Newtown Church of England Primary School



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Newsletter Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Message from the Head

I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer break and are as excited about the new academic year as we are here at Newtown.

I would like to start by very warmly welcoming all our new parents who will be joining our school family on Wednesday, I'm sure you will be warmly welcomed by the whole school community.

I am writing with a couple of updates and reminders before the year commences; information which I hope you will find useful.

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

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 1	Tuesday 7th January	Friday 14th February
Spring Term	Tuesday	Friday
2	25th February	11th April
Summer Term	Monday	Friday
1	28th April	23rd May
Summer Term	Monday	Friday
2	2nd June	18th July

School PD Days – Children not in

Monday 6th January 2025 / Monday 24th February 2025 Monday 21st July 2025

Staffing Update

We are delighted that Mr Dane Tinsley will join as a Teaching Assistant and Sports Coach from September.

Mr Tinsley has been working across the Federation as a Sports Coach for almost 3 years and has made a great impact on the quality of sports provision we offer.

I am pleased that his fulltime arrival will ensure that he will not only support our children in the classroom but further develop our active PE curriculum, promoting participation for all.

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.

Themed clubs will start from Monday 9th September and will be as follows for the first half term before we review and refresh for Autumn 2.

Autumn 1 2024			
Day	Sunset Club 3:15pm – 4:30pm		
Mon	KS1 Football* with Mr Tinsley	Construction & Engineering with Mr Roberts	
Tue	KS2 Girls Football* with Mr Tinsley	Games with Mr Roberts	
Wed	Cookery & Baking with Mrs Braithwaite and Mr Roberts		
Thu	KS2 Boys Football* with Mr Tinsley	Arts & Craft with Mr Roberts	
Fri	Forest Fridays with Mr Roberts and Mrs Braithwaite		

^{*}Clubs will be limited in numbers and registration will take place. Children at these clubs should be collected at 4:30pm.

Sunset Club will continue until 5:30pm every night and will be child-led from 4:30pm onwards.

School Structure

As previously communicated, the school structure for this academic year will be as follows with support staff allocated based on need.

> Owl Class - Nursery and Reception Mrs Hidalgo

Hawk Class - Year 1 and Year 2
Miss Wilds

Kestrel Class - Year 3 and Year 4 Mrs Riley

Osprey Class - Year 5
Miss Morris

Falcon Class - Year 6 Mrs Lingard

Parents will have a chance to come in and meet the class teacher on Thursday 5th September straight after school. In this informal meeting, the class teacher will share key information with you for the upcoming year and be able to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to make it, don't worry as all information will also be shared on the school website.

Forest School Inspire Events

Children's adults are warmly invited to join us at the start of this term for our Autumn Inspire Events. These will be out in our Forest School area and will give you all the opportunity to come and join the children in their outdoor learning.

6th September Year 5 and 6 Inspire

Forest School 1:15pm – 3:15pm 3:15pm – 4:00pm

13th September Year 3 and 4 Inspire

Forest School 1:15pm – 3:15pm

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

Support Your Child at Home Events

The impact that adults at home have on their child's education should never be underestimated. From hearing children read every day, to supporting them with their homework and asking them to share what they've learnt at school are all crucial in a child's development.

It is with this in mind that we want to support you in supporting your child at home. Therefore, in the first of several such events this year, we invite you to the following:

9th September Support Your Child in Phonics

and Early Reading EYFS & Year 1 Parents 3:15pm – 4:00pm

16th September Support Your Child in Maths

EYFS & Year 1 Parents 3:15pm – 4:00pm

We aim for these sessions to be informative and fun and hope to see as many of you as possible.

Communication

A reminder that there are plenty of ways to keep in touch with everything that goes on in school – these include our weekly newsletter, Class Dojo, school website, Facebook, X and Instagram.

If you need to get in touch please do so, initially via Class Dojo for class teachers and please use the school admin email — admin@newtown.shropshire.sch.uk for anything else. For more serious or urgent matters, please contact me directly via email.

We very much look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday for the start of the new school year.

Your sincerely,

Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

September

2nd September PD Day 3rd September PD Day

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

3:15pm to 4:00pm

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 OctoberParents Evening15th OctoberParents 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

