



It was wonderful to welcome the children back this week after the half term break and see so many smiling faces. We look forward to another fun-filled half term with many events that you can join.

### PASTORAL SUPPORT

As you are aware, Mrs Smith left Newlands at half term. She provided an excellent support platform for children in school as well as parents/carers. We will be continuing this level of support, but in a slightly different way. We will now have a designated support worker within each year group. We feel this will be more effective as they will be there for the children all day and will know them well as they see them within the classroom



The key workers are:  
Mrs Jackson Year 3  
Mrs O'Gorman Year 4  
Miss Wild Year 5  
Miss Deakin Year 6

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help

These members of staff will be informing the children who were previously supported by Mrs Smith that they will now be there for them as well as taking on any new needs. If you wish to speak about your child's specific needs or wellbeing, please contact the key worker for your child's year group. Ms Elliott will also continue to liaise with all SEND pupils and parents/carers.

### ATTENDANCE



Attendance does continue to be a concern for a number of our pupils. We continue to be below the national level at only 94.8%. The government and local authority are pushing schools to improve their attendance levels and consequences for persistent absentees, below 90% are harsh. Any pupil with 3 periods of unauthorised absence within 10 weeks can receive a fine. Please ensure your child is here every day possible. A cold, sore throat, tummy ache isn't a reason to be absent. If your child feels a little unwell, inform school and we can ring you if they deteriorate. Children who have been sick only need to be absent the following day if it is a bug, but if due to something they ate, coughing etc. they are able to come into school.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to put names in jumpers, cardigans, sweatshirts and coats. We have so many left here that we aren't able to return to their owners.



All communication from school will continue to be via text to parents and e-mail. Newsletters and diary dates are sent electronically. Please look out for these as they contain all the latest up to date information for things happening in school. Reminders will be on our Facebook page and answer phone messages. Copies of newsletters can also be found on our website. Teachers will communicate specific class information via Marvellous Me so please ensure that you are signed up.

**School Website: [www.newlandsjunior.co.uk](http://www.newlandsjunior.co.uk)**

**Closed Facebook group: Newlands Junior School Parents/Carers**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM SCHOOL IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS**

If you are not receiving regular communication, please pop in and let the ladies in the office know.

### PTA

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm  
Any help, support, ideas will be welcomed. A letter will be sent next week with further details.



Well done to all our pupils who enjoyed completing the half term reading challenge. Please ensure this is returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We have enjoyed seeing the photographs emailed in and hearing about all the creative ways to read. Keep up this reading every day!