

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 24th March 2023**

Message from the Head

What a busy week it has been! It was wonderful to see the school full of energy this afternoon as Falcon Class and their parents raced around the school searching for clues as part of their Inspire afternoon. This follows on from the adorable lambs which visited Owl Class, the fantastic Friends of Newtown Disco last night and the collection of Easter Eggs this morning. It's busy, busy, busy but it's great to see the school so full of life.

There has been significant national coverage over the last few days regarding teacher welfare and the challenges that are faced in education. It goes without saying that the staff at Newtown work incredibly hard for the children at our school. Although, like every school, there are challenges we must face and overcome, the support of parents makes a huge difference and your support is greatly appreciated. Every decision which is made is for the children and all staff are passionate and dedicated to ensuring the children have the best possible education. Thank you all.



Parliament Meeting

Earlier this week I met with the Newtown Parliamentarians to discuss how to improve our school further. There was a number of topics on the agenda and the children and I discussed the on-going library revamp, the displays the children want to see in our school and the introduction of chickens after Easter.

There are lots of exciting developments in the pipeline which we look forward to sharing in due course. Next on the agenda... new PE kits as we look to raise standards and expectations for all.

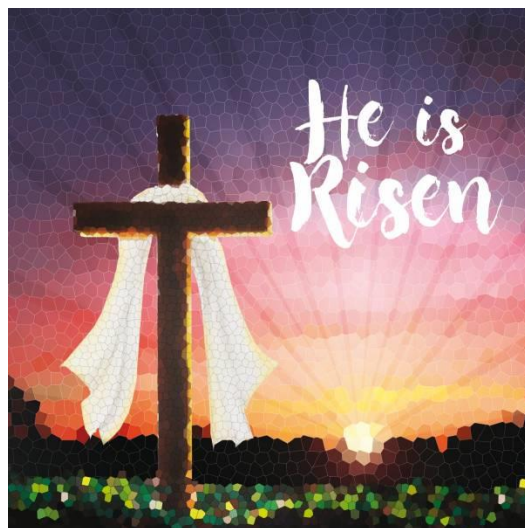
Staffing Update

This week we have completed the recruitment process to appoint a new teacher as Mrs Parrott will depart Newtown at the end of this week.

We are delighted that Mrs Hannah Riley has accepted the offer to join the Newtown team and will initially teach Kestrel Class for the remainder of the year. Out of a strong field, Mrs Riley was the outstanding candidate and we really look forward to welcoming her to Newtown after Easter.

End of Term Easter Service

There will be an end of term Easter Service at church on 31st March at 2:15pm. This is a chance for the school community to come together at the end of the term in the lead up to Easter. Each class will be contributing to the service, but it is not a 'performance'. All parents are welcome but please be aware that there is very limited room in the church and parents may have to stand.



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Request for Wool

Next week, Hawk Class are welcoming parents into school for their Inspire Day. Mrs Lench informs me that she requires wool! Therefore, if anyone has any unwanted balls of wool at home, please feel free to donate them to school and Hawk Class will put them to good use next week.



Bags 2 School

The Bags 2 School initiative was another great success, and we raised a fabulous £150!

Red Nose Day Result

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Red Nose Day Crazy Hair Day. We raised £70!

Friends of Newtown Raffle



ActivSports Football Camp

Activsports will be running a 4-day Football camp/holiday club during the first week of Easter at St Peters Primary School in Wem. This is open to children in school years 1 - 6, attending any school.

Dates: Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April 2023

Link - <https://forms.office.com/r/9mtBCx2kSM>

Available days and times:

Monday 3rd April - 8:15am - 3:15pm available

Tuesday 4th April - 8:15am - 5:00pm available

Wednesday 5th April - 9:00am - 5:50pm available

Thursday 6th April - 8:15am - 3:15pm available

NCRA Raffle

Would you like to win a gorgeous, glass bunny storage jar full of Easter treats?



Raffle tickets will be available next week at £1 each from Reception or from Caroline Lay and Anne Lokier in the NCRA car park after school. The draw will take place on the 31st March.

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Shropshire Goes Cashless

Shropshire Council is preparing to become a cashless council. The intention is to make the switch to being 'cashless' on 1 April 2023, when the council will no longer accept payments for services in cash.

From 1 April 2023 all payments for our school will need to be made via Eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney or you can bring your debit/credit card to school reception and we will process your payment for you.

We will no longer accept cash after 31st March 2023.

Please can we ask that all outstanding dinner money and club money is fully paid up by 31st March 2023 to financial year end.

If you are having any problems with your login, please contact the school office.



Attendance

Owls	Hawks	Kestrels	Ospreys	Falcons	School
99%	91%	98%	97%	95%	96%

Our school target for 2023 is 97%.

Class Dojo Update

Class Totals for this week:

Griffiths 215

Morgan 203

Robinson 209

Clorley 217

Individual Weekly Dojo Winners

Owl – All of our wonderful Nursery!

Hawk – Rocco-Joe, Archie, Rowan, Sadie

Kestrel – Elvin, Letrell, Cameron

Osprey – Annie, Abbie, Henry

Falcon – Andrew, Oscar, Ozzy

Shining Stars of the Week

Wisdom

Owl Class – Archie for his wonderful imagination and sharing his ideas in class.

Hawk Class – Rocco-Joe for his amazing maths progress

Kestrel Class – Eva for taking part in lessons and giving brilliant ideas.

Osprey Class – Stanley for fantastic effort in maths and English all week.

Falcon Class – Casey for her determination in her assessment and for always having a smile on her face.

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Elvin who has successfully passed his Grade 2 guitar exam gaining a merit.



I'm looking forward to your first performance for us Elvin! Let me know when you're ready!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton.

Spring Term Key Dates

31st March Easter Service at Church
2:15pm (Parents Welcome)

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