



# Newchurch Primary School

## News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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18th September 2020

Value of the week: Tolerance



### WELCOME TO MISS HOPPER!

We can now officially welcome Miss Hopper to our Newchurch team as she started her full time position as School Administrator this week. Some of you will have already chatted to her on the phone or will have received an email from her but as we are not yet permitted to allow parents on site we felt it important to share a picture of Miss Hopper so you can begin to put a face to the name! Mrs Hoar is also still working in the office and together they are beginning to form a fantastic partnership!

### SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who completed the 'Back to School' survey. Your feedback really does mean a lot to us and it was lovely to read all of the positive responses regarding how well you feel that the school community has supported you and your families well over the past 6 months including the return to school. The information shared about the remote learning offer will help us with future planning along with the greater understanding that we now have regarding access to technology within your household. To give you a flavour of the feedback:



**100% agreed** that the school kept them well informed regarding their child's return to school.



Whilst some parents admitted they had their own reservations about sending their child back to school, they acknowledged that this was due to the national response and not that of the school.



**95% of children are happy** to be back at Newchurch!



Parental confidence in the safeguards that the school has out in place are very high (93%) but there are still concerns about the behaviour and conduct of our wider community at pick up and drop off.

20% of our community were not confident in accessing remote learning during the period of school closure. Please be aware that we are working hard to simplify our offer and all staff undertook training on this aspect this week. We will provide remote learning should your child have to self-isolate pending a test result and we are thinking carefully about how best to replicate a school based experience at home.



## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE—COVID UPDATE

Thank you to all families that have remained extra alert to the signs and possible symptoms of COVID-19 this week. We have seen several families seeking further clarification from the NHS 111 / 119 helplines and booking tests when advised to do so. Our teaching staff are not trained medics and so please do not ask for us to diagnose your symptoms always refer directly to a trained professional.

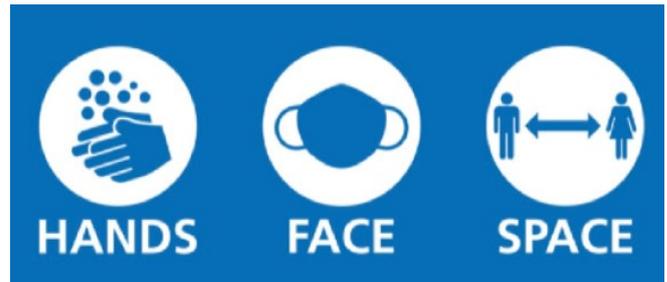
Should a child fall poorly or display symptoms in school we will contact families and expect you to make arrangements to have your child collected immediately.

The DFE have asked us to remind all parents that it is a **statutory requirement** that in the event of symptoms families are ready and willing to; book a test, provide details of anyone that they have been in close contact with if they test positive and self-isolate.

We would also like to remind you of the **important role you play** in helping to keep our community safe. It is very important that you and your family continue to follow the guidance on social distancing as this enables all of the measures that we have put in place in school to remain as effective as possible. Please do continue to observe the **2m rule when dropping off or picking up** your child and wherever possible remain in your vehicle rather than congregate outside of school. As part of our risk assessment we do request parents to **wear face coverings at drop off and pick up** if exiting their vehicle in the same way that you would if entering a supermarket or using public transport.

Public health have also asked us to advise that, despite some relaxations of social distancing measures, traditional child activities such as sleepovers should be avoided at this time. They acknowledge that this is really hard for children but it is an important **part of your role** in reducing transmission.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



## DANCE LIVE 2021!

We were alerted that registration for Dance Live 2021 opened this week. We are very proud to have taken part last year and achieved 3rd place which resulted in a place in the virtual final! Ordinarily, we would be very keen to replicate this success this year however with the uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus and the associated restrictions for schools, it would make it incredibly challenging for us to prepare a piece to the very high standards that we have done previously as our risk assessments dictate that staff and volunteers should continue to minimise contacts

and maintain social distance thereby only working within one bubble. We have therefore taken the difficult decision not to register for the competition this year. We know that this will be disappointing for many of the children who have entered every year but we hope you understand that it is really important that we prioritise the health and safety of all involved.

## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK 2020

Monday 28th September is the start of Bike to School Week 2020. The promotion of cycling is a key component of our school improvement plan for this academic year in support of the government initiative to encourage more people to walk, cycle or scoot to school wear they can!

Our pupil leadership team have already been thinking about how they can further promote these activities in school and we have secured support from 'Shift It' who will be hosting socially distant cycling days for Years 3 & 4 in school as part of the celebratory week.

We would also like to give advanced notice to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who will have the opportunity to join our **'Bike Bus' on Friday 2nd October** where staff and volunteers from this bubble will be cycling in to school along the cycle track from Sandown via Alverstone. Details and an invite have been emailed to parents and we encourage you to please sign up via the link in the email.

## **Back to school**

Walk, cycle or scoot to school where you can.



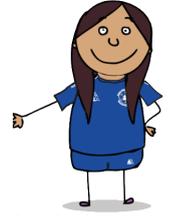
**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

## A little insight into the pupils' learning this week:



Another new adventure for Team GB and we took it in our stride! This week we met the rest of our team mates and we stayed for lunch. Jenny the cook has been super impressed at how quickly we settled into the lunchtime routine and even gave us a clap for our excellent behaviour on hot dog day (Wednesday)! We have been making the most of the sunshine and have particularly loved playing with the water and practising putting on red suits and boots. We also built a fire/police station together which involved lots of collaboration! Mrs Starkey, Miss Barnett, Miss Hayes and Mr Allen would like to say how very proud we are of Team GB. They have been absolutely amazing at waving goodbye to their grownups and coming into school on their own.

Iceland class have had a very busy week. They have really impressed with how sensibly they have come into school each day and start their morning challenge. We have continued to look at place value and 'The Little Red Hen'. The children have written some super sentences about the hen and are going to try and write their story next week. We have also created some posters about washing hands to remind everyone why this is so important. We have started to look at simple birds eye view maps and have been mapping out our classroom and outside area.



Year 2 have been re-telling the story of the Ugly duckling. We have also been exploring a little bit more about our Classes country - Denmark through a variety of activities in COOL time. The children particularly enjoyed creating their own wind turbines.

Year 3 have been busy this week being historians and researching lots of facts about the Stone Age. In addition to this, they have completed both reading and maths assessments. They found it useful to go back through the marked papers in order to improve their scores which also boosted their confidence. They are getting to grips with the expectations in Lower Key Stage 2 and are beginning to settle into their new routines.



This week Sweden Class have been writing character descriptions about characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In Maths we have been ordering numbers and using greater than/less than symbols. In Science we have been grouping animals according to their characteristics. The children have also completed assessments in English and Maths this week, they have worked extremely hard!

Switzerland Class have been looking at rounding numbers up to a billion. With their knowledge of place value, they were able to confidently round numbers in number problems and in real life situations, like making sure there is sufficient flu vaccinations for the whole country! We have been looking at Jamie Oliver's campaign for Supermarkets to sell 'wonky vegetables', to stop food waste and support farmers. We have written letters to persuade supermarkets of the benefits of selling the 'beautiful inside' vegetables. There have been some excellent points raised and I am in no doubt that no supermarket could disagree with the benefits. We have been looking at life in Roman times this week and finding out children of a similar age lived.



This week in Brazil Class, we have been delving deeper into our class text, Journey to Jo'burg, and using drama to help the children to understand the characters thoughts and feelings. During maths, we have been focusing on rounding numbers and have also started our weekly times table challenge! We learned about historical sources and used photographs to find out more about The Windrush Generation as well as plotting the journey the ship took on a map. We are studying the work of Esther Mahlangu in art and have been creating our own piece of work in the Ndebele style. Keep up the hard work, year 6!

### SMART WATCHES



We encourage the children to wear a watch to school to help them learn how to tell the time. We are aware that watches have many, many more functions these days and just wish to remind parents that smart watches with internet connectivity and messaging capabilities should not be worn to school. Also, please be aware that the children wear watches at their own risk and the school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to expensive items worn on site.

# KEY STAGE 1 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



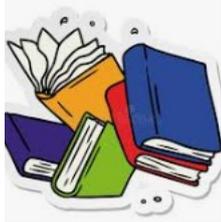
## Headteacher Awards

Year R- Drew P  
Year 1 - Oscar S  
Year 2 - Elsie P



## Star Spellers of the Week

Year 1 - Quinn H  
Year 2 - Mollie P



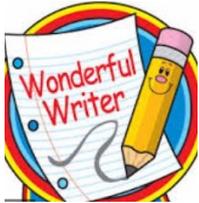
## Star Readers of the Week

Year 1 - Olivia S  
Year 2 - Alivia-Rose N



## Mathematician of the Week Awards

Year R - Kiran S  
Year 1 - Eddie M  
Year 2 - Mia A



## Star Writer of the Week

Year R - Woody M  
Year 1 - Olivia B & Ivy G  
Year 2 - Jacob S



## PE Superstar

Year 2 - Harry B



## Resilience Cup

Year R - Max I

## Caring & Sharing Award

Year R - Archie M



## Sticker cards

Logan D  
Alistair W  
Amelia W  
Buddy J  
Oscar H  
Stanley D  
Elsie P

We are super proud of all of our winners !

## Lunchtime Menu — Caterlink for week beginning 21st September 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	Chicken Curry & Rice	Beef Burger & Wedges	Sausages & Mash	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetable Curry & Rice	Quorn Burger & Wedges	Cheese and Tomato Whirl & Mash	Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Pasty
<b>Desert</b>	Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate & Orange Cake	Vanilla Shortbread

*Yoghurt & fresh fruit is available daily as a dessert choice*

**ALL HOT MEAL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9.15AM**

**DON'T BE LATE THE COOK CAN'T WAIT!!!**

