



# Newtown Linford Primary School

## Fortnightly Bulletin: 30th September 2022

Dear parents,

What a wonderful weekend we have had and we were so lucky with the weather. I had a wonderful time wandering around the village looking at all the scarecrows and we all had fun at the school fete. The children are now working hard on their Harvest Festival songs and performances and we are looking forward to seeing you at the church next week. Tyburn had a fabulous time on their trip to the New Walk museum and they loved seeing the Egyptian exhibition and even saw real mummies.

*Mrs Proudman*

### School Values

*Individuality  
Excellence  
Adventures*

This terms focus is –  
Individuality

### Scarecrow Festival and School Fete

Wow—what an amazing weekend! We would like to thank all the members of the PTA for organising such a fantastic event. We would also like to thank parents and school staff who came on the day. It was wonderful to see everyone and the standard of scarecrows around the village was phenomenal (we might be just a little bit biased but we think the ones made by Newtown Linford Primary School were the best!).



Linford



Old John



Tyburn



Bradgate

### Harvest Festival



We are really excited to be going back to the church for this event on Thursday 6th October (2pm at All Saints Church. Due to capacity we are able to accommodate 2 adults per child).

Thank you to those who have already sent in donations, please keep them coming. We are collecting non-perishables in a box in reception.

These will then be donated to The Bridge in Leicester and Falcon Support Services in Loughborough.

### Choir

Love to Sing?

A brand new choir is starting at All Saints' church. If you would like to take part then please contact Revd

Richard Tretheway

Richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Rehearsals are at 4.00—4.45 at the church from  
September 30th

### School journalist's report

Did you know that Newtown Linford Primary School has its very own journalist? One of our year 6 pupils applied for the role and has provided this report for our bulletin:

*This school is the best one you will ever find  
because it always has great teachers and pupils and  
when you struggle the teachers are always willing  
to help.*



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### **New Walk Museum Visit**

Tyburn class had a wonderful time during their visit to New Walk Museum. They enjoyed looking around the exhibits and learnt a lot about the Egyptians during their workshop with the museum staff. They had the opportunity to hold artefacts that were over 3,000 years old and I know the trip really inspired them with their topic.



### **Reading**

We would like to have a big push on reading this term as this is an essential building block for the rest of their learning regardless of the school subject, be it maths, history and even art. Research has also shown that reading regularly strengthens the brain and improves memory, helping to set them up for life. Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out what is printed on the page so it is important to question the children about what they have read as well as decoding the words on the page.

We do listen to the children read as much as we can in school, however reading little and often is vital for developing the children's reading skills. Please do read with your child at least 3 times each week and comment in their reading diary so teachers can track how often they manage to read through the week (they give the children a reward if they manage to achieve this!!)

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us to hear readers more often in school so if you have any free time then please contact the office. Your help and support would be really appreciated by the staff and the children.

### **Parents Evening**

There have been some queries about why we have changed our parent's evenings times. There were various reasons for trialling a parents evening in the afternoon, one of which was that we had some requests from parents who were struggling with child care after school. After a bit of investigation, we found quite a few other schools do offer a mix of both afternoon and evening slots so we decided to see if it would be helpful for parents. However, this is just a trial so if it doesn't work and isn't popular then we will revert to evenings again next time.

We are able to offer alternative options if parents are not able to make the meetings so please just contact your class teachers for a mutually convenient time.

### **A thank you from the PTA!**

Thank you to everyone who donated items, baked cakes, volunteered and came along to this year's school fete! The weather held out and we raised well over £1,000 which is an awesome amount – so a massive thank you from all of us on the PTA. We also had some winners on the day as follows:

- Guess the name of the Dog – Iris Gibson with the name Pluto
- £50 Cash Raffle Prize – Mrs Burfoot
- Guess the amount of sweets – Aoife Steane with a guess of 87 Sweets
- Guess the weight of the Marrow – Mrs Blatchford with a guess of 5.5 kilos

### **What's next!**

Our **Pumpkin Party** will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> October at the village hall 5.30pm – 7.30pm. More spooky details to follow!

