joined us in a new role as Sports Apprentice. Mr Rafiq will be supporting during PE lessons throughout the school, as well as planning sports activities for the children to engage with at lunchtime.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon (Headteachers)

Drop-Off /Pick-Up Arrangements

Thank you for your patience this week as we have established our drop-off and pick-up procedures. We have appreciated the positive feedback we have received from parents as this system has become more efficient. We are aware that some parents need to wait to drop off siblings in different year groups and understand that this is not ideal. However, in line with all other schools, it is essential that we follow current guidance and operate a staggered drop off and collection. This system remains under review, however we are keen to avoid making constant changes.

Please do not arrive earlier than your allotted time, as you will not be able to enter the school site. We have had families arrive before the previous classes have been welcomed into school which has caused some confusion and delays.

It remains essential for families to remain socially distanced both in and outside of the school grounds. May we remind you to remain courteous to our neighbours and ensure children are not sitting on walls or playing in gardens.

After School Club @ Newberries

Following the late confirmation at the end of last term that previous after school club arrangements would not be able to continue in the same way this term, we have been working hard to consider all possible options. This has been a considerable piece of work alongside responding to the latest covid related guidance from the Government and adapting our school environment accordingly.

We are now at the position where we can confirm that we will be setting up our own provision to support parents with after school arrangements. We hope that we will be in a position to share more details with you next week. We appreciate that the impact current guidance has had on after school agreements has been an additional challenge for parents and are committed to helping support you with this.

Zones of Regulation

This week at school, we have introduced “THE ZONES OF REGULATION” (or Zones for short). We have started to learn to identify our emotions, the reaction our emotions have on our body and understand that all people have their own “toolbox” that they can use to react to their emotions positively. After all, as Charles Swindon once said, “Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.”

We have learnt that:



Our aim is that our school and classrooms are always a Green Zone. This means that we have children who are calm, feeling happy, are ready to learn and focussed. To help us, each classroom now has its own characters representing each colour and have chosen their own tools to put into their classroom box to use when they are feeling a certain way.

At home:

1. Ask your children about each colour and ask what they mean to our feelings and our bodies
2. Decide on an action, facial expression or hand sign to express each zone. (E.G. Red zone = folded/crossed arms and frown)
3. If you have access to it, why not watch “Inside Out” so that you can talk about the different emotions with your family
4. Talk about an activity that you could do at home when you, or someone that you know, could do when they feel like they are in each zone.

For example:

- Green Zone – give someone a compliment or do a job at home!
- Yellow Zone – do some yoga or play a puzzle!
- Blue Zone – colour your worries away and draw!
- Red Zone – squeeze your whole body as tight as you can, take a deep breath and count to 10!

Mrs H Morris-Bowman (Assistant Headteacher)

School Office Opening Times

Due to the current restrictions, the School Office is open to parents via telephone and email only. Sadly, we are unable to allow visitors onto our school grounds.

Remote Learning

Government guidelines explain that all schools must provide Remote Learning for children to complete at home, if they are well enough but unable to attend school due to self-isolating or quarantining.

If your child is self-isolating or quaretinting, please inform the school office so that we can arrange Remote Learning to be sent to you.

Please note that Remote Learning is different to weekly Home Learning. Weekly Home Learning will start in the next few weeks.

School e-Safety Week

To support the introduction of Remote Learning we will be having an e-Safety week in school next week to ensure that all children can use electronic devices safely and sensibly at home and in school.



We are promoting SMART with a Heart!

S - Safety - Keeping passwords and personal information to ourselves

M - Meet - Not meeting anyone that we do not know

A - Accepting - Thinking carefully before clicking onto something

R - Reliable - Making sure that we can trust what we see and read online

T - Tell - Being brave enough to tell an adult if you feel upset, worried or confused

♥ - To always be kind online

Term Dates

Academic Year 2020-21

Event	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Start/End	7th September 2020 - 18th December 2020	5th January 2021 to 26th March 2021	12th April 2021 to 21st July 2021
School Holidays Half Term	26th October 2020 to 30th October 2020	15th February 2021 to 19th February 2021	31st May 2021 to 4th June 2021
School Holiday End of Term Break	21st December 2020 to 1st January 2021	29th March 2021 to 9th April 2021	21st July 2021 to TBC September 2021
INSET Days	2nd, 3rd and 4th September 2020	4th January 2021	6th May 2021 (Polling Day)
Occasional Day			22nd July 2021

Further Diary Dates to follow

Emails Home

Y1 - 6	Reminder of safe Pick-up up and Drop-off procedures
All	Letter from the HCC Director of Public Health

Friends of Newberries

Welcome back!

Welcome back and welcome to the families new to school. We hope everyone had as good a summer as possible.

This year we continue to have a full FNS Committee, chaired by Julie Caplan. Many thanks to our outgoing Treasurer, Keren Lavi, for all of her hard work and thank you to Nina Mitchell for taking on this role.

Thank you for your support for the fundraising activities we were able to run during lockdown. We raised approximately £12,000 last school year. Given the ongoing circumstances, we are still not able to hold events at school. We are working on virtual ways that we can raise money for school.

Our first exciting event will be the “Newberries Primary School Walks/Runs/Cycles/Scoots from Land’s End to John ‘O’ Groats Challenge”. More details will follow very soon!