



Newtown Linford Primary School

Tuesday September 8th Fortnightly Bulletin

Welcome back!

August 2020 saw the full return for many children to the classrooms since March! It is fair to say that this is not the way we anticipated our Co-headship to begin, however the overwhelming support from staff, parents and all the children has really made our first couple of weeks incredibly special—so thank you! On a 'normal' weekly basis Ms Brooks will be in school Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and Mrs Kennedy will be in school Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

We hope you enjoy this bulletin, it is vitally important for us, even more so currently to communicate the goings on in this wonderful school. We are aware that communication is something vitally important to parents and therefore we will send a bulletin out fortnightly and a newsletter half termly. We would usually include annual event dates within this, however based on the current circumstances 'Upcoming events' will appear a bit thin on the ground for the time being!

Ms Brooks and Mrs Kennedy

Social Distancing

We want to thank parents for respecting social distancing within the school grounds, outside and for following the one way system in place. Continuing to maintain these efforts will help us to support keeping everyone safe in the school and community.

In addition, we ask that only one person comes into the school grounds during drop off and collection. This will greatly reduce the number of adults on site and make it much easier for everyone to social distance. We ask that those collecting do not congregate around the gate or classrooms.

Thank you, we really do appreciate your efforts.

WRAP AROUND PROVISION— ESSENTIAL NOTICE

Unfortunately, Mr Barley will be unable to offer morning and after school provision (after 4.30pm on a Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) from the end of this week. This is due to a very low take up. If the demand were

to change Mr Barley would be happy to accommodate in the future. A club schedule is attached for you to make bookings for either Mr Barley's club provision or Mrs Kennedy's debating club on a Thursday. These will be the only clubs on offer for the time being. We will review this again at half term.

Please get in touch with **Mr Barley on 07904155898** for further information and booking details.



Upcoming events

October

Tues 6th Oct - Virtual Parent's Evening

Weds 7th Oct - Virtual Parent's Evening

(A method of booking will become available nearer the time)

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd

Half Term

PE Days

Children to come into school in PE Kit.

Linford - Monday and Tuesday

Bradgate - Monday and Tuesday

Tyburn - Thursday and Friday

Old John - Thursday and Friday



In the classroom

Firstly, all the staff at school have been working relentlessly to ensure the classrooms are well resourced, clean and engaging for our children. We have talked a lot about how the environment contributes to successful learners and happy, calm children and we think

we are well on the way to achieving this as you can see!



Covid Testing

We would like to thank all our families who have already taken their children for a Covid test where they were displaying symptoms.

We are aware this is not an enjoyable experience and is also highly disruptive for families. However, this is an essential element of schools reopening and we appreciate all of your understanding when this happens. In order to minimise the impact on children's academic experiences we will send relevant class work and we will both offer virtual check ins whenever this is possible for us to do so.

Birthday Sweets

Unfortunately, we cannot hand out birthday sweets at the moment. We will do our utmost to sing 'Happy Birthday' to your child on their special day so it is still marked in some way.

School communication platforms

Please download Weduc on your phones/lpads or other devices to keep up to date with all the communication and notices from the school office.



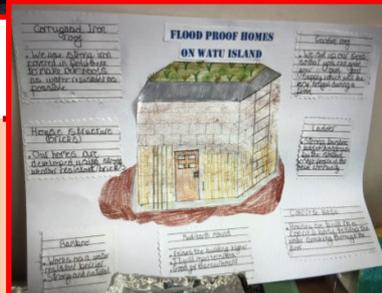
If you require assistance with this, contact Gill, in the school office and she will be more than happy to help.

We also have a school Twitter account @primary_newtown if you use Twitter, give us a follow, as regular school updates and reminders will get posted.



Soon we will have a brand new website which will be much easier to navigate and use.

If you have any feedback or suggestions as to how we can improve our school to home communication, please feel free to contact the school office via office@newtown.bepschools.org .



Home Reading

We will be soon sending home reading books for children to share with you at home.



Books will be sent home on a **Friday** and need to be returned the following Friday. We hope reading together at home is an enjoyable experience, although we know this is often easier said than done! The Book Trust website provides some top tips for you if your child is not enjoying reading, <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/what-if-my-child-doesnt-like-reading/#!/?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1> .

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like some further advice on reading with your child. This will be one of the areas of education you will be able to have the most impact on your child's progress and attainment.

