Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

Newsletter Friday 19th July 2024

Message from the Head

As the school year comes to a close, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our school staff team for their hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout this academic year. Their relentless efforts to nurture and encourage the children with enthusiasm and positivity is inspirational. Thank you all.

I would also like to thank you our parents for your support this year. Your dedication to your child's education and the school community has created a positive and nurturing atmosphere that really helps make our school a great place to be.

By working together, we have created a strong partnership that fosters a love for learning and personal growth for our children. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the school and we look forward to building on this again next year.

Finally, a thank you to the most important people at Newtown – the children. Their enthusiasm for learning and positive outlook make working in a school so rewarding. Their resilience and determination to improve is inspirational and I am immensely proud of every one of them.

Enjoy a well-deserved summer break all!



Year 6 Leavers

It was wonderful to share the Leavers' Service with our Year 6 children and parents earlier today. As always, it was an emotional affair which brings the children's time at primary school come to an end.

Whilst today marked the children's final chapter on life at Newtown, it is with excitement and enthusiasm that children should look to their futures.

It is with hope and expectation that the lessons learned over the past 7 years at school – both academically and personally – have prepared them well for the journey ahead.

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again someday,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
May the memories that we have shared,
Linger on and on.

Kestrel Class Liverpool Trip



On Tuesday it was fantastic to join Kestrel Class on their visit to Liverpool! Following a trip to Liverpool's World Museum, to find out more about the Ancient Greeks we took a trip up to Anfield to explore the home of Liverpool FC.

The children learnt about the history of the club, visited the changing rooms and were extremely fortunate to get a guest appearance from Mighty Red, the Liverpool FC's mascot!

It was a day that not only supported the children in their learning but also inspired them to chase their dreams in the future.

Outstanding Money

A polite reminder to please pay all outstanding debts as soon as possible please. We still have a significant amount of money outstanding from school lunches, clubs and trips which ultimately will come out of the school budget if not paid. Thank you in advance.

School Clubs 2024-25

Wraparound Care will continue from the first day back after the summer holidays - Wednesday 4th September. We will continue to offer wraparound care from 7:45am until 8:45am and 3:15pm until 5:30pm every day. We will also be able to offer wraparound care for Nursery aged children until 4:30pm.

We will share our extra-curricular timetable in the first week back with themed clubs starting from Monday 9th September.

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

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Term	Start Date	End Date
Autumn Term	Wednesday	Friday
1	4th September	25th October
Autumn Term	Monday	Friday
2	4th November	20th December
Spring Term	Tuesday	Friday
1	7th January	14th February
Spring Term	Tuesday	Friday
2	25th February	11th April
Summer Term	Monday	Friday
1	28th April	23th May
Summer Term	Monday	Friday
2	2nd June	18th July

School PD Days - Children not in

Monday 2nd September 2024 Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Monday 6th January 2025 Monday 24th February 2025 Monday 21st July 2025

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)

You will see at the end of this newsletter lots of information about Summer Clubs that children are invited to attend, often for a charge. However, the HAF Programme offers free places to some activities for those who meet the eligibility criteria. I have attached further information to this email but the main information for eligibility is as follows:

Core Eligibility:

There are free places available on the HAF programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age)* to 16, who:

- Receive benefits-related free school meals
- Ukrainian guests staying in Shropshire

Wider Eligibility:

Local authorities have discretion to use some of their funding to provide free or subsidised holiday club places for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

In Shropshire this includes:

• Children and young people who live in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals

There are a limited number of free places available for children and young people who meet the wider eligibility criteria of living in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households on the Shropshire HAF programme 2024.

Attendance

This week

Owl 99.44%

Hawk 94.40%

Kestrel 95.45%

Osprey 98.33%

Falcon 93.04%

Average 96.13%

Whole Year

Owl 96.44% **

Hawk 95.65% *

Kestrel 97.17% **

Osprey 93.06%

Falcon 94.19%

Average 95.30%

Our whole target is 97%

Shining Stars of The Week

Owl Class

Joshua for demonstrating perseverance and positivity despite his broken arm.

