



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



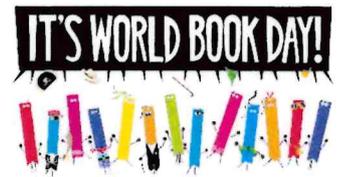
Newlands Junior School
We are Proud

It was lovely to see everyone attending parents evening and meetings with class teachers. Education is a partnership and we enjoy working together with our families to support our pupils. If you were unable to attend, please ring school to make an appointment or a member of staff will ring you.

Over the next few weeks, we will be taking part in a number of events.

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

In order to celebrate World Book Day, we have chosen the theme of 'Things that make you smile'. We will be asking the children to dress up in an outfit that makes them happy. This could be an outfit they wore on a special day, a bright top that makes you smile, or an outfit they wore when they were particularly happy. Children will be bringing home a voucher to either get a free book from local stores or take £1 off the price of a book of their choice. We will be setting a reading challenge in order to encourage our children to read further.



Monday 11th March Science week

The theme of science week this year is 'Time'. The children will be working on a variety of activities related to time. They will be recording data whilst carrying out a variety of experiments. We are hoping to have a day where the children work on a carousel of activities, moving from year group to year group to complete a variety of work. We hope to work with Garibaldi too to develop the range of science activities on offer for the children.

Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March Disc Golf

On these days, the children will have sessions with Mr Freeman where they develop disc golf skills. Disc golf is a sport where players throw a disc at a target. The number of throws a player uses to reach each target is tallied, and players try to complete each hole in the lowest number of total throws. Year 2 children from John T. Rice will also be joining us for this event as part of our transition work.



Friday 15th March Red Nose Day

In order to support this charity, we are asking the children to wear red in exchange for a £1 donation. If children have red noses that they have bought, they may wear these.

Easter activities



As usual at this time of the year, we will be asking the children to take part in a variety of Easter Activities. These will include activities with Mr Darlington from the church, but also our Easter Competition (more details to follow) and some year groups visiting local care homes to complete Easter activities with the residents there. We will be holding our very successful Grandparents Craft mornings too. We know that grandparents, staff and children thoroughly love these mornings.

Parent governors

We are still looking for 2 parent governors to support our small, friendly team. This would involve attending 1 meeting each half term and coming into school once a term. You would help to ensure our pupils receive the best educational and personal opportunities, support the head teacher ensuring excellent performance and ensure the budget is spent effectively.



Forms will be sent out with this newsletter so if you are interested, please apply. If you would like to know more you can email the office or phone and ask to speak to Mrs Castledine.

If you know anyone else who would be interested in being a school governor, they can be co-opted onto the board. Ask them to contact school for more information.

Lost Property



Could we please ask that names are put in children's clothes, particularly jumpers/cardigans and PE tops. We continue to collect a large amount of items and a lot are not claimed. Having names in items will help to return items to who they belong. Please ensure all items of clothing are named for year 3 children as they start swimming.

Ways we communicate

At Newlands we pride ourselves on the variety of events, visits and clubs we organise to enrich our curriculum and develop our character education. It is important that parents/carers are aware what is happening in school and also about the inevitable changes which take place from time to time.



There are several different ways we communicate at school.

Website - Here you will find lots of information about the school. You will find the current information about what your child is learning each term, find photos of them and there are lots of our policies and information about specific things such as SEND/ Pupil Premium and lots more.

There is also a calendar on our website which has all the latest events listed.

Facebook - We use Facebook to remind parents/carers of activities and updates of what is happening within the school. You may ask urgent questions out of school time if the information has not been shared.

Marvellous Me - Please ensure you have downloaded this app as class teachers will be able to inform you of things relating to your child's class/year group.

Eduspot texts to parents - messages are regularly sent with updates and reminders

Eduspot e-mails - monthly newsletters and other letters will be emailed. These are saved on the school website in the newsletter section.

Termly diary dates - these are sent out each half term and saved on our website in the newsletter section.

We will be having a new telephone system installed this week and we will begin to use this to record messages reminding you of the next day's events as we have done in the past.

If you are still unsure about anything you can also phone the school office between 8:00am - 4:00 pm on 01623 480440 or speak to the class teacher/TA at the end of the day.

Diary dates for the remainder of the Spring term

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| Week beginning: 26.02.2024 | |
| 26.02.2024 | Y6 SATs after school boosters start today |
| Week beginning: 04.03.2024 | |
| 07.03.2024 | World Book Day - more details to follow |
| Week beginning: 11.03.2024 – Science Week – Mock SATs week Y6 | |
| 11.03.2024 | Y4 visit to nursing home to sing Easter songs |
| 13.03.2024 | Y5 visit to nursing home to do Easter crafts |
| Week beginning: 18.03.2024 | |
| 19.03.2024 | Y5 Easter Workshop with Methodist Church |
| 20.03.2024 | Y5 group of children to visit nursing home to do Easter crafts |
| 20.03.2024 | 3:05pm – 4pm Celebration of Learning for parents/carers |
| 21.03.2024 | Y6 Easter Workshop with Methodist Church 9 – 10:30am Y5 Grandparent's Easter craft workshop - more details to follow |
| 22.03.2024 | 9 – 10:30am Y6 Grandparent's Easter craft workshop - more details to follow |
| Week beginning: 25.03.2024 | |
| 25.03.2024 | 9 – 10:30am Y3 Grandparent's Easter craft workshop - more details to follow |
| 26.03.2024 | Easter service at church (children only) |
| 27.03.2024 | Y5 Visit to London theatre to watch The Lion King |
| 27.03.2024 | 9 – 10:30am Y4 Grandparent's Easter craft workshop - more details to follow |
| 28.03.2024 | 9am Superstars and Easter Competition Assembly CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR EASTER TODAY |
| Friday 29th March – Sunday 14th April 2024 EASTER HOLIDAYS | |
| Children return to school on Monday 15th April 2024 | |

INSET DAYS FOR THE REST OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Monday 3rd June 2024

Please follow link for next academic year's holidays

(remember our INSET days are not on this Notts County Council list:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/school-holiday-and-term-dates>

PE days for this half term are:

Year 3 Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Year 4 Thursday and Friday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Friday