



# Newchurch Primary School

## News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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Value of the week: Quality

### Responsible Car Parking

We are aware that there are many frustrations around car parking at our school although the staggered start and finish times do seem to have reduced the pressure and maintained the flow a little better. For the new families that have joined us you may be unaware of the village protocols that we try to adhere to in order to avoid upsetting any of our neighbours and residents. The car park opposite the school is a parish car park and therefore all school users are requested to exhibit patience, respect and co-operation whilst using the facility. The disabled bays **MUST** be left clear for disabled access only and should not be used even for a quick drop off or pick up. We do have several blue badge holders within our community and they do always need to be able to access these spaces. The area at the end of School Lane is clearly demarcated with double yellow lines and under no circumstances should parents park in this area as it prevents access to the property at the end of the lane. Our lovely neighbours in the School House also require access to their property at all times and so please refrain from blocking their access.



Please note that we would never let a child leave school without an adult and will always look after them whilst we wait for their parent to arrive, so don't fret if it takes you a little while to find a space.

### Pupil Leadership Team



It was lovely to see the new members of our Pupil Leadership team get awarded their badge in our first ever virtual celebration assembly today. Sadly, we were not able to invite friends and family members but a link has been shared with all of the children's families. Mrs Parkin congratulated all of the children who had completed the application process which included either an interview or submitting a virtual application this year! The children are keen to get going and prove that they are 'up to the job' for which they have been allocated! Things will be a little 'different' this year but we are sure that the team will work hard to represent the school brilliantly!

## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

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 will continue to provide work for a pupil to undertake remotely should you be asked to self isolate and the expectation is that the child engages with this in order that they do not fall further behind.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

We have been made aware of a real and particularly nasty viral post going round on TikTok. The company are dealing with the situation and it should be cleared within the next few days however parents may wish to remain alert to the content of the videos that their children are accessing online.

We have reminded the children in school this week about our e:safety rules and what to do if they come across something online that worries, frightens or concerns them. We have also reminded them that many apps have age limits to protect them, as you can see from the image our children

are not old enough to legally access many of the popular platforms, including Tik Tok.



Help us to keep your children safe by checking which apps they are accessing, the privacy platforms for access and be very interested in what they are up to online. We need to make their online world as safe as their real world.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## READING FOR ENJOYMENT AT NEWCHURCH!



Reading for enjoyment is a huge focus for our school this year as we know that children who love to read have increased educational success, improved emotional wellbeing and quite simply have the joyful experience of getting lost in a story!

As such, we have completely revamped our KS1 and KS2 library areas and can't wait to be able to share these with the children again over the course of the year. We have also revamped our 'Free Reader' reading scheme to include a large selection and variety of books at roughly three different stages of development: Brown FR shelf - suitable for readers in years 3 and 4; Grey FR shelf - suitable for readers in years 4 and 5 and Black FR shelf - suitable for readers in years 5, 6 and 7. The children will have a genre record card in order to keep track of their preferences as a reader, enabling them to take control of their own reading journey through the school.

### **SAFETY FIRST:**

Less independent readers who are not accessing the 'Free Reader' shelves as of yet, will have their books changed by an adult twice a week and on return, we will quarantine books over the weekend before putting them back on the shelves for selection.

'Free Readers' will begin selecting their own books next week on rotation, with books quarantined on return as above.

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



Team GB have had a busy second week at Newchurch Primary School. We have been getting used to our new routines and the school building. On Tuesday and Thursday we had our PE lessons and enjoyed testing out our PE kits and showing off our trainers - we decided PE was fun! We went to the hall to meet Jenny the cook and she told us some of the yummy dinners she would be cooking for us. We thought they all sounded delicious but pizza definitely had the biggest cheer! We saw the big blue tables that we will sit at lunchtime.

We have particularly enjoyed story time this week. Our favourite story so far has to be Spider Sandwiches by Claire Freedman although we didn't think Max the monster's meals sounded very nice at all!

Iceland class have really impressed this week with the attitude they have brought to Year 1. As we start to settle into our new routines they have shown they are ready to learn and are trying hard. We have started to learn our Little Red Hen Story so that we can write our own story soon. If you ask the children hopefully they'll be able to show it to you! Iceland class have done some super work on place value in Maths and have been getting used to using lots of different resources to support their learning.



Year 2 were introduced to the Ugly Duckling this week. This book will underpin our writing over the next couple of weeks. We have explored adjectives and created some excellent expanded noun phrases. The children have really enjoyed learning more about Denmark during our COOL time activities and classroom discussions. Well done Year 2!

Netherlands Class have been really keen to learn this week as they start on their learning journey to The Stone Age! They have been immersed in their class text, Stone Age Boy, where they have already completed some writing tasks. They have also been using their spelling journals. In Maths they have been learning about place value and how to represent numbers up to 100 using different resources. Well done, Year 3!



This week Sweden Class have been working on place value and writing numbers. In English we have started reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, we have been working on character descriptions of the characters. In Geography we have looked at the difference between the terms United Kingdom and Great Britain and where each country is in the UK.

Switzerland Class have really settled into Year 5 routines and enjoyed a full week at school. We have been looking at place value to numbers up to 1,000,000 and making sure they understand the value of each digit of a number. I have been so impressed with their understanding of place value and the level of confidence shown when working with 7 digit numbers. A great start to Maths in Year 5. We have started to look at the class rich text 'The Land of Neverbelieve', looking at the author's style of writing and the specific vocabulary he uses to explain the weird and wonderful creatures. We have been in awe of the beautiful illustrations and I am sure they will inspire so amazing creative writing this term. We have started the topic of Romans and look forward to researching what life was like for a Roman child in the coming weeks.



This week in Brazil class we have become immersed in our 'Black History' topic. We have started reading 'Journey to J'burg' and made predictions about the book as well as drawing inferences about the characters and justifying them with evidence from the text. We have found out about Ruby Bridges through reading comprehension and have also studied the lyrics to 'Where is the love?' by the Black Eyed Peas. In maths, we have been brushing up on our place value knowledge and solving some tricky reasoning problems. Great work, year 6!

## ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL—SEPTEMBER 2021

It is the time of year again when the process starts to enable parents to apply for a primary school place for their child to start in Reception 2021

Regardless if you already have a child at Newchurch if you wish their sibling to join us you must still apply online.

To support parents in their decision making we will be offering out-of-hours tours of our school on Saturday 3rd October. These tours are only for parents who are unfamiliar with and have no knowledge of Newchurch Primary School.

Please call 865210 for an allocated time, thank you.



## Attendance updates:

Year R	100%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	82.2%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98.9%

Whole School Target 2020/21 **97%**

Education Welfare Service actively monitor any pupil with an attendance figure of under 90% as this is considered to be Persistent Absence. Please be aware that we may need to ask for evidence, such as doctor appointment cards, to present to EWS should medical advice be sought.

Please remember we are unable to authorise **any** absence from school due to holidays during term time, and that this is Government legislation not an individual school or Federation decision. The Truancy Penalty Notice for unauthorised absence during term time is currently £60 per parent per child and this may be issued by the Local Authority.



## The 'Own It' app helps you take control of your online life!

This week Mrs Martin has attended an online training session about a brand new app designed to give children advice when they need it, in real-time as they type!

Helping children to make smart choices, feel more confident, and live their best life online – the 'Own It' app comes with a special keyboard. This can be used like any other keyboard, but it also gives children helpful tips and friendly advice as they write!

It is free to download and Mrs Martin thinks it is a wonderful tool but encourages parents to find out more using this link <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-faqs>

## Lunchtime Menu – Caterlink for week beginning 14th September 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mash	Hot Dog & Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers & Chips
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetable Risotto	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vege Hot Dog & Wedges	5 Bean Chilli & Rice	Cheese & Tomato Wheel & Chips
<b>Desert</b>	Banana Chocolate Oaty Square	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Marble Cake	Orange Drizzle Cake	Peaches & Ice Cream

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!!!

