



Newlands Junior School

July 2023 Newsletter



WHAT AN AMAZING END TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR AT NEWLANDS!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair with donations as well as attending on the day. We were able to raise an amazing **£1012**. A big thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Jackson and our Helping Hands PTA. This money will be used to support next year's School Development Plan, purchasing new books for the classrooms to continue to develop our love of reading

Year 6 will also experience an enjoyable end of school treat with a **disco, pizzas** and ice-creams paid for with the incredible **£400** raised with their Fiver Challenge.



Once again, it is time to say goodbye to our year sixes. It is always a proud moment for us when we see our pupils grow into confident, little adults who are prepared for the next stage of their journey. For those of you who have no Further children at Newlands, we wish your families well for the future. For others with younger siblings, we look forward to continuing our work together.

Thank you to those of you who completed our parent/carer questionnaire this year, a staggering 178 were received and were very positive. It is lovely to see your appreciation for the hard work and dedication that go into your children. Please remember, if you do have any concerns, particularly regarding your child's safety and well-being, you must follow these up by speaking to a member of staff and we will reflect on your responses, always striving to improve.

thank you, from all of us.

Once again, with great pride, we are able to share our incredible SATs results. We were well above national averages in all subjects with: 86% at expected in reading (National 74%), 85% at expected in writing (72% national), 87% at expected in maths (National 73%) and 82% at expected in grammar (national 72%).

In Reading, writing and maths combined, we achieved 81% at expected (National 61%)
The children (and staff) worked very hard and should be proud of their achievements.

The year 4 children achieved an average score of 18.2 out of 25 in their multiplication tables check. A huge well done to our pupils who also showed a very positive attitude.



SCHOOL

Uniform

Please ensure children have the correct uniform for September. Refer to the school website if you are unsure.

Remember: skirts, pinafores, shorts and trousers are grey (no leggings/jeans). Black sensible school shoes should be worn except on PE/club days, as well as a shirt and tie and red woollen jumper/cardigan.

On PE days shorts, T shirts and tracksuits must be plain (no logos or brands).

It has been an incredible year for our school football teams. Both boys and girls won the leagues and we can now display two lovely trophies in our reception area. Both teams also **reached the semi-finals of the cup**, a remarkable achievement. We are proud of the way the teams played together, showing commitment and resilience. Thank you to Mr. Freeman for coaching our teams. Following his successes, I hope he doesn't leave us to take over the role of England manager!!





Hagg Farm Residential (September 8th – 11th)

Please make sure that you have paid in full by the end of the term (if you have any problems doing this, please contact the school office). We have **53** children going on residential this year (almost the entire year group!). It will be an amazing opportunity for the children to consolidate and create new friendships which will support them throughout year 6 and beyond. We will be sending out an information letter on the first day of term in September.

Unfortunately, our attendance has dropped again this year to 94.8%, another low for Newlands. Good attendance is vital both for children's academic progress and their social interactions. We will be closely monitoring children who fall below our target of 96% and trying to improve individual attendance. Please work with us to ensure your child is in school every day possible. We are always here to support with attendance, so if you have any issues, please speak with us.



Well done to those **26 children** who achieved 100% attendance this term and the **26** who attended every single day this year. What an amazing accomplishment.



Please remember, our school day will begin at 8.35 in September. This is the time the gates will open so please book onto breakfast club if your child will arrive before this time. Children will go straight into class and begin lessons so make sure children are on time.



A huge well done to our **106 children** who read 100 times this term. This is a fantastic achievement. Once again, these children have been bought a book of their choice.



Enjoy a happy and safe Summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September (sorry, except Y6).

Mrs Castledine and everyone at Newlands