

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 22nd November 2024**

Message from the Head

It was a pleasure to see the children enjoying the snowy conditions this week and thank you all for sending your children in with wellington boots. It doesn't snow too often in Newtown, so when it does, we will always look to make the most of it so please always ensure children come to school with suitable footwear and warm coats, hats, and gloves.

As we approach winter, please be aware that should we have the need to close school for any reason, parents will be notified via email and text – and probably Class Dojo too!

We will always aim to keep the school open as much as possible but when making the decision we not only have to consider the safety of the school and surrounding areas but also the distance that staff need to travel.

Key Stage Two Space Night

Tonight, our Key Stage Two children are enjoying the most brilliant evening of campfire and stargazing! Thank you so much to Mrs Lingard, Miss Morris and Mrs Riley for organising the evening and staying so late in their own time to ensure that the children have the best evening.

Thank you also to Mr Morris for bringing in his telescopes for the children to view the night sky with wondrous delight! It really was special to see the children having such a fantastic experience on such a stunning, clear and calm night.



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Communication

For clarity, I would just like to outline the functions of our various methods of communicating with parents:

Email

This is our official way of communicating to parents and anything significant will be done via email – either on a whole school, class or group level.

Class Dojo

Informal class reminders and sharing of in school experiences.

Text

This will only be used in an emergency. For example, weather updates, arrival times from trips.

Social Media

Wider public sharing of events in school.

Consent Giving

Your consent is required for your child/ren to attend trips and other events.

Information is sent via Teachers2Parents including a consent tick box which is emailed and sent out by text message to parents.

Please check your emails regularly If you wish your child to attend such events. Please ensure you give your consent in good time by responding to the email as we cannot take a child's word that they are attending any events.

It is not only confusing for a child and often time consuming for staff to phone parents to chase up consents. We plan resources/catering for the children who have been given consent beforehand so last-minute extra numbers can create issues. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fabulous Friends of Newtown

Don't forget to get your tickets for a fun filled Christmas evening of wreath making. Ticket sales close tonight. The ticket price includes, mulled wine, nibbles, all wreath materials and crafts for the children and the Card Machine now available or pay via PayPal.

We would like to extend a big thank you The Croft Christmas Trees & Glamping for donating materials, the Coop for our nibbles and drinks and our neighbours for donating bits from their gardens. This allows us to put money back into our lovely school to enrich our children's experience's.



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The Family Grapevine

The Family Grapevine is a fantastic free source of information for local parents, carers and families. It has hundreds of listings in each issue, as well as a What's On section, competitions, and more.

Its main aim is to support local parents by helping them find relevant local businesses, organisations, support services and events. Follow the link here for more information:

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/shrewsbury-telford/magazine/the-shrewsbury-telford-family-grapevine-magazine-winter-2024/>

Free Parenting Groups

The Shropshire Parenting Team will be delivering free **Understanding Your Child from toddler to teen** and **Understanding Your Child SEND from toddler to teen** groups from January 2025.

These 10-week groups aim to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Understanding your child

From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Meole Brace Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HG

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm
at Christ Church Primary School, Cressage, SY5 6DHH

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at inourplace.co.uk/shropshire



They are also offering free **SLEEP TIGHT** groups from January and February 2025.

These 5-week workshops cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues

Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Thursday 16th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Sleep Tight Wednesday 22nd January 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ

Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5th March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Thursday 6th March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually via MS Teams

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By Popular Demand... Christmas Shop Is Back!

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Come dressed down on 5th December and if you like, you're welcome to bring an item to the Christmas shop, but it's completely optional- we're just excited to have everyone join in.

Christmas Shop will be held on 16th and 17th December, where children can buy 2 gifts, priced individually up to £2.

Idea of items:

Chocolate's/biscuits
Mens or Ladies gifts
Socks
Anything you can spare

Item's to come in on 5th December

Every Day is Open Day

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At Newtown,
every day is
'Open Day'

Get in touch to
arrange a tour

Place available from
3 years +

The hidden gem in the heart of the countryside

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Stay and Play at Newtown

Tuesday 26th November 1:15pm to 2:15pm

Thursday 12th December 9:00am to 10:30am

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Cook In Charge

There is a vacancy in our kitchen for a 'Cook In Charge'. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please share the link below.

<https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/internal/vacancy/ss24-074-cook-in-charge-565870.html>

Child Absence

A reminder to parents that any child absence must be reported to the School Office by telephone please. It is the office who will process child absences, so by communicating via Class Dojo can often get lost. Thank you.

Attendance This week

Owl Class 100% ★★★★★

Hawk Class 99% ★★★★★

Kestrel Class 96% ★★★★★

Osprey Class 100% ★★★★★

Falcon Class 97% ★★★★★

Weekly average: 98.5%

Our whole target is 97%

Shining Stars of the Week Strength

'Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.'
Joshua 1:9

Owl Class

Oliver for his love of school life and doing so well in school.

Hawk Class

Esme for doing so well in all she does in Hawk Class and with her writing in particular.

Kestrel Class

Otto for his brilliant efforts with his handwriting and making Mrs Riley so proud!

Osprey Class

Emma for her love of learning and being a good friend.

Falcon Class

Ashley for being a brilliant member of our Year 6 class and demonstrating all our values.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your sincerely,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

November

26 th November	Stay & Play 1:15pm – 2:15pm
29 th November	Friends of Newtown Xmas Craft Night for All

December

5 th December	Dress Down Day Xmas Shop Donation
6 th December	Theatre Severn Pantomime
11 th December	Rearranged U11 Hockey Tournament
12 th December	Stay & Play – Christmas Special 9:00am – 10:30am
12 th December	Owl Class Inspire
16 th December	Xmas Shop Event
16 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 5pm. Parents Welcome.
17 th December	Xmas Shop Event
17 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 5pm. Children Welcome.
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
20 th December	Christmas Church Service 2:00pm – Parents Welcome

January

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

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

12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
16 th May	Summer Camp Out

June

8 th – 13 th June	Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Multiplication Check
20 th June	Summer Ball



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