



Newtown Linford Primary School

Fortnightly Bulletin: 27th January 2023

Dear parents,

Firstly, we wanted to congratulate Mrs Ismail on such a wonderful start to her journey with us at Newtown Linford. The feedback we have had from parents has been so positive. This is in addition to the focused, settled atmosphere we witness daily in the classroom. Secondly, we have a strong field of candidates for the maternity cover role and will be interviewing next week.

Ps. Thank you for your cooperation in our pick up fire alarm yesterday, it was very much appreciated.

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy

School Values

*Individuality
Excellence
Adventures*

This terms focus is –
Excellence

LAB Chair

Clive Rowe will be stepping up as interim Chair of the Local Authority Body (LAB) for the rest of the academic year. Clive is an ex Ofsted Inspector and we appreciate the expertise he will bring to the role.
Thank you Clive.

Strike

The school will remain open on all the future strike days. Your child may not be taught by their class teacher but by a cover supervisor, Headteacher or sports coach (for a session).

Please can all children attend school in their PE kits on these days—

Wednesday 1st Feb, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

Old John and Tyburn Homework

The non-negotiable homework each week is -

- All Key Stage 2 - Read 3 times weekly and record in your child's reading record.
- All Key Stage 2 - Spellings
- Tyburn - TT Rockstars 3 x weekly
- Old John - One Maths H/W per week

This will be checked by your child's class teacher.

Occasionally further homework will be set. We will always inform you if this is optional or essential. Year 6 will receive increased homework towards the end of the year.

Gate

Based on the success of our new earlier morning opening and feedback from our LAB we have decided to also open the gate earlier at the end of the school day. This will be between 3.05pm by our wonderful office team. We ask that you wait on the front playground or outside the office as the internal gate (just past the office) will be closed. This is so as not to distract PE or other lessons that may still be happening. We hope this helps prevent the queuing at the end of the day. We will then come out at 3.15pm as usual and stand on the gate as children leave.

Code of Conduct/ Safeguarding etc.

We have updated our information for volunteers for when you are supporting us in school. If you do volunteer, even only occasionally please could you collect one to read, sign and date and hand back in to the office. We really appreciate all the time you

KS1 Reading Books

To continue to support a love of reading in Key Stage 1 children will now be bringing two books home. One book is to match their phase level in phonics so they can practice segmenting (breaking apart) and blending (putting back together) the new sounds they are learning.

The second book is one they choose just for fun. You may need to read this to them or they can have a go themselves.

You may have your own library and home books to enjoy too.



Reminders

Wednesday 1st February—Reading talk for **KS2** parents. Virtually @7pm
(Apologies an earlier communication referred to all parents.)

Week commencing 30th Jan - Year 3 and 4 Assessments

Week commencing 6th February - Year 5 Assessments

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

