Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024

Message from the Head

This week I met with our wonderful Friends of Newtown and planned numerous events for the remainder of the year, including a Easter Discos and our first ever Newtown 'Colour Run'. Please see the posters included within this newsletter.

The group of parents make a real difference to the education of the children and have already supported the school with more than £2000 this year to purchase a new sound system and Forest School equipment and resources.

We are aware that some companies offer 'matchfunding' for certain organisations and would like to explore this further. If anyone has any contacts who may be able to offer this, please do get in touch.

The FON are always looking for new members, so if you would like to get involved, please see or email Hayley Wilson at foncommittee@outlook.com.

Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children are off to Arthog for their residential trip from Wednesday to Friday next week with Mrs Lingard and Mr Davies. We hope you have the best time and make memories that you will treasure forever.

Good Luck Mrs Riley

As you are aware, today is Mrs Riley's last day before her maternity leave begins. We wish her all the very best over the coming weeks and months and look forward to meeting the new arrival!

Wear It Red Day

This year we are supporting Midlands Air Ambulance on Friday 9th 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 (not your school uniform – although if you wish to, you may!) you will also be helping us to raise awareness of our charity's vital work in your region.







Headlice

It has been brought to my attention that there has been an incidence of head lice in school so please could parents check their own children's hair.

Very often with an outbreak of head lice, families will find hair infected more than once, particularly if all families do not carry out regular checks, so it is important to check a few times over a period of days.

Head lice are not fussy, they like blonde, dark, straight, curly and clean hair. Children's heads inevitably get close together during work and play and head lice are quick movers.

Don't panic!

The most effective courses of action recommended are:

- To tie back long hair
- · Wet combing after using conditioner
- Using a narrow-toothed comb
- Shampoos and lotions from the chemist (not always effective as some lice are resistant)
- Use of eucalyptus, tea-tree and lavender essential oils.

School Holidays and Term Dates

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

www.newtowncofeprimary.co.uk/page/termdates/127487

Forest School

A reminder that next Wednesday is Forest School afternoon for Osprey Class, so please don't forget your outdoor clothing. Please bring it with you and you will get changed into it at lunchtime.

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.

Attendance

Owl Class	99%	**
Hawk Class	91%	
Kestrel Class	94%	*
Osprey Class	93%	
Falcon Class	100%	**

Average 96%. Our whole school target is 97%.

Class Dojo Winners

Owl Class – Felicity, Ethan & Esme Hawk Class – Rene, Taylor & Alex Kestrel Class – Marnie, Myles & Jacob Osprey Class – Alex, Kenzi & Summer Falcon Class – Charlie, Stanley & Florence

Shining Stars of the Week Strength

'Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.'

Joshua 1:9

Owl Class – Mia for always making the most of all the writing opportunities given to her.

Hawk Class – Archie for showing resilience and trying really hard in all his work.

Kestrel Class – Alfie for his great effort with his maths and literacy.

Osprey Class – Alex for always working hard and setting a good example.

Falcon Class – Harper for all his hard work and effort in maths both at school and at home.

Key School Dates

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6th February Inspire with Osprey Class

2:15pm

9th February Wear It Red Day
9th February Break up from school
19th February Return to school

March

1st March Easter Egg Dress Down Day

12th March Parents Evening 13th March Parents Evening

15th March Inspire with Falcon Class

2:15pm

22nd March Easter School Discos

Break up from school

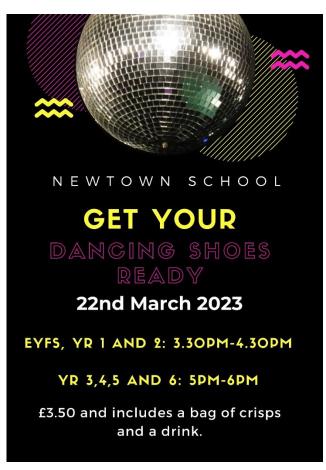
April

8th April Return to school

May

10th May Newtown Colour Run

Have a wonderful weekend! Yours sincerely, Mr Ben Crompton



Executive Headteacher: Mr Ben Crompton











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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 school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk