

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Thursday 26th October 2023**

Message from the Head

It has been a crazy day of crazy hair at Newtown today as the children finished the half term with a variety of hair colours and styles! Thank you to all those who got involved and raised £55.40 for the Friends of Newtown.

A reminder that tomorrow is a PD Day for staff so the school is closed for the children as they head in to their half term break.

The Apprentice: You're Hired!

This week I accompanied four of our Year 6 children – Abbie, Florence, Ozzy and Harper – to Thomas Adams for their inaugural Business and Enterprise Discovery morning. The children were given an Apprentice style task which they worked on together. It was a fun morning and the children worked together wonderfully well showing their entrepreneurial skills... to such an extent as they were declared the champions of business and enterprise, winning a £10 Amazon voucher each in the process! Well done all – you did us proud!



Congratulations Mrs Riley!

We are thrilled to share the news that Mrs Riley is pregnant with her first baby! She is due to welcome a baby girl to this world in Spring of next year and plans to take maternity leave from February half term. Plans are already being made to cover Mrs Riley's absence, before her expected return to Newtown in September. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her pregnancy.

Staffing Update

Mrs Lench has confirmed this week that she won't be returning to school until December 12th at the earliest. In her absence, Miss Morris and Miss Wilds will continue teaching our Year 1 and Year 2 children as communicated earlier in the week to Hawk Class parents.

Miss Jones, our excellent Welshampton SENDCo, will continue to oversee the SEN arrangements and carry on working closely with all Newtown teachers.

Social Media Permission

There are just a very small number of outstanding permissions that we are waiting for. If you haven't already done so, please complete the online form. Thank you.

KS2 Football Club

After half term, I will be running a Key Stage 2 Football Club on Wednesdays after school. This club is open to all boys and girls from Year 3 to Year 6 and you can sign up on the School Money App for the six-week programme.

Whenever possible, we will play on the field – so please bring football boots if you have them – but depending on the condition of the field, we may also train on the playground.

Thursday Sports Club

Next half term our Thursday night sports club will be netball and basketball. Please sign up to the club on the School Money App.

Nursery Stay and Play

We are starting to introduce Nursery Stay and Play sessions where parents are welcome to come into school and join their children in the school environment. These sessions will be led by Mrs Hidalgo and Mr Roberts and are open to parents of nursery children but also any prospective parents as a free taster session for those considering Newtown Nursery for their children, so please do spread the word to

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anyone who may be interested. Times and dates to be found in the dates section.

Inspire Sessions

Every term we like to invite parents in to school to share in the education of the children. This term is no different and the dates and times are below. We appreciate that although we would like to see as many parents as possible, this is not always possible due to work commitments etc and this is completely understandable. All children will still enjoy each session even if their parent has been unable to join them.

- 14th November Osprey Class Inspire – Design Tech
1:30pm
- 5th December Owl Class Inspire – Christmas Cooking
1:30pm
- 6th December Hawk Class – Year 2 – Christmas Craft
1:30pm
- 7th December Kestrel Class Inspire – Music
2:30pm
- 8th December Falcon Class Inspire – Christmas Craft
1:30pm
- 14th December Hawk Class – Year 1 – Reindeer Food
1:30pm

Key Christmas Dates

As we look towards Christmas, below are the key dates for your diary. All performances will be held in the church and parents are always welcome.

- 18th December KS2 Christmas Concert
5:30pm at church
- 19th December EYFS Christmas Nativity
1:30pm at church
- 19th December KS1 Christmas Nativity
3:30pm at church
- 20th December Whole School Christmas Service
2:15pm at church

Parent Governor

Would you like to play a key role in moving the school forward? As a parent governor, you would work with the Governing Body to ensure it effectively carries its duties and also play a vital role in ensuring that the

Governing Body is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

If you are interested, please read the attached letter and get in touch accordingly.

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Jacob for progressing to the next level in his swimming and to Alex in Year 1 for achieving his 10m swimming badge. Keep on swimming boys!

Have a wonderful half term break and we will look forward to seeing you all back to school on Monday 6th November!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton.

Key School Dates Autumn 2 2023

November

- Monday 6th Children return to school
- Friday 10th Nursery Stay and Play
9:30am
- Tuesday 14th Osprey Class Inspire – Design Tech
1:30pm
- Weds 15th Prospective Parent Open Day
9:30am
- Friday 17th Children in Need
- Monday 20th School Photos – Individual / Family
- Monday 20th Assessment Week
- Friday 24th Nursery Stay and Play – Forest School
- Monday 27th Parents Evening
Tuesday 28th Parents Evening

December

- Friday 1st Newtown School Choir
Wem Christmas Lights Switch On
6:00pm – 8:00pm (TBC)
- Tuesday 5th Owl Class Inspire – Christmas Cooking
1:30pm
- Weds 6th Hawk Class – Year 2 – Christmas Craft
1:30pm
- Thursday 7th Kestrel Class Inspire - Music

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- 2:30pm
- Friday 8th Falcon Class Inspire – Christmas Craft
1:30pm
- Friday 8th Nursery Stay and Play
9:30am
- 13th December Christmas Pantomime
- 13th December Christmas Dinner
- 14th December Hawk Class – Year 1 Inspire Afternoon
1:30pm
- 15th December Nursery Stay and Play Christmas Event
9:00am – 10:00am
- 18th December KS2 Christmas Concert
5:30pm at church
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Shropshire
Fire and Rescue Service

STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT

When using sparklers:

- Always wear gloves
- Only hold one sparkler at a time
- Don't give sparklers to children under 5-years-old
- Put them in a bucket of cold water when finished with

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OCTOBER HALF TERM SPOOKY SCIENCE

MONDAY 30TH OCT - FRIDAY 3RD NOV

1PM - 2:30PM

THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM, JOIN IN WITH
SOME SPOOKY SCIENCE! MAKE A CUP SCREAM,
A FACE JUMP ONTO A PUMPKIN AND A
PARACHUTE THAT WILL SAFELY LET A SPIDER
GET TO THE GROUND. MAKE A PAPER
SKELETON TO TAKE HOME AND MUCH MORE!

£4.50 PER ACCOMPANIED 4-11 YEAR OLD

MEMBERS PRICE - £4.05

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