

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 6th January 2023**

Message from the Head

Welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break with friends and family, and I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

It has been lovely welcoming children back to school this week and seeing how happy they are to be back in class with their friends. They have returned with great attitudes to learning and ready for a busy and successful term ahead.

We are all really excited to get started!

Standards and Expectations

This term we are refocussing on the standards and expectations we have for our school. We want all children, parents and staff to be proud of Newtown and we will be working hard to ensure these aspirations are met.

Please ensure that children are dressed smartly in the correct school uniform and come to school with the correct PE kit.

Cost of Living

Whilst the Christmas and New Year period is a joyful time, but we are also aware that this time of year also brings different stresses on family life – especially financially, and especially during a cost-of-living crisis. Please see further information on the flyer attached as to the support available in Shropshire and always remember that school can support families in lots of ways so, please don't hesitate to contact me directly should you wish.

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Class Dojo

It was great to see Morgan House celebrate being Class Dojo Champions of Autumn 2 with their non-uniform day today. We shall see which house gets a treat at the end of this half term for being brilliant!

House Captains

We awarded our House Captains their badges today which I am sure they will wear with pride for the remainder of the year. Our House Captains this year are as follows:

Morgan: Teddy & Seren
Griffiths House: Aubrey & Bluebell
Clorley House: Mylo & Casey
Robinson House: Ben & Lilli-Mae

Attendance

It has been a positive start to the academic year with improved attendance in all year groups. Please remember that the school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm.

| Owls | Hawks | Kestrels | Ospreys | Falcons | School |
|------|-------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| 100% | 99% | 97% | 99% | 100% | 99% |

Our school target for 2023 is 97% so this is a great start!

Budding Performers Required

Welshampton Bonfire Committee have 3 cast vacancies for their forthcoming Pantomime at Welshampton Village Hall

They are looking for children to take part in the Timetreckers Pantomime to be performed on Friday - Sunday 3rd 4th and 5th March 2023.

1 person to say 2 lines
1 person to say 4 lines
1 person to be a Knight with no lines

Rehearsals are every Sunday 2pm - 4.30pm starting this week.

If interested, please contact ian-andrew@outlook.com or just turn up on Sunday.

Outside Achievements

Aubrey was awarded 'learner of the year' as part of Wem Training Band. She has been learning to play the cornet for a couple of years, but this was the first long awaited concert she has played in due to covid. Well done Aubrey... and we'll hold you to the promise of playing a little bit for us before the end of the year!



Iris and **Sadie** for being awarded certificates and medals for their achievements in gymnastics. It was great to hear you both speak with such enthusiasm in Celebration Worship today.

Shining Stars of the Week

Owl Class – Ethan for his amazing concentration and super behaviour during group activities.

Hawk Class – Virginia for her brilliant progress in speaking and understanding English.

Kestrel Class – Bonnie for excellent progress in her reading and her phonics. We are seeing her confidence grow every day.

Osprey Class – Fred for being a supportive and considerate member of the class.

Falcon Class – Andrew for fantastic effort in all his work.

Headteacher's Award

This week we have a special award for Mr Roberts who was victorious in our staff tenpin bowling competition. It was a well-deserved victory and made a mockery of his earlier claims of an injured shoulder...



Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton.

Spring Term Key Dates

Key dates for this term will be in the newsletter next week.

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