

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

As we approach the end of our third week in school we can see that both children and adults are settling well into our 'new normal'. The resilience of the children has been incredible and they are now keenly engaging in new work and topics. Assessments will continue to be ongoing with teachers adapting lessons to the needs of each class as appropriate.

We continue to encourage communication through the school office, but please keep these interactions to those that are essential. We are keen to ensure that the most important communications get picked up and addressed quickly.

We ask that any urgent changes to pick up arrangements are made by phone and not email or via the Gateway. Specific queries will be responded to as quickly as possible by class teachers, however due to the way in which pupils are remaining in bubbles, class teachers have less time within the school day to make contact with colleagues and parents.

Tuesday evening saw further social restrictions as part of the strategy to minimise the spread of infection. Further changes have been made to our procedures as a result of this. It was good to see more parents wearing face coverings at drop off and collection. We encourage parents to wear face coverings as we are conscious of the risks of adult to adult transmission during these times which will impact on our school community.

We thank you once again for your support. Have a good week!

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon (Headteachers)

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FACE

SPACE

Meet the Teacher

Next week we will be sharing the information that we usually give to parents through 'Meet the Teacher'. This time the information will be shared in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. We hope that this will contain all the information you need to know about the year group your child is currently in, including their planned curriculum.

This presentation will be distributed via Google Classroom to give you a chance to log on to the platform. Access information will be shared with you in due course.

If you have not yet responded to the Google Classroom Permissions letter we are unable to set up an account for you. If you have not done this could you email the School Office at your first convenience - with the subject line: Google Classroom.

After School @ Newberries

It is with much excitement that we will be launching our own after school club starting next week! With Covid restrictions meaning that our pupils could no longer attend Top Kidz, hosted at St John's Infant School, we have been committed to helping our parents with wrap around care.

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

We are really looking forward to this new venture for the school and hope that it will help parents with childcare. A huge thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs Woods for all their hard work setting this up!

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

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

Home Learning

Now that our 'new normal' is becoming more robust, we are pleased to announce that our Home Learning will be returning and introduced via a phased approach over the next few weeks. An outline of what to expect is available below. More information, relevant to your child's year group, can be found in your 'Meet The Teacher' slides.

Reading	Spellings	Times Tables	Free choice
Compulsory All children will be expected to read at home. Years 5 and 6 via Serial Mash with Reception and KS1 via Bugclub.	Compulsory All children will receive spelling lists to practice at home. Spellings tests for all children will be held on a Monday.	Compulsory - KS2 KS2 children will continue to have access to Times Table Rock Stars to practice their times tables at home. Competitions in class and between bubbles and staff will add further excitement to this tool!	Optional We would like to continue to offer children and families a choice of activities and so will provide an extra 3 tasks that children can choose to complete at home. This will be instead of the grid.
Next Week	Starting Monday 5th October		Starting Monday 12th October

Home Learning will be set every Monday by your child's class teacher via Google Classroom. Submission of Home Learning will also be by the following Monday and class teachers will provide verbal feedback to children throughout the week, once it has been received.

PE

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed their PE lessons this week and we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for ensuring that children arrived looking smart in their school appropriate PE kits (red Newberries Polo Shirt, black shorts or joggers, trainers and a Newberries School Jumper). Your child's PE days will remain on the following days.

Mr Mellor (PE Subject Lead)

Monday - Year 1 and Year 6

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5

Thursday - Year 4 and Year 6

Friday - Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5

Friends of Newberries

Letter about fundraising this year

Please take a look at our letter to parents explaining the ways we will be continuing with our fundraising this year. Although we can't run our usual events, we have thought of different fun activities for the children and their families to enjoy. We know that times are difficult for everyone and are grateful for your continued support of our initiatives. If you feel able to give us a donation at any time, please use our PayPal link: paypal.me/2020donations

Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge

Don't forget to sign up for our "Newberries Primary School Walks/Runs/Cycles/Scoots from Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge". Make those miles count while you are out exercising or scooting with the kids! Please see the attached information to find out more. To sign up, please complete the attached entry form and return to ptanewberries@gmail.com.

Second hand uniform

Second hand uniform has been relocated so that we can continue to sell it in a COVID-19 secure way. If you need any items, please email us on ptanewberries@gmail.com, letting us know what items, quantities and sizes. Items range from 50p-£3. Payment can be made via PayPal: paypal.me/2020donations and clothes can be collected from an address on Newberries Avenue.

FNS Dates

16/10	Halloween Trick or Treat Trail at school in class bubbles (further details to follow)
Nov/Dec	Design your own seasonal cards
TBC	Winter trial (under discussion)

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

All	HCC Letter
All	Herts public health letter - Jim McManus
	After School Club Letters

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	Bronte
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Year 1	Sophie	Year 2	Finley
Year 3	Thomas L	Year 4	Alanys
Year 5	Aron	Year 6	Zachary