

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



**Growing together  
in strength, love and wisdom,  
we shine.**

**Newsletter  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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## Message from the Head

Well done and thank you to all those who made it into school today – we had an almost full school which was testament to the efforts – and detours – everyone made. Thank you!

We have been talking to the children about 'puddles in life' and the need to drive through them to get to dry land on the other side... however, today was a clear message that sometimes, the puddle is too big, and we need to find an alternative route and drive round!

## Next Week

A reminder that we are in school next week and half term is the week after - October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, school we be closed to children on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October for a staff PD Day therefore the children's last day in school is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October for Crazy Hair Day!

## Parent Governor

Would you like to play a key role in moving the school forward? As a parent governor, you would work with the Governing Body to ensure it effectively carries its duties and also play a vital role in ensuring that the Governing Body is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

If you are interested, please read the attached letter and get in touch accordingly.

## Absence Reporting

In the event of absence, please contact the school office directly. Class Dojo should not be used to report absences or appointments. Many thanks.

## Pastoral Support

Congratulations to Mrs Hordern who has officially gained her ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) qualifications following weeks of training. The ELSA qualifications which will be used as part of her Pastoral Lead role across the Federation. This role is to support the children's emotional development and help them cope with life's challenges. ELSAs will also help children and young people to find solutions to problems they might have.

## Christmas Choir Club

For the first 4 weeks after half term, on Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November, our Young Voices Choir Club will be opened up to any children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who would like to be part of the Christmas Choir with Mrs Lingard.

We have a number of events pencilled into the diary including Wem Town Christmas Lights, visiting Landona House and to the Co-Op in Wem. This club will be free to join with the expectation that the children who do, attend the above events.

This club is free and will be running afterschool for those 4 weeks only, 3:15 – 4:15pm. There will also be times up until Christmas where we will have extra lunch time practises.

## First Words from Parliament



*Hello, our names are Annabelle and Andrew. We are honoured to have been picked from the roles of Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. We will both be working closely with our fellow ministers and will help ensure that your children will have a fun but safe time at school.*

*As the year goes on, we will be looking forwards to many opportunities to make Newtown School the best in Shropshire! We will keep you updated on our progress.*

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FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN

# CRAZY HAIR DAY

Come to school with  
your craziest hair styles



Voluntary donation welcome

26th October 2023

## Attendance

It is therefore even more pleasing to share with you that this week's leading class was Kestrel Class with 100% attendance! The whole school average coming in at a fantastic 98%. Our school target this year is 97%. Well done all!

## U11s Girls Football

Yesterday our U11 girls football team hosted Welshampton on an extremely wet afternoon! Despite the challenging conditions – when standing up was an achievement in itself - the team played with great determination and teamwork. The team ran out 6 – 3 winners and played with a smile on their face throughout! Well done all.

## School Social Media

A reminder that we now have an Official School Facebook page which will allow us to share and celebrate all the wonderful things we do at school with the outside world.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the permission form which have been circulated and a

reminder to those who haven't, please do so at your earliest convenience.

## Shining Stars of the Week

**Owl Class:** Lando for showing perseverance with his phonics.

**Hawk Class:** Y1 – Isla for always trying her hardest in class.

Y2 – Amelia for persevering in our maths lesson.

**Kestrel Class:** Olivia for always making the right choices.

**Osprey Class:** Lucas for showing strength and focus in lessons.

**Falcon Class:** Sophie for always approaching all learning with hard work, focus and determination.

## Class Dojo Champions

**Owl Class** – Eleanor, Emily & Ezra.

**Hawk Class** – Theo, Tilly, Taylor, Hamer, Sadie & Rowan.

**Kestrel Class** – Jacob, Alfie & Rosie.

**Osprey Class** – Alfred, Alex & Kenzie.

**Falcon Class** – Emily, Anabella & Poppy.

## Outside Achievements

Alfred continued to update us on his squash career this week, with a very admirable 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the West Midlands championship.

Cameron shared his 100m swimming badge for swimming – with his chosen stroke being front crawl.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Ben Crompton.

## Key Dates

### October

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Hair Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half term

### November

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening

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# OCTOBER HALF TERM SPOOKY SCIENCE

MONDAY 30TH OCT - FRIDAY 3RD NOV

1PM - 2:30PM



THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM, JOIN IN WITH  
SOME SPOOKY SCIENCE! MAKE A CUP SCREAM,  
A FACE JUMP ONTO A PUMPKIN AND A  
PARACHUTE THAT WILL SAFELY LET A SPIDER  
GET TO THE GROUND. MAKE A PAPER  
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Shropshire  
Fire and Rescue Service

# STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT

When using sparklers:

- Always wear gloves
- Only hold one sparkler at a time
- Don't give sparklers to children under 5-years-old
- Put them in a bucket of cold water when finished with

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