

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 17th May 2024**

Message from the Head

This week has seen our fabulous Year 6 children complete their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). These are national tests which all children complete before moving on to Key Stage 3 education.

It is a week which requires resilience, stamina and determination and our children have demonstrated all these qualities throughout. Taking six tests over four days was no mean feat, and everyone should be so proud of their efforts. Well done Year 6!

Fabulous Reflexology

As reward for our Year 6 children, Mrs Smallbone offered her reflexology services to our Year 6 troopers!

Reflexology is beneficial for children in many ways including reducing stress, anxiety, helping with self-esteem issues and also when hormones are affecting concentration.

Lot's of children took a trip to Mrs Smallbone's spa as lot's of staff looked on enviously...



Thank you, Mrs Smallbone. For further information visit: <https://tippytoesreflexology.co.uk/>

Colour Run 2024



This time last week, most of us were neck deep in a rainbow of coloured power! It was a fantastic event which raised £761.01 which will be split between the school and the NCRA who are responsible for the upkeep of the play park.



Everyone – including staff and parents – had a brilliant time and it was wonderful to share so much fun together as a school and community family. Look out for the video which is coming soon!



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A Message from Parliament

Healthy Snack

“Could we remind everyone that children are to bring only healthy snacks to school on a Monday to Thursday. However, we have decided that Friday can be a special treat day. We will be watching!”

Bikeability

Next week – from Monday to Wednesday - our Year 6 children will enjoy a week of bikeability training. The training is a practical training programme, which provides schoolchildren with a life skill and enables them to cycle confidently and competently on today's roads.

Year 6 children should bring to school their bikes, a helmet and come in their PE kits. All bikes can be stored at school overnight for the duration of the training.

Eggs For Sale

A reminder that when we get eggs from our chickens, they are for sale and priced at £1.50 for 6 and money can be left in the honesty jar.

School Meal Debts

We fully understand and greatly appreciate that many parents keep a close eye on their School Money balance and make regular, timely payments.

The school wishes to avoid a situation which allows parents to accrue large amounts of debt for school meals which they may then find difficult to clear. It is very time consuming for the school's office staff to chase parents for payment by phone call, text message or in person.

The school will occasionally need to decide whether or not a child should be refused a meal in school if no payment has been made. Ultimately, school is no different to any other café/restaurant and meals taken must be paid for.

School meals must be paid for in advance of meals being taken. All payments are made online through School money. Meals may be paid for on a daily, weekly, half termly or termly basis. The minimum payment accepted for meals is £2.50. Children will not be provided with a school meal unless it is paid for, except those that are entitled to universal or free school meals.

If a parent/carer genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance of up to £5.00 per child. However, this debt must be paid immediately on request before any further meals are provided.

If debts are incurred, then the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay for debts incurred by parents/carers. Every parent/carer will agree that this is unacceptable, and we request you give this your full support

The Free School Meals (FSM) system is there for parents of children of all ages (even KS1 children who are entitled to UFSM) to claim if they are in receipt of certain benefits. Parents can apply for FSM using a secure, confidential online form at:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals

All the information you need to decide if you are eligible and to apply for free school meals can be found here: www.shropshire.gov.uk

School Gardens

Could children please be reminded to stick to the pathways when approaching school rather than straying into the flower beds. Unfortunately, mud is coming into the school as a result.

We should have some news for you regarding planting soon! Get those green fingers ready!

Trespassing on School Grounds

Unfortunately, over the last few weeks we have seen an increase in young people trespassing on school grounds at the weekends and in the evening. This has meant that on occasion they have gone into our EYFS area and making a real mess, as well as using the Forest School area.

The area between the car park and wooded area is NCRA land which is open to the public but nearer to the school – including the running track, playground and EYFS area – is private property.

If you know of anyone who comes on to the school site after hours, please remind them of this.

We are currently liaising with the Local Authority to see what we can do to ensure we keep our school grounds tidy and ready for our children to utilise safely.

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Come and join us at

Newtown Church

Saturday 18th May 24

Afternoon Tea

2pm to 4pm



Cake stall, Plants, Books, Bric-a-brac, Raffle
and other attractions

Take the opportunity to chat with your neighbours

Embrace Holiday Club

As the May Half Term fast approaches, Embrace are thrilled to share exciting news about our upcoming holiday clubs hosted by The Embrace Group. These sporty and fun-filled clubs will take place at two fantastic locations: Meole Brace C of E Primary School in Shrewsbury and Shifnal Primary School in Shifnal.

Holiday Club Highlights:

- Age Group: Suitable for children in years 1 to 7.
- Activities: Our clubs feature a range of activities meticulously planned and led by our qualified sports coaches and teachers.
- Sports Galore: Kids can enjoy a variety of sports, including Dodgeball, Football, Tag Rugby, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Hockey, and other engaging games.

Booking Information:

To secure a spot for your child and ensure they have a blast during the May Half Term, simply follow the link below for more details and to complete the booking process.

<https://mailchi.mp/7628d1a9bad8/greenacres-fsm-booking-information-17814679>

Job Vacancies

SS24/047 Kitchen Assistant/Driver, 17.5HPW, Newtown Primary School, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5NU. Closing 26/05/2024.

SS24/1035 Cleaning Assistant, 10.54HPW, Newtown Primary School, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NU. Closing 26/05/2024.

Click on the links below for more information:

<https://www.shireservices.co.uk/job-vacancy/664487cf9e3cf/Kitchen-AssistantDriver-175HPW-Newtown-Primary-School-Wem-Shropshire-SY4-5NU-SS24047>

<https://www.shireservices.co.uk/job-vacancy/664474a42be8e/Cleaning-Assistant-1054HPW-Newtown-Primary-School-Wem-SY4-5NU-SS241035>

Attendance

It was a close run thing this week...

Owl 99% ★★★★★
Hawk 97% ★★★★★
Kestrel 98% ★★★★★
Osprey 85% ★★★★★
Falcon 94% ★★★★★

Average for this week 95%

Our whole target is 97%

Shining Stars of the Week

Owl Class

Ezra for showing consideration and appreciation for the world around us.

Hawk Class

Sadie for always being ready to learn and for being a fantastic role model to her peers.

Kestrel Class

Ella for building increased confidence when working independently.

Osprey Class

Bonni for working hard - especially in RE.

Falcon Class

All our Year 6 children for their hard work during SATS week!

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Class Dojos Winners

Owl Class – Felicity, Eleanor & Ruben.
Hawk Class – Sadie, Tilly W & Isla.
Kestrel Class – Harriet, Percy & Louis.
Osprey Class – Lola, Lucas & Bonni.
Falcon Class – Henry, Harper & Annie.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

May	
24 th May	Break Up for Half Term
June	
3 rd June	PD Day
4 th June	Children Return to School
July	
19 th July	Break Up for Summer

SHROPSHIRE HILLS DISCOVERY CENTRE
PRESENTS

Matilda The Musical



WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY
FILM STARTS AT 5PM

Adult £6.00 | Child £4.00 | Family £18.00
Booking essential, book online



www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Free themed crafts and refreshments available to purchase in the cafe from 4pm.



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School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795



May Half Term Activity

Seeing is Believing

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

1pm - 2.30pm

Create your own basic kaleidoscope to make patterns and learn their history. Play with optical illusions.

Compare the eyes of different animals over time and solve the mystery of each animal eye stage.

Recommended age 4 - 11 years.

£4.50 per accompanied child
Booking essential
Book online



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