

The Value of the Month is Perseverance



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Thank you to the 'Friends of Newberries' for organising the event in school today. We hope the children enjoyed some outdoor fun, as well as a few special treats from our 'Friends', as a replacement for our Pumpkin Disco. The children really enjoyed themselves!

We are aware that the 'Friends of Newberries' are working hard to reinvent themselves in these challenging times. The money raised by them makes an enormous difference to the school, allowing us to organise and purchase many things that our school budget alone would not permit. We cannot thank them enough for their continued efforts to raise much needed funds for the school!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place over two weeks in November. Sessions will be booked in the same way as usual, using the online booking system we have been using for the last couple of years. This time, we will be trialling a different approach in order to navigate the restrictions imposed on us due to Covid-19. The booking confirmation email you receive will contain a simple link that will connect you to your child's class teacher via a video conferencing platform.

Appointments will be ten minutes long, with some additional time allocated for logging on. Please be aware that the system is set up to deliver time reminders to ensure that all parents get an equal amount of the teacher's time. Pupils who have additional needs and a Support Plan in place, will have a separate conversation arranged with the class teacher at a later point.

A letter will be coming home on **Monday** with full details of how to log onto the system and the times during which your child's class teacher will be available. Teachers are really looking forward to 'meeting' you all and getting the chance to talk to you about how your child has settled back at school.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon (Headteachers)

Covid 19

As you are more than aware we continue to review procedures and practices in line with changing guidance and government advice. We remain vigilant to this in order to keep our school community safe.

We would like to remind parents of some of our procedures around illness, published before the start of term, to ensure that we are all taking the necessary steps.

Sickness

It is absolutely essential that if your child or anyone in your household displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms, they must not come into school. Currently symptoms include: high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste or smell.

Reporting Sickness

In line with our Attendance Policy, we ask for parents to continue to inform the school regarding any absences by 9am each morning. Now, we also ask that you specify if your child, or a member of your household is isolating due to Covid-19 related symptoms.

Covid-19 Procedures

- Anyone showing symptoms of Covid-19 should isolate in line with current Government guidelines or as advised by 111.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Children and adults with symptoms should arrange to be tested and we ask that you notify us of results as soon as possible.
- If a child feels unwell or displays any symptoms during a school day, we will ask you to come to collect them **immediately** and therefore a trusted family member or friend must be available to do so.
- Staff will not be routinely wearing PPE in school but will do so when supporting any child who feels unwell and shows any COVID symptoms.
- If a member of our school community tests positive, the school will gain advice from Hertfordshire County Council Public Health and will follow the advice given. It is essential that the school refers to these advisory bodies and acts on the information provided. HCC Public Health will advise the

school whether it needs to take any additional precautions whilst ensuring confidentiality processes are adhered to.

Returning from Abroad

- With half term approaching we would like parents to be aware of the latest travel and quarantining advice.
- If you will be travelling abroad over the holidays, please ensure you adhere to government guidance as to whether you need to quarantine. Please see the link below for current guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Marathon Man

Mr Mellor (our Year 4 Teacher and PE Subject Leader) is currently in training for an Ultra Marathon. To support the 'Friends of Newberries' **Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge**, he is planning to run a half marathon (13.1 miles) on the school field during his PPA time next week. This also links with our value of the month which is perseverance.

Thank you to Mr Mellor for offering to demonstrate this value, at the same time as promoting physical activity for our children. We know the whole school will all enjoy keeping tabs on him during the morning and cheering him on!

If you would like to sponsor Mr Mellor for this session please let him know. All funds will go to the 'Friends of Newberries' to support the school.

Walk to School Week

This month, we have become part of an exciting nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. “WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge” is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. It is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day, and, if they travel sustainably (walk, park and stride, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

As part of this incentive, each class have been discussing the benefits of walking to school. So far, we have discovered the following:

- Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn
- Fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates
- Increasing our exercise enhances our mental health

What if you can't walk to school?

Don't worry! If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge.

Did you know?

The WOW badges are made using excess yoghurt-pot material previously destined for landfill and are produced in the UK, minimising our carbon footprint. The packaging Living Streets use is also 100% biodegradable.

At the end of the month, I look forward to sharing with you the 'Walk2Sch Class Of The Month' and give you fun facts about the badge that your child has earned!

Mrs Morris-Bowman (Assistant Headteacher)

Friends of Newberries

Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge

Want a chance of winning a prize?

Giant are offering a Silver Service worth £80 and a Silver Label Action Camera worth £45 to the adult and child who go the furthest distance in our Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge. Got to be in it to win it...

Fill in your entry form and send it to ptanewberries@gmail.com

WE HAVE 250 MILES LEFT TO GO.....

Second Hand Uniform

Please read the WhatsApp messages that have gone out regarding what second hand uniform is available if you need any.

Spooky Trick or Treat Trail

We hope the children had fun this afternoon. Thank you again to **Griggs** for sponsoring the event, **Nicky Symons** for writing the clues and **Dandy Candy** for supplying the sweets.

FNS Diary Dates

Nov/Dec	Design your own seasonal cards
Dec	Something seasonal for December

Diary Dates - Coming Up!

Diary Dates

Oct	Black History Month	All
22/10	Mr Mellor's half marathon for 'Friends of Newberries'!	
Week of 19/10	Parent Consultation booking opens	All
26/10	Half Term Begins	All
2/11	Return to school	All
9/11	Parent Consultations begin (over two weeks)	All
9/11	Individual Child Photographs	All
11/11	Remembrance Day	All
13/11	Children In Need	All
16/11	Flu vaccines	All
16/11	Anti Bullying Week	All
7 & 8/12	Remote Panto Workshop	All
11/12	Christmas Jumper Day	All
18/12	End of Autumn Term - Early finish*	All

**Staggered finishing times to follow*

Emails Home

All	Data collection sheets
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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 this week! 🌟

Reception

Archie

Year 1	Ayla	Year 2	Max
Year 3	Sylvie	Year 4	Hannah
Year 5	Dan	Year 6	Theo

After School @ Newberries

Do you need some additional childcare straight after school?

We are now running our own after school club!

The club runs in our hall straight after school until 5:30pm from Monday through to Thursday. This club is run by Mrs Allen, supported by Mr Rafiq and Miss Emmanuel.

We still have some places available. If you are interested, please contact

Mrs Woods on - admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk