# Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# Message from the Head

It's been another busy week at Newtown with children engaged in their learning and enjoying school. I encourage you to chat with your children about their favourite moments at school. And remember, learning doesn't stop at the school gates! Ask them about their dreams, encourage their curiosity, and let the joy of discovery continue at home.

# Ellesmere College Netball & Rugby

Ellesmere College welcomed Falcon Class on Thursday to join in with other local schools, training in rugby and netball.

It was a pleasure to take them there and they were credit to the school. The children had a fantastic time and the Ellesmere College coaches and students were welcoming and encouraging.

We also got fed, and the sausage, chips and beans were a highlight for the class! The experience was made possible by Ellesmere College transporting our children there, and to all our parents who came out to collect the children afterwards - thank you!

## **Reception Places 2024**

The deadline for applications for child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closed on Monday 15 January 2024. If you have not made an application yet, please do so as soon as possible via Shropshire Council's - Synergy - Homepage (shropshire.gov.uk)

There is more information at the bottom of this newsletter.

# Staffing Update

Mrs Riley will now start her maternity leave on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and therefore next week will be a transitional week for Kestrel Class with Mrs Riley and Miss Morris teaching the class. This will enable the smooth transition from one teacher to another before the half term break. As a result, from Monday, Miss Wilds will now teach Year 1 and Year 2 as one Hawk Class.

We wish Mrs Riley all the very best for her maternity leave and we will await exciting news over the next few weeks...

# Kestrel Class Forest School

A reminder that Kestrel Class children will have Forest School on both Monday and Wednesday afternoon next week due to missing out this week.

## Wear It Red Day

This year we are supporting Midlands Air Ambulance on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.. Wear It Red Day encourages local primary schools to wear something red to show their love for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

Last year, more than 30 schools wore red, raising over £6,000 for the charity. This funded four lifesaving missions, two by air ambulance and two by critical care cars. This year, by taking part in Wear it Red Day 2024, we will be helping save lives in our area by making their daily missions possible. By going to school wearing red and You will also be helping us to raise awareness of our charity's vital work in your region.



# **Music Lessons**

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument within school?

Should there be enough interest, external teachers are available to teach the following instruments: Violin, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone & Oboe.

If you would like more information on costs, timings etc, please contact the school office.

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#### **School Holidays and Term Dates**

Please be aware that the school term dates are now on the school website for the next two years.

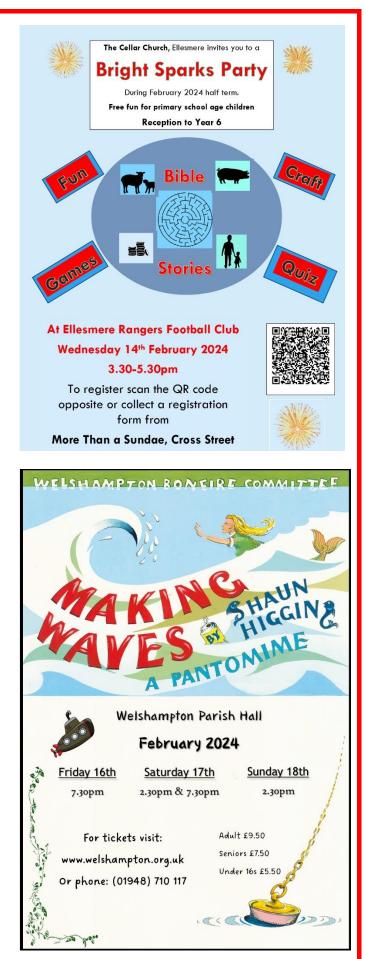
# https://www.newtowncofeprimary.co.uk/page/termdates/127487

#### Breakfast Club and Sunset Club

A reminder that the themes for this term are as follows:

Day of the Week	Club
Monday	Board Games
Tuesday	Young Engineers
Wednesday	Art & Craft
Thursday	Sports Club
Friday	Film Night





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Average for the week = 95%

Our whole school target is 97%.

# Shining Stars of the Week Wisdom

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.' Proverbs 3:13

Owl Class – Ruben for being a wonderful new member of Owl Class, having a great sense of humour and for being a lovely friend.

Hawk Class – Year 1 – Bobby for demonstrating wonderful perseverance in class.

Hawk Class – Year 2 – Amelia for always being a kind and thoughtful friend.

Kestrel Class - Ella for her amazing writing!

Osprey Class – Kenzi for having an amazing week and making wise choices.

Falcon Class – Joel for putting in 100% effort in all he does.

#### **Outside Achievements**

**Rocco-Joe** for being awarded a medal for his footballing achievements.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely, Mr Ben Crompton

## **Key School Dates**

2:15pm

2:15pm

2:15pm

Wear It Red Day

Return to school

**Parents Evening** 

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2:15pm

Inspire with Falcon Class

Break up from school

Break up from school

Inspire with Hawk Class

Inspire with Kestrel Class

Inspire with Osprey Class

31<sup>st</sup> January

January

# February

2<sup>nd</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> February

9<sup>th</sup> February 9<sup>th</sup> February 19<sup>th</sup> February

# March

12<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> March 15<sup>th</sup> March

22<sup>nd</sup> March

**April** 8<sup>th</sup> April

Return to school

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Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place. Attendance at a nursery does not mean a place in Reception will be available.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email <u>school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</u>

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