

The Value of the Month is Perseverance



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

Thank you to all the parents who have joined us for our 'Virtual Parent Consultation' Meetings' this week. Feedback has been extremely positive. We are glad that you have found them as useful and enjoyable as the teachers. We thank you for helping us to facilitate parents' evening in a Covid-19 friendly way. It has been brilliant for teachers to be able to talk to parents 'face to face' (albeit through a screen) following the measures we have needed to adopt to keep our community safe.

Please remember that our usual 'open door' principles apply, even though we need to avoid interactions in person for now. If you have any questions or queries, please check sources like Newsberries or our school website first. If you are unable to find what you need or your query is more specific to your child, then please make contact via the school office and the person best suited to helping you will be informed. School staff will get back to you as soon as possible but we are having to prioritise requests at the moment. Teachers are keen to continue to work in partnership with parents during these challenging times.

This week the whole school has explored themes in support of anti-bullying week. More information of the activities that the pupils have taken part in can be found below as well as within their class page blogs.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon (Headteachers)

HANDS

FACE

SPACE

Support for Families

Please find below some links to websites and organisations which may be of use to you and your family. The school has a range of strategies in place to support any pupil who needs help at this time. Remember that as a school, our children are regularly encouraged to speak about their emotions and to facilitate these conversations we use Zones of Regulation. For more information on this, please visit our school website. <https://newberries.herts.sch.uk/parents/helping-your-child/> As always, we remain committed to supporting the families of our school community.

Winston's Wish

www.winstonswish.org

Free National Helpline - 08088 020 021

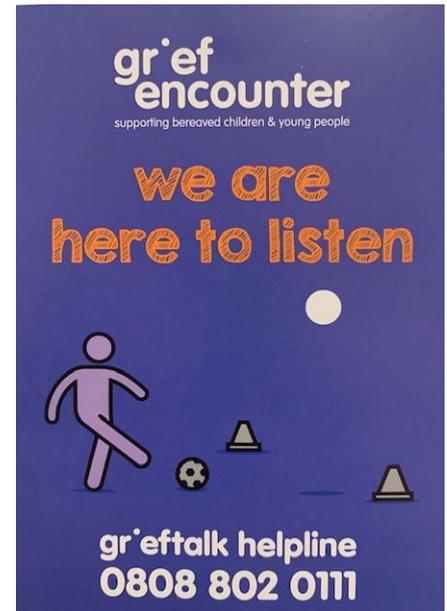
Child Bereavement Network

www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk

Grief Encounter

www.griefencounter.org.uk

Helpline - 0808 802 0111



Covid-19

Please remain alert for the symptoms of Covid-19.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

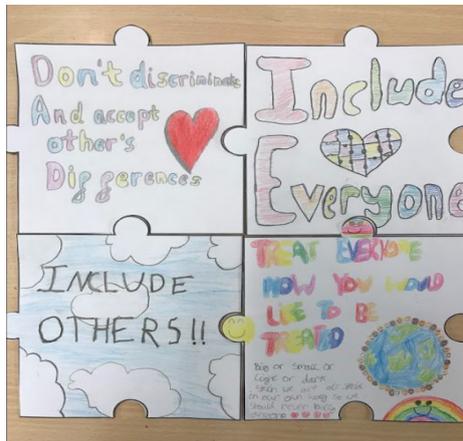
If anyone in your household is experiencing any of these symptoms you must not enter the school site and need to ensure that your entire household isolates at once. You will also be required to inform the school and update us of the outcome of any subsequent Covid tests, so that we can follow the relevant advice.

Class bubbles will close if we are advised to do so or if we do not have enough staff to keep the bubble open. We are working hard to avoid this. Please help us by continuing to keep us informed and follow the latest health guidance for you and your family.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week the children have been taking part in activities and discussions to support this year's Anti-Bullying week and Odd sock Day's themes, 'United Against Bullying'.

On Monday we were delighted to see so many children and staff come into school in their odd socks. We had a remote whole school assembly in our classroom bubbles where we were reminded of how unique and individual, we all are. We watched and listened to Andy and his Odd Socks' new song - Please listen with your child and sing/dance along to it: <https://andyandtheoddsocks.com/odd-socks-day/>



We also listened to the story, Have You Filled Your Bucket Today, Go online to watch this clip with your child: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE> and see if you can fill someone's bucket today! I think we can all learn how important it is to be a bucket filler and not a bucket dipper.

Today with Friendship Friday, the children took part in class discussions and fun games about what makes a good friend. They all made their own 'Good Friend' posters to display in their classrooms.

At Newberries School, we believe being 'United Against Bullying' and cherishing our friendships is more important than ever!

Good **friends** are like **stars**.
You don't always see them,
but you know they're always there.

GH

Mrs Culverhouse (PSHE Lead)

Google Classroom

Please ensure that all questions, queries or technical issues are directed to teachers via the school office. These can be shared by telephone or email admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk. The message service linked to Google Classroom is for teachers and pupils to communicate through during times when the platform is being used for Remote Learning. Parents should continue to use our established lines of communications as teachers will not be responding to parents through this channel at the moment.

We are excited about further developing our use of this technology throughout this term in school.

Nursery Rhyme Week

This week marks World Nursery Rhyme Week 2020, so Reception have been participating in lots of learning based around this year's Nursery rhymes; The Wheels on the Bus, Five Little Speckled Frogs, Hickory Dickory Dock, Old MacDonald had a Farm and Miss Polly had a Dolly.

Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development, they support children's language and communication, physical development and numeracy skills. They also develop children's knowledge and understanding of the world. Singing Nursery Rhymes helps children to develop auditory skills and memory skills. They also develop phonological awareness, introduce the idea of a narrative and are a stepping stone for learning to read and spell (World Nursery Rhyme Week, 2020).

Please see the Class Webpage

<https://newberries.herts.sch.uk/class-information/reception/> for further information.

Miss Reilly (Reception Class Teacher)

Diary Dates - Coming Up!

Diary Dates

7 & 8/12	Remote Panto Workshop	All
11/12	Christmas Jumper Day	All
18/12	End of Autumn Term - Early finish*	All
4/1/2021	Inset day	
5/1/2021	Children back to school - start of Spring Term	All

**Staggered finishing times to follow*

Emails Home

Specific Classes	Bereavement support and resources
All	Meal options
Focus Families	Nasal flu forms - non consent

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

Toby

Year 1	Lydia	Year 2	Tilly
Year 3	Evie G	Year 4	Tom
Year 5	Lucy	Year 6	Alice

After School @ Newberries - Extra Berries

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