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# Newlands Junior School Newsletter March 2023

I have now returned to work full time and am enjoying being back with the children who are as amazing as ever. Everyone has been so kind and I am grateful for your continued support. There will be times when I am not actually in the building and during these times you will be able to speak to Ms. Elliott, Mrs. Matthews or our very helpful office staff. Alternatively, if you wish to speak with myself, a mutually convenient time can be arranged.



Once again, I would also like to thank all the parents/carers and grandparents who have attended events this year. The children love having you come in and it is warming to see the support you give.

## Sports



We currently have lots of sporting events taking place across school. On Monday, our girls football team had their first match. Despite losing, we were very proud of the girls who gave it their all. We have several more matches planned for boys and girls, as well as interschool competitions and in school events. This is an important part of our curriculum, ensuring pupils lead an active, healthy life style. Thank you to Mrs. Martin and Mr. Freeman for their hard work organizing these events.

## Attendance



Attendance is continuing to improve and is currently at 94.5%. Whilst we understand children do pick up illnesses and we have children in school with medical issues, we need to work together to ensure children are in school whenever possible. If you are concerned your child may not feel well, please inform the office and we can monitor them and ring you if necessary. If your child's attendance is around the 80% mark that means they are missing one day every two weeks, which is a lot of learning.

## Times Tables Tests

In Year 4, our pupils will be taking part in a compulsory times table's assessment, which is carried out in schools across the country during a two week period beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. A solid knowledge of times tables is vital for so many maths concepts e.g. division, fractions and problem solving. Please help us to ensure your child is ready for this test by practicing at home e.g. using Times Tables Rock Stars and other available apps. If your child is in Year 3, they will take part in this assessment next year and Year 5s, who missed this last year due to COVID, still need this vital knowledge.



## Ways we communicate

Good communication with parents/carers is essential and we are continually trying to improve this with modern technology. Please ensure you regularly check the following for information about school and your child:

School website (particularly the calendar) and Newlands Facebook page

Eduspot – texts to parents

Marvellous Me for messages from class teachers

Seesaw (mainly used during school closures where work needs to be provided)



**If you are having problems receiving messages or have changed your contact details please speak to the office staff.**

## P.T.A (Parent teacher association- Newlands Helping Hands)



Thank you to all the PTA volunteers who have worked incredibly hard helping to organise a range of events to benefit the children at school. The money has recently been used to purchase extra iPads for pupils to support their learning. When budgets are tight, this extra funding is invaluable. We are always looking for new members. If you can offer any support, please ask to speak to Mrs Smith. We still also have two parent governor roles vacant. If you would like to find out more, speak to Mrs Castledine or Mrs Underwood.

We have numerous events still to come this half term in order to benefit our pupils, enrich the curriculum and continue to strengthen links with our parents/carers and school community. Please also check our school website where you can find the calendar and newsletters.



Week beginning: 13.03.2023 - Science week	
13.03.2023	Y5 & Y6 Wonderdome – this is an inflatable dome and the children will have a space show
13.03.2023	Y3 PrepareRobo - Robotics workshop which covers the Y3 coding computing curriculum
14.03.2023	<b>Boys football away match at Forest View, 4pm kick off</b>
17.03.2023	Y4 PrepareRobo - Robotics workshop which covers the Y4 coding computing curriculum
17.03.2023	Comic Relief Day in school – <b>a flyer has been sent out about this</b>
Week beginning: 20.03.2023	
20.03.2023	Y3 <b>grandparents/parents</b> Easter craft's workshop – come and join your child making a selection of Easter crafts and stay after to socialise with a hot cross bun and a hot drink. (9am – 11am).
20.03.2023	<b>Whole School Science Week Assembly - parents/carers</b> are invited to come and hear about what the children have learnt during science week <b>(2:30pm)</b>
21.03.2023	Y4 <b>grandparents/parents</b> Easter craft's workshop – come and join your child making a selection of Easter crafts and stay after to socialise with a hot cross bun and a hot drink. (9am – 11am).
21.03.2023	<b>Y3&amp;4 Sports Hall Athletics at West Notts College, 1pm-3:30pm</b> <b>(Parents have been informed if your child has been chosen to represent the school)</b>
21.03.2023	<b>Boys football match home, 4pm kick off</b>
22.03.2023	Y5 <b>grandparents/parents</b> Easter craft's workshop – come and join your child making a selection of Easter crafts and stay after to socialise with a hot cross bun and a hot drink. (9am – 11am).
23.03.2023	Y6 <b>grandparents/parents</b> Easter craft's workshop – come and join your child making a selection of Easter crafts and stay after to socialise with a hot cross bun and a hot drink. (9am – 11am).
23.03.2023	Y5 Methodist Easter Workshop
23.03.2023	<b>Girls football away match at Holly Primary, 4pm kick off</b>
24.03.2023	9am Sponsored Egg and Spoon Race – <b>a flyer has been sent out about this</b>
Week beginning: 27.03.2023 World Autism Acceptance Week	
27.03.2023	Y3 Egyptian Day (Partake) <b>please can children come to school in uniform, not in fancy dress thank you</b>
28.03.2023	Y6 Methodist Easter Workshop
28.03.2023	<b>2:15pm Whole School Easter service in school</b> – parents/carers are welcome to attend. The Easter competition winners will be announced at the end of the service – <b>a flyer has been sent out about this</b>
29.03.2023	Y5 trip to London to see the sights as well as going to the theatre to see The Lion King.
31.03.2023	Superstars and attendance assembly – <b>parents/carers etc of those children who have been chosen to receive a superstars award and those who have won the Easter competition will be invited to this assembly.</b>
31.03.2023	<b>FINAL DAY OF THE TERM Children return to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>

INSET DAYS FOR THE REST OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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/media/2893807/schoolholidaydates202223.pdf>

**PE days for this half term are:**  
 Year 3 Monday and Wednesday  
 Year 4 Monday and Friday  
 Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday  
 Year 6 Thursday and Friday