



Newtown Linford Primary School

Fortnightly Bulletin: 13th January 2023

Dear parents,

I am so pleased to be back! As much as I love my children, I missed you all (and warm cups of tea). It is so exciting to be talking about learning with staff and working with children again. Mrs Proudman and I are so lucky this is our job.

I know we write this every half term but the children really have hit the ground running. The atmosphere around the school is calm and focused and the children are keen to do well. A great start.

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy

School Values

*Individuality
Excellence
Adventures*

This terms focus is –

Excellence

A Huge Thank You

After several terms of our LAB (Local Advisory Board) lasting many years Mrs Hannah Shaw has decided to step down from her role as Chair of Governors. This is sad news as her knowledge of the school and expertise as a Governor has been invaluable to us as Co-Heads. However, we also respect the amount of time Hannah has given and understand her decision. Mrs Shaw has promised she will continue to be closely involved with the school and PTA and we welcome this.

Thank you for all you have done!

Special School Lunch

We will be providing all children in Bradgate and Linford with a free hot dinner on Thursday 19th January. The menu will be Hot Dogs/Vegetarian Hot Dogs with Chips and Chocolate Cookie. Jacket Potatoes will be available. We would encourage all children to try the dinner even if they would usually have a packed lunch but of course we will not insist!



Reading

As Key Stage 2 parents will be aware we have introduced a new system for categorising our reading books. We are currently working with the children to make sure their books are correctly matched to what they need at the moment. Please bear with us as we complete this and do let us know if you have any questions.

You may also see your child come home with a 'Wild Card', this means they can choose any book in the library to read on this occasion.

There are plenty of reasons why we chose this reading approach.

- The books are all high quality texts that we can then use the system to categorise, it is not just a bought in scheme of the same books.
- The children can now read the books that will be just right for them,
- The children can complete quizzes for the books they have read to assess their understanding. The adults can then see their comprehension scores.
- There are fun quirks such as being able to track when children have read a million words!

Another huge thank you to Natasha Hindocha and Hannah Shaw who organised and purchased the hottest children's books currently. Our children are very lucky. We have more books coming next week too.

Here is some feedback from the children about their new books...

*'I didn't know I could enjoy reading!'
'I'm enjoying my book so much.'*

Martial Arts Day

On Wednesday 18th January all classes will have the opportunity to take part in a martial arts session. They will all need to come to school wearing their PE kit.

We think it is really important children have the opportunity to try a range of sports as you never know what might ignite their passion!

It also supports children to develop focus, discipline and self awareness.





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Arbor

Please could we ask all parents to check the details held on Arbor for their children and themselves. Unfortunately, we still have occasions where we try to contact a parent and we have not been informed they have a new number. It is also important you have additional emergency contacts just in case you were not available in an emergency.

Parent Talks

We will be holding several talks for parents over the coming months. These will cover information regarding reading, Year 2 SATs and Year 6 SATs. We hope that these talks will answer any questions you may have and give you some good ideas for home. It is also important that our families understand the SATs are just a measure of if your child is confident in the curriculum they have just completed. Not just passing a test!

Wednesday 1st February - Reading talk for all parents. Virtually @7pm

Wednesday 15th February - Year 6 SATs talk for parents. Virtually @7pm

Wednesday 8th March - Year 2 SATs talk for parents. Virtually @7pm

What is my child learning about?

Mrs Proudman has been very busy populating the class pages on the school website with an overview of your child's learning this term.

[https://
www.newtown.bepschools.org/](https://www.newtown.bepschools.org/)

Out of School Awards

We think it is really important to celebrate the achievements our children make outside of school.

This can be a huge part of their identity.

On the last Wednesday of each half term we will devote celebration assembly to this. Please send in your child's awards/certificates/photos in a named envelope or wallet on Wednesday 15th February. Thank you.



Key Dates

Week commencing 16th Jan - Year 6 Assessments

Wednesday 18th January - Martial Arts Day

Thursday 19th January - Special School Dinner

Week commencing 30th Jan - Year 3, 4 and 5 Assessments

Wednesday 1st February - Reading talk for all parents. Virtually @7pm

Wednesday 15th February - Year 6 SATs talk for parents. Virtually @7pm

Fridays 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th February - Old John Forest School

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February - Half Term



Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place the week beginning 6th February. More information to follow.