

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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Newsletter
Monday 13th November 2023

Message from the Head

On Friday, the whole school paraded in silence to the war memorial at church to commemorate Armistice Day.

There, we had a short service with readings from our Prime Minister Annabelle, Deputy Prime Minister, Andrew and Home Secretary, Aimee. We listened to the Last Post before observing two minutes silence.

The children were impeccably behaved throughout; remaining silent throughout both the parade and service.

Open Day

On Wednesday morning we open our doors to prospective parents to join us and enjoy a tour of the school and to meet the children and staff. If you know of anyone considering joining Newtown please pass this on and we look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible.

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Nursery Stay and Play

It was lovely to welcome parents to our first Nursery Stay and Play event last week. The morning was on theme of Remembrance with several activities enjoyed by the children.



Our next Stay and Play event is on the afternoon of Friday 24th November and will be held in our Forest School setting. All parents, prospective or otherwise, of Nursery aged children are welcome to join us.

Safer Schools Meeting

Last week Annie, Andrew, Aimee and I, met with Ian Bartlett (Shropshire Safer Schools) and Rev Clayton (Safeguarding Governor) with Safer Schools on the agenda.

In our annual meeting we reflected on the year's work which has been undertaken as part of the Safer Schools programme and reviewed a recent children's questionnaire.

It was great to involve the children in the meeting and get their input and reflections; helping us improve still further as we move forwards.

Children In Need

This Friday marks Children In Need 2023 and our charity ministers have been busy planning this year's SPOTacular Event! All children are invited to wear something 'spotty' in return for a £1 donation to Children In Need.

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Your Charity Ministers

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Friends of Newtown Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop is back! For those that don't know, this is when the children come to school dressed down in return for a voluntary donation from the list on the poster (see below). Then on the 7th and 8th December the children will have the option to come and buy up to two presents for their loved ones. It enables them to give people at home 'a surprise' without the need to go out shopping! Gifts are priced at £1, £1.50 and £2 and this includes an Elf Wrapping service!



Xmas Shop is Back!!

Come to school dressed down on 29th November for a voluntary donation of the following:

- Nursery and Reception- chocolate or biscuits
- Yr 1 and 2- Ladies gifts
- Yr 3, 4 and 5- Men's gifts or chocolates
- Yr 6- Ladies gifts or biscuits

Xmas Shop will be held on 7th and 8th December



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



Inspire Sessions Reminder

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

Forest School

This week, Kestrel Class finished their first four Forest School sessions with the now customary campfire and toasted marshmallows.

It has been a pleasure seeing the children in the alternative environment as we look to develop their sense of independence, teamwork and responsibility.



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I look forward to welcoming Year 1 and Year 2 to Forest School on Thursday afternoon of this week. Please remember to bring a change of clothes, waterproofs and outdoor footwear.



A Message From Whitchurch Food Bank

What would we do at Food Bank without all the wonderful support we have been receiving this Harvest - for the donations this year have been exceptional!

*All our Schools, Churches and Chapels in the area have sent us their Harvest donations - including, of course, **Newtown Church, and Newtown C of E School.***

*Alan Scutt, our Manager at Food Bank tells me that your donations weighed in at **68.8 kgs - wonderful !! THANK YOU ALL, SO MUCH, for we are truly grateful to you all.***

*Without all the Harvest donations this year, I fear we would really be struggling to fulfil our obligations to all those families who so need our help - for we are giving out more than we receive for the first time, and in addition, we are paying over **£800. per month** to supplement our clients diets by purchasing fresh vegetables and fruit, Eggs and Bread and, so, all the Harvest donations are truly so much more appreciated this year!*

You may know, that although we are based in Whitchurch, we do, in fact, cover a wide area, not only in Whitchurch, but we cover most of North Shropshire, parts of Cheshire, and even over the border into Wales - SO many families and single people struggling with life, and even struggling to put food on their tables - but, thank God (and we do) WE are here for all who come to us in their times of crisis.

*So once again, many thanks **NEWTOWN** for your wonderful support - Bless you All.*

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Attendance

Last week our top attendees were Osprey Class with 99% with an overall school percentage of 96%.

Our whole school target is 97% for the year.

Class Dojo Weekly Winners

Owl Class – Emily, Felicity and Isabella

Hawk Class – Year 1 – Tilly, Isla and AJ

Hawk Class – Year 2 – Rocco-Joe, Amelia and Rowan

Kestrel Class – Eva, Latrell and Cameron.

Osprey Class – Alex, Alfred and Jack

Falcon Class – Darcie, Tate, Annie, Rudi and Stanley

Shining Stars of the Week

Owl Class – Tommy for showing improved listening skills and being more confident to share ideas.

Hawk Class – Year 1 – Theodore for making great progress in maths and English this week, and also for making better choices.

Hawk Class – Year 2 – Tilly-Rose for demonstrating great knowledge in our English lessons and especially using wonderful similes.

Kestrel Class – Louis for showing the wisdom to independently seek out books that he enjoys reading.

Osprey Class – Lola for her continued hard work and commitment to learning.

Falcon Class – Rudi for working his hardest and sharing his learning and supporting his friends with their understanding.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton.

Key School Dates Autumn 2 2023

November

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

December

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

Friday 8 th	Falcon Class Inspire – Christmas Craft 1:30pm
Friday 8 th	Nursery Stay and Play 9:30am
13 th December	Christmas Pantomime
13 th December	Christmas Dinner
14 th December	Hawk Class – Year 1 Inspire Afternoon 1:30pm
15 th December	Nursery Stay and Play Christmas Event 9:00am – 10:00am
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Christmas Competition



**Draw a picture,
write a poem,
or write a story
to describe what is special about
Christmas in Wem**

Entries must be on one side of a
piece of A4 paper.

Closing date: 24 November 2023

Open to children of primary school age

Drop your entry into Wem Library

All entries will be displayed in Wem Library and the winner
will be presented with a prize at the Wem Christmas Lights

Festival on Friday 1 December.

For more information contact Wem Town Council

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