

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

Another busy week in school. We would like to thank the children once again for working so hard this week and demonstrating just how adaptable they are.

We would also like to thank school staff who are all working extremely hard at the moment to ensure that they are helping children to settle back into school life. We know that this has not been easy for some pupils and that life has presented many of us with additional worries. We are more than aware that there will be times when children will need a little extra time and emotional support from staff members. We are committed to supporting the children through this difficult stage and are very proud of the achievements they are making.

As part of our ongoing review we have made further changes this week to our procedures. Please note that from Monday staff will be wearing visors on the playground to ensure that we keep both parents and ourselves safe when we need to talk with you. We would be grateful if you could mention this to your child over the weekend so that they are aware for Monday morning. It is just another measure to ensure that we keep our school community safe.

Please feel free to ensure your child is well layered with clothing. We are trying to keep the school as well ventilated as possible, but this can mean some children might start feeling chilly as the weather changes!

We hope you manage to have some fun over the rainy weekend!

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon (Headteachers)

HANDS

FACE

SPACE

Meet the Teacher and Google Classroom

'Meet the Teacher' Slides will be available on each class page on the school website from tonight after school. We hope you find these useful as they will provide you with the class specific information we would usually share at these meetings. Within your class pages you will also be able to find a Long Term Plan, which is a yearly overview of the topics your child will be covering this academic year.

We are still working with our technical support team on the set up of Google Classroom. Passwords for this will be sent home as soon as the setup is complete.

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/>

You will also find the 'Meet the Teacher' information here!

Home Learning Passwords

You will have received a password information sheet for your child tonight. This list consolidates all the password information you will currently need for your child in order to access our many digital learning resources.

These include:

Bug Club (please note your child's password for this has changed!)

This is online reading material to replace the 'reading books' which used to be sent home. We currently plan to continue using this to limit the transfer of items between home and school. Pupils will continue to have access to real books at school that are kept within their class bubbles. Most pupils will be placed on the same reading level they were on previously, as long as there are books left for them to read. Teachers will be reviewing these once pupils have completed the online assessments.

Times Tables Rockstars

This is aimed at pupils from Years 3 - 6 to practise Times Tables Facts

Numbots (new!)

This is part of the Times Table Rock Stars package and can be used to support the practice for number bonds and number family facts. Although aimed at our younger children it has 80 levels of fun which will be useful for older pupils and therefore can be accessed by the whole school.

Spag.com

To further support our Spelling Punctuation and Grammar knowledge, all children have access to spag.com, which provides games to practise spelling and grammar rules. This is in addition to spelling lists, which will be part of our home learning.

After School @ Newberries

It is with much excitement that we have launched our own after school club which started this 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!

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

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

Friends of Newberries

Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge

Don't forget to continue to send in your entry forms for "Newberries Primary School Walks/Runs/Cycles/Scoots from Land's End to John 'O' Groats Challenge". We are up to the first 100 sponsored miles already. The first 50 entry forms returned will receive a free water bottle from Debenhams Ottaway. Please see the attached advert to find out more. To sign up, please complete the attached entry form and return to ptanewberries@gmail.com.

Spooky Trick or Treat Trail – 16 October

On 16 October, the children will be taking part in a spooky trick or treat trail in their class bubbles. They will decorate their own cloth bag before heading out on the trail. They will solve clues to find spooky treats (not all will be edible) which they will collect in their bag before returning to their classroom for a snack. There is a suggested donation of £5. Please make donations via PayPal: paypal.me/2020donations. Many thanks to Nicky Symons for writing the trail clues and to Danielle of Dandy Candy for supplying take home gifts.

FNS Diary Dates

16/10	Spooky Trick or Treat Trail at school in class bubbles
Nov/Dec	Design your own seasonal cards
Dec	Something seasonal for December

Letters Home

All	Dinner money debt letters
All	Pupil Passwords Overview (envelopes with pupils)

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

Year 1	Asher	Year 2	Belle
Year 3	Mia	Year 4	Felix
Year 5	Jessica	Year 6	Alice