

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 15th September 2023**

Message from the Head

It has been a very positive start to the new year with the children settling into their new classes very quickly and showing excellent attitudes to learning. There is a lovely buzz around school, setting high standards for the year ahead.

I am very impressed with our Year 6 children who have all stepped up to their new leadership roles and are doing a fabulous job of setting a good example to the younger children. Next week we will announce members of School Parliament.

London Trip

Talking of Parliament... I had the pleasure in leading year 6 children from across the Federation to London on Monday. Travelling by train and tube, we reached Buckingham Palace by 10am. Following our tour of the place we headed to Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament via St James Park and Downing Street.

We were then given a tour inside parliament and had the privilege of seeing both the House of Lords and the House of Commons in action; we missed the Prime Minister by about 30 minutes!

The children then enjoyed a debating workshop before being joined by Local MP, Helen Morgan, who held a Q&A session with children (and staff!)

Following a walk past the London Eye, we headed back on the London Underground to Euston and – after stopping off at Burger King for tea - boarded our train back to Shropshire. It was a wonderful day, and the children were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children on this inspirational, but tiring, day!

Meet the Teacher Event

Thank you to all those who attended the Meet the Teacher meetings yesterday. I hope you found them useful and informative. Please don't hesitate to contact myself or teachers via Class Dojo with any further questions. Teachers will upload all relevant information to school website class pages.

Forest School

This week saw the first Forest School session of the year. The Forest School area is in its infancy and at the moment we have an area defined by woodchip. This will become our campfire area and we need some help for this to become reality!

We need either 30/40 log stumps to act as stools, or, alternatively, timber to make benches to seat the same amount of children. Or a mixture of both! If you think you maybe able to help or know someone who can, please get in touch.



Forest School Schedule 2023/24

Year 1 & 2	15 th November to 6 th December	13 th March to 17 th April	22 nd May to 19 th June
Year 3 & 4	11 th October to 8 th November	7 th February to 6 th March	24 th April to 15 th May
Year 5 & 6	13 th September to 4 th October	10 th January to 31 st January	26 th June to 15 th July

Owl Class will continue to have a Forest School session every Friday which will be led by Mrs Hidalgo.

NCRA Update

Please see accompanying letter from the NCRA.

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Sunrise and Sunset Club

Please be advised that children should be dropped off and collected from the Creative Studio with access through the field gate by the Year 6 classroom.

Attendance

Both Owl Class and Osprey Class enjoyed 100% starts to the year with, all our other classes achieving over 95%.

This makes a first full week average of 98.6%. Our school target is 97%, so this is a great start. Well done all.

House Captains

There were some incredible presentations from perspective House Captains this morning – well done all. However, following a vote, our House Captains and Vice-Captains were duly elected:

Clorley Captain – Annabelle
Clorley Vice Captain – Ozzy

Robinson Captain – Emily
Robinson Vice Captain – Charlie

Griffiths Captain – Anna-Bella
Griffiths Vice-Captain – Aimee

Morgan Captain – Henry
Morgan Vice-Captain – Flo

Congratulations all! I am sure you will lead your Houses with pride, integrity and purpose!

Stars of the Week

Due the House Captain Elections today, we will announce Stars of the Week winners on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton.

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