

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 22nd September 2023**

Message from the Head

It has been another busy week at Newtown as children settle into life in an older year group. There is a really calm and positive energy within school and the staff are working collaboratively for the good of the children; it's a pleasure to be a part of.

Hens and Egg Boxes

Next week we will naming our hens and the children will be asked for their ideas. Feel free to give them some inspiration!

The children would like to start selling eggs to parents every week but in order to do so we could with some egg boxes. If you have any spare, please send them in to school where we will utilise them.

Class Dojo and Communication

I am pleased to report that Class Dojo is back up and running after a national blackout earlier this week. Can I remind parents that this is a positive communication tool between parents and staff and should be used as so. To support staff wellbeing, teachers follow the school Class Dojo Policy which includes the following:

- Teachers are advised to only message between normal working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00am - 5.00pm.
- Teachers may respond outside of these hours but there is no expectation to, nor is there to respond at weekends or during school holidays.
- Staff will endeavour to respond within 48 hours.

Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with either the class teacher or myself for more serious concerns; and whilst parent/teacher communication is encouraged at the end of the school day, if something will take more time, please arrange an appointment, as staff often have after-school commitments. Thank you.

Home Learning Support

The support of parents is crucial to a child's progress at school. We actively encourage daily reading at home for all ages in addition to weekly homework being set.

Parents naturally want to support their children and the school want to support you in doing so. Therefore, uploaded on to the school class pages have been documentation to support with Spelling Punctuation and Grammar in addition to our Maths Calculation policies – these will show parents how children are taught at school.

Year 6 children will also find a document called 'How to Crack the 30 in 30' which outlines to the methods expected of children in Upper Key Stage 2 during their weekly arithmetic tests where the focus is progress not attainment. In the coming weeks we will also add a similar document for children further down the school who complete weekly 20 in 20 and 10 in 10 maths quizzes.

Safer Schools

This week we were visited by Shropshire Safer Schools leader Ian Bartlett and Inspector Greenaway – herself a former parent of the school.

Both were really impressed with the new look grounds and boundaries. They will continue to monitor parking but once again reiterated the desire for parents to use the car park and avoid parking on the road in the interests of pupil safety.

Young Voices Club

Year 4, 5 and 6 children are invited to join Young Voices Club which will begin on Tuesday 26th September with Mrs Lingard from 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Mrs Lingard is off to Birmingham on Monday to learn the songs and dances! The club is free but parents must be committed to the children attending the concert in the new year at a cost of approximately £20. All children wanting to come to Young Voices will need to attend this club, as there is a whole concert of songs and some dance moves to learn.

SEND at Newtown

Mrs Lench is the school SENDCo but is currently absent. In her absence, her duties are being covered by teaching staff with the support of our Welshampton SENDCo, Miss Jones. Unfortunately, this may mean that responses may take longer than anticipated but please be assured that staff are working hard to fill the gap. Please contact your class teacher in the first instance with any questions or queries.

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Morning Drop-Off

Now that the children have had time to settle in, please allow children to walk to the classroom independently from the foyer. In line with safeguarding procedures and to promote independence as early as possible, from Monday, parents won't be allowed to enter school beyond the foyer when dropping off. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE Kit Reminder

Please be reminded to label all PE Kit. A few lost items are turning up without names on them. Unfortunately, once free PE kits have been allocated we can't replace lost ones. These will need to be purchased from School Shop.

NCRA

QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER - 7.30 p.m.

NEWTOWN C of E COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Entry £5.00 per person All proceeds to the NCRA - Registered Charity No. 1083905
Teams a maximum of 6 Snacks provided B.Y.O.B Raffle

Please see attached documents with information regarding NCRA Lottery and Secretarial position.

Attendance

Our leading class this week is Kestrel Class with 99% attendance, with the whole school average coming in at 96%. Our school target this year is 97%.

Stars of the Week

This week we have two Stars of the Week to announce as we didn't share last week's winners until Monday.

Friday 15th Stars – Theme: Love



Congratulations to last weeks Stars: Ozzy, Elvin, Summer, Hollie and Emily.

Today's Stars – Theme: Wisdom

Owl Class: Eleanor for coming into school always being ready to learn.

Hawk Class – Y1: Henry for making super choices.
Y2: Rowan for his fantastic behaviour in class and setting an example to others.

Kestrel Class: Bonnie for making valuable contributions in class and always trying her best.

Osprey Class: Ashley for showing great wisdom and perseverance particularly in phonics.

Falcon Class: Poppy for showing thoughtfulness and dedication in her learning with pleasing results.

Outside Achievements

Rowan has received a football trophy for his hard work and a positive attitude! Well done Rowan – keep it up!

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Headteacher's Award

Special award this week goes to Emily who transformed a wet, muddy and sad Newtown Bear into a sparkling version! Newtown Bear (yet to be named) endured a torrid afternoon in Forest School when waterproof shelters proved to be anything but! However, thanks to Emily, Newtown Bear has now fully recovered after the ordeal!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton.

Key Dates

October

Monday 9th Harvest Festival at 9.15am
Parents welcome
Friday 27th PD Day
Monday 31st Half term

November

Monday 7th Children return to school
Monday 20th Assessment Week
Monday 27th Parents Evening
Tuesday 28th Parents Evening

Shire Services Cleaning Vacancy

**Newtown C of E Primary, Newtown,
Wem, SY4 5NU**

Cleaning Assistant Required

Hours of Work:

10.54 hours per week, term time only + 3
periodic cleaning days.

Daily Shift Pattern:

Monday-Friday 3.30pm – 5.38pm

Duties:

Cleaning Assistant required to join our team in a
busy but friendly school. Duties include cleaning of
toilets, classrooms, corridors, stairs and offices

Rate of Pay: £10.60 per hour.

Benefits:

Full training will be given to successful applicants.
Uniform will be provided.

Contact:

Please apply for all vacancies at
www.shropshire.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers For any
question about our jobs or if you have difficulty
applying online, please contact us on 01743
250250.

Job Number: SS23/1035

Closing Date:
24/09/2023



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