



Newlands Junior School

July 2023

Newsletter



What an amazing end to the term. We have been able to fit in so much over the last few weeks. 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 £1,070. A big thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Jackson and our Helping Hands PTA. We also enjoyed an entertaining performance of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies led by our Year 6s. We had a great day singing with a Gospel Choir in school as well as various visitors into school.

Year 6 will also experience an enjoyable end of school treat with inflatables and a barbecue paid for with the incredible £488 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 have grown into confident, little adults who are prepared for the next stage of their journey. For those of you who have no further siblings at Newlands, we wish your families well for the future. For others with younger siblings, we look forward to continuing our work together. We also say goodbye to Mrs Scott and Mrs Blockley and wish them well in all that they do.

Thank you to all parents/carers for the questionnaires completed and returned. We had a huge response this year and it was lovely to see your appreciation of the hard work and dedication that go into your children. Only 2.6% said they would not recommend Newlands to other families. Please remember, if you do have any concerns, 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 above national averages in all subjects with: 86% at expected in reading (with 42% of those being at greater depth); 86% at expected in writing (with 25% of those being at greater depth); 86% at expected in maths (with 33% of those being at greater depth); and 88% at expected in grammar (with 53% of those being at greater depth).

In Reading, writing and maths combined, we achieved 82% at expected (with 53% of those being at greater depth)

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 all pupils who worked very hard.



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).

Thanks to the dedication of Mrs Martin and Mr Freeman, we have been awarded the School Games Gold Award. At Newlands, we pride ourselves on our physical activity which includes two hours of PE weekly, daily Skip2Bfit, lunchtime games and competitions, 30 Active minutes daily, a variety of sporting after school clubs as well as a range of interschool competitions. Thank you for providing these opportunities for our pupils.



Hagg Farm Residential (September 10th – 13th)



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 this year to 94.5%. This is the lowest I have known since starting at Newlands. Good attendance is vital both for children's academic progress and their social interactions. In September, we will be adopting the NCC guidance and we will be issuing fines for children who miss three periods of school in a six-week period without exceptional circumstances. Please work with us to ensure your child is in school every day possible. Our target for 2023-24 will remain at 96%. We are always here to support with attendance, so if you have any issues, please speak with us.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

As many of you will have seen, our playground refurbishment is now complete. We have installed new gym equipment and basketball nets as well as added playground markings. We have now extended the play space with a soft area with shaded seating areas. Thank you to Mrs Underwood for her hard work to make this happen.



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