

**The Value of the Month is Respect**



## **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**

On Monday, Class Teacher's uploaded class welcome slides and planning overviews to Google Classroom for parents to access. We hope that you found this useful and that the planning overviews will give you some information about what your child will be learning this term.

Our Meet the Teacher sessions outside the School Office began this week and provided an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher if they had not already done so. Thank you so much to those of you who took advantage of this. It was so good to see so many of you stop for a quick 'hello'. These will continue next week. We look forward to seeing you there. Please find attached to Newberries details of Parent Consultations, where you will have the opportunity to speak in more detail about your child.

This week, we have celebrated National Fitness Day. The children were issued a 'bingo card' of physical activities to take part in. Thank you to Mr Mellor for organising this. Congratulations also go to Mr Mellor and his family, who have welcomed a baby girl this week!

**Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon** (Headteachers)

## **School Uniform**

Thank you to parents for working so hard to ensure that pupils have returned to school looking so smart with the correct uniform.

For your information, our school uniform policy states that fleeces are for outdoor use only with jumpers being worn inside of the classroom. Due to keeping classrooms ventilated, an extra layer for your children is ideal. This can be a school fleece, but please do ensure that children are wearing jumpers as well as a fleece and not instead of.

## Parent Consultations

This year we have scheduled Parent Consultations for earlier than usual. We are more than aware that after such a turbulent eighteen months, parents are keen to find out how their children are settling back into school life once more. In line with our Risk Assessments, Parent Consultations Meetings are remaining virtual for this term.

Information regarding Parent Consultations and how you can book a time slot, has accompanied Newsberries today. If further support is needed, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Class	Day 1	Time	Day 2	Time
Reception	Tuesday 5th October	10am-12pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm
Year 1	Tuesday 5th October	1-3pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm
Year 2	Thursday 7th October	1-3pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm
Year 3	Tuesday 5th October	10am-12pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm
Year 4	Tuesday 5th October	1-3pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm
Year 5	Thursday 7th October	10am-12pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm
Year 6	Wednesday 6th October	10am-12pm	Wednesday 6th October	4-8pm

## Inclusion & Diversity

Autism spectrum disorder, or ASD, affects a person's social and emotional skills and nonverbal communication. ASD has many similarities to ADHD, but there are also differences between the two. Although having ASD or ADHD comes with challenges, it can also create a lot of strengths such as loyalty, creativity, hyper focus on interests, passion and more.

All aspects of parenting can be complex, which can be even more challenging when children have an additional need like ASD or ADHD. Caring for children is often emotionally and physically demanding and children with additional needs may also disrupt wider family life in terms of normal day-to-day activities like shopping or going out on trips or days out.

Please see this week's attachments for information about support available to all families.

Attachments include:

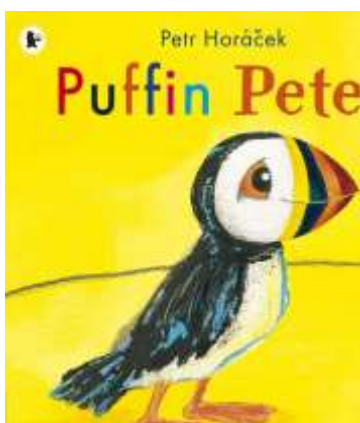
- Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops: Anxiety and stress (Parent workshop)
- Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops: Responding to anger (Parent workshop)
- Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops: The teenage years (Parent workshop)
- Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops: Staying safe online (Parent workshop)
- Autism, ADHD, Neurodiverse Conditions information and support from SPACE

**Mrs Morris-Bowman** (Assistant Headteacher)

## Year 1 Blog

This week in Year 1, for our new English topic, we started a book called 'Puffin Peter'. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story and making predictions about what will happen next. When writing about the story, we have focused on using our Phonics to help us to write sentences to describe the puffins and their friendship.

During our Maths lessons, we have been working on our mathematical fluency skills. We have had lots of fun playing maths games which have required us to use our knowledge of number bonds to twenty. We have also spent our afternoons working on our new Geography topic called 'Weather and Seasons'. We had lots of fun going on a field walk and recording what we found in our weather diaries! This generated lots of discussion surrounding the different seasons and the weather that we would expect in each season.



Miss Wells, Mrs Lythgoe, Mrs Wren and Miss Emmanuel (Year 1)

## Class Blogs

Please follow the link below to see all of our class blogs!

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

## Emails Sent Home This Week

<b>Google Classroom</b>	Welcome slide, Class Long Term Plans & Autumn Term Curriculum Leaflet	Y1 - 6
<b>TopKidz Holiday Club Information</b>	Information from TopKidz re Holiday club which is taking place at Newberries in half term	All
<b>Reminder re Winter Flu vaccinations form</b>	Forms need to be returned by Monday 26th Sept	All
<b>Parent Consultations</b>	Times and booking details	All

<b>SEND Support</b>	Support for families of pupils with additional needs	All
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## Diary Dates - Coming Up

### Key Dates

<b>27/09</b>	European Day of Languages	<b>All</b>
<b>30/09</b>	Meet Your Teacher - 8:45-9:05 outside the School Office	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b>
<b>Oct</b>	Black History Month	<b>All</b>
<b>W/b 4th Oct</b>	Parent Consultation Meetings	<b>YR</b>
<b>22nd Oct</b>	Spooky Event - in school (FoNS)	<b>All</b>
<b>25th-29th Oct</b>	October Half Term	<b>All</b>
<b>1st Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY (School Closed for pupils)</b>	<b>All</b>

## 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!

<b>Reception</b>	Ethan
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<b>Year 1</b>	Liberty	<b>Year 2</b>	Kimia
<b>Year 3</b>	Derrek	<b>Year 4</b>	Florence
<b>Year 5</b>	Hannah	<b>Year 6</b>	Harry S

# Covid-19

**This section will be in Newsberries each week as an easy access reminder to parents.  
If the information is updated we will indicate this.**

Although we are all more than aware that the virus has not gone away, restrictions have been lifted in society, this includes the guidance that has been in place for schools.

It remains important for you to stay vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19. If you or your child is displaying symptoms it is important that you do not enter the school site. If you think your child is symptomatic, it is important that you access a PCR test for them. If your child tests positive, they will be required to isolate from school.

**If you are not sure whether symptoms suggest that you/they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:**

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

**Do not send your child to school if:**

- They are showing one or more COVID symptoms - a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change in taste or smell.
- They have received a positive PCR test result.
- There are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are required to quarantine.

**If you or your child receive a positive test result, please ensure you inform the school via email as soon as is practicably possible.**

**Close Contacts**

- If your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid, it is recommended that they are taken for a PCR test themselves.
- Under current guidance, they do not need to isolate unless they are symptomatic or receive a positive test outcome.

If your child displays any symptoms whilst at school, you will be contacted to collect them immediately.

**The school will continue to take advice from Hertfordshire Public Health If cases rise within a specific class or the school community.**

The school will maintain regular hand washing routines, enhanced cleaning and well ventilated spaces. Classrooms may be cooler than usual over the autumn and winter months, so we recommend pupils always bring a jumper to school with them.