Hawk Class

Sadie for being a singing superstar but showing karaoke patience!

Kestrel Class

Rosie for being brilliant!

Osprey Class

Jamie for being a superstar and all-round good guy!

Falcon Class

Poppy for being so so so kind!

Outside Achievements

Last Sunday Tilly W was awarded 1st in Tumble and 3rd in Pairs for her gymnastics competition.

Jacob and Amelia have both progressed to the higher swimming group.

Congratulations all!

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Your sincerely, Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

September

2rd September PD Day 3rd September PD Day

4th September Children Return to School 5th September Meet The Teacher Event

3:15pm to 4:00pm

Pentember Year 5 and 6 Inspire

6th September Year 5 and 6 Inspire Forest School

1:15pm – 3:15pm

9th September Support Your Child Event

Phonics and Early Reading EYFS & Year 1

3:15pm – 4:00pm

13th September Year 3 and 4 Inspire

Forest School 1:15pm – 3:15pm

16th September Support Your Child Event

Maths

EYFS & Year 1

3:15pm – 4:00pm 20th September Nursery and EYFS Inspire

Forest School

9:15am – 11:30am

20th September Year 1 and 2 Inspire

Forest School

1:15pm - 3:15pm

October

14th October Parents Evening 15th October Parents Evening

January

6th – 8th January Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip

March

13th – 14th March Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip

May

12th – 15th May Year 6 SATs Week

June

8th – 13th June Phonics Screening Check

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Summer Holidays at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Wild Homes

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th July & AND Monday 12th
- Friday 16th August
1pm - 2.30pm

Take a walk to see if we can find the homes of animals in the meadows. Then make a den or tent wild home for yourself or an animal or even a fairy. Take a break in your work and toast a marshmallow.

Recommended age 4 - 11 years.

£4.50 per child. Must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential, book online at

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Stone Age Hunters

Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August AND Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August

1pm - 2.30pm

Go back in time to the Stone Age and prepare to help your tribe. Visit our special Condover mammoth replica and learn what it can tell us about the Ice Age.

Try using a fire bow and spear thrower and paint with soil pigments in your sacred cave. As a tracker, assess how you will hunt and scavenge using wind direction, footprint trails and more and use stones to make a solar calendar to help you know when it is time to move on.

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Recommended age 4 - 11 years. £4.50 per child. Must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential, book online at www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Winnie the Pooh Adventures Monday 5th - Friday 9th August AND Monday 26th Friday 30th August 1pm - 2.30pm

"What day is it?" said Pooh. "It's today," squeaked Piglet. "My favourite day," responds Pooh. Decorate a pooh stick with items found in the meadows. Try to trap a heffalump. Make a house for Eeyore. Help Pooh by learning to identify honey bees in the meadows, so that he can have some honey later.

Recommended age 3 - 11 years. £4.50 per child. Must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential, book online at www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

A Discovery Summer Children's Holiday Club Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 25th July until 29th August 9am – 1pm

Time will be spent outside exploring, learning about and enjoying nature. We will create things using natural materials and go out and make dens. There will also be quiet times inside with a range of creative activities, games and books. We plan to cook once a week.

For Children in reception to year 6.

£14.00 per child or free with a school code. A snack and lunch are included. Booking essential, call 01588676060 to book.

Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) – Flicks in the Sticks Film Wednesday 21st August Film starts at 3pm

Po must train a new warrior when he's chosen to become the spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace. However, when a powerful shape-shifting sorceress sets her eyes on his Staff of Wisdom, he suddenly realizes he's going to need some help. Teaming up with a quick-witted corsac fox, Po soon discovers that heroes can be found in the most unexpected places. Adult £6, child £4. Booking essential, book online at www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk Themed crafts and film snacks will be available.



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