



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: Wednesday 12th July 2023

Dear parents,

We can honestly say this year has been such a good one and we cannot wait to be back next year!

We are extremely lucky to be surrounded by such a fantastic team, they are enthusiastic, caring, kind and fun. We have been busy discussing exciting plans for next academic year. This involves further developing our bespoke curriculum, developing our staff expertise further and expanding our holistic education offer.

We hope all families have the chance for a well deserved break over the holidays ready for the new academic year.

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –

Adventures

Upcoming dates

Thursday 13th July—Leaver's Assembly at 2pm (Y6 parents)

Thursday 13th July—Last Day of School

Friday 1st September - Children return to school

Uniform

A reminder that new uniform can be purchased online at <https://www.uniform-direct.com/>. Thank you to Ms Bowden who worked so hard to source a cheap but quality provider.

We will expect all children to be in full school uniform at the beginning of the term. If you need a reminder of our school uniform expectations you can find these on our website at www.newtown.bepschools.org/parents/uniform-information/. Please make sure you order in plenty of time to allow delivery for the new year.

Please contact Hannah Chandler via the class WhatsApp groups for pre-loved uniform.

Staffing News

As you are all aware we will be saying goodbye to Miss Botterill as she moves onto her next step as Pastoral Head of Year at a local secondary. We are so proud of her and she will be missed by all of us, particularly the children.

Yet, as one door closes another opens and we have exciting news about two new appointments. Mrs Anya Patel and Mrs Emma Bickerton will be joining us permanently as Learning Support Assistants. Not only are they knowledgeable but they care passionately about children's wellbeing and will be a huge asset to our team.

We will also have Miss Storer join us in September to teach in Bradgate Class alongside Miss Hammond. She really enjoyed meeting the children this week and they had a great day on Wednesday.

Family Festival

So much fun was had at the family festival organised by our wonderful PTA. The Year sixes really

did get the send off they deserved, the performances were phenomenal and the rounders was the icing on the cake. We are all so privileged to be part of such a close and fun community.





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Attendance (August—Present)

Linford— 96.2%

Bradgate— 95.6%

Tyburn— 95.2%

Old John—95.7%



Linford Class

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of the year, it has flown by. This term the focus of much of our learning has been around animals, both on land and in the sea. One of the highlights was the trip to Twycross Zoo. The monkeys were very loud, the giraffes very close and the children very hungry, we had lunch at 11am. In maths we have been learning how to tell the time, looking closely at money and consolidating the children's understanding of place value. During transition we joined up with Bradgate Class and had a Pirate Day, we even walked the plank at the end of the day. The children have worked so hard and achieved so much over the last year and myself and Mrs Cheetham would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all of them!

Have a relaxing summer.



Bradgate Class

We can't believe that we have reached the end of the year already! This half-term Bradgate Class have continued our seaside theme, this time with a Geography focus; comparing the human and physical features of Newtown Linford and Hunstanton. In DT we made some wonderful 3D seaside scenes. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our Forest School sessions at Bradgate Park, and of course, we loved our trip to Twycross Zoo! We wrote brilliant recounts of our trip, bringing together all of the writing elements we have learnt about this year. We will miss Bradgate Class next year



as the Year 2s move on to Tyburn, Mrs Burfoot moves to Linford, and Miss Pearce goes off to have her baby.

Miss Bunting can't wait to continue working with the Bradgate Year 1s (soon to be Year 2s) and welcome all of the new children to the class.



Nut Free School

From September we are asking parents not to include nuts or nut-based items in packed lunches and snacks. We have children in school with nut allergies and, to provide a safe environment for all our children, we will be endeavouring to operate as a nut-free school as far as possible. We would be grateful for your support with this.



School dinners

Parents should have received an email last week explaining that the charge for school dinners will increase to £2.65 in September. There continues to be no charge for meals for children in Reception and years 1 and 2 or for those in KS2 who are eligible for free school meals.

Swimming

Tyburn class will be having swimming lessons in the first half of the Autumn term. Look out for an email with further details this week!



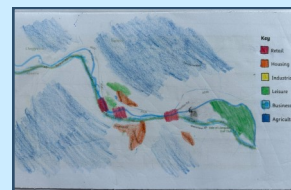


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Tyburn Class

And... relax! What an absolutely brilliant term we have had, fantastic writing, incredible maths and inquisitive geography. This term, we have been continuing our work on the Vikings, particularly looking at geography and where the Vikings settled. The children enjoyed considering what settlements need, comparing different settlements and even designing their own!



In English this term, we have been writing time slip stories. We looked carefully at description and how we could make our writing more exciting. The children produced some brilliant stories using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and similes!

Year 3 and 4 have worked extremely hard in maths, telling the time to the nearest minute and finding durations of time. The children have done some incredible work on shape, identifying angles and finding lines of symmetry. It has been brilliant to see everyone pushing themselves and challenging themselves to complete some reasoning and problem-solving questions.

You have all worked so hard this year, I am so proud of you all. I have absolutely loved watching you all grow and flourish this term and cannot wait to teach some of you again next year! I hope you have a lovely Summer holiday, see you all when we get back!

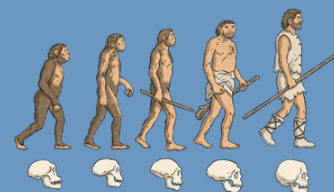


Old John Class

It is honestly baffling that we're already at the end of the 22/23 year... where has the time gone?

I'm incredibly proud and inspired by the pupils in our classroom. Not only have they gone through SATs, but they have now gone on to perform our class play, Macbeth, at the Village Hall. While stressful and nerve-wracking, Old John gritted their teeth and saw it through with dramatic aplomb. It was a great privilege to be able to watch the class perform on the second night and see the fruits of their labour. Well done, Old John!

This term, we've also been learning about Shakespeare outside of our re-imagining of Macbeth, having written a biography about his life. The Year 5s/6s have also been writing 'Survival Guides' on how to survive in Year 5 and 6, which have been great fun. Besides that, we've expanded our knowledge of human evolution and how we can understand evolution through analysing and understanding fossils, and have been consolidating our knowledge from throughout the year by running interactive Kahoot quizzes (with a few topics chosen by the children for extra flair)!



As this year in our school comes to a close, I will be extremely sad to see our current Year 6s go. They have shown a fantastic amount of resilience and togetherness throughout the year, and are absolutely ready for the next part of their journey in education and life. I wish you all the best and hope that you take your next steps with confidence and pride. Hopefully, this is just a 'see you soon' and not a complete 'goodbye'!

I would also like to say a big thank-you to all the parents who have offered support and kind words throughout the year to myself and the other staff of Old John. We greatly appreciate your support!

We hope that you and your families have a wonderful summer holiday. Kids – take a well-earned break and come back ready for more learning in September!



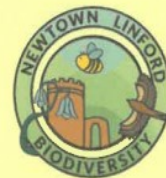
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Playtime Fun

We just had to include these photos of our school rocking out at playtime last week. This is a regular occurrence and never fails to make us smile.

Thank you to our LSA's who work hard to make playtimes fun!



Wild about Nature challenge

a summer quiz for children

Find out more about local wildlife in a fun way, by getting out and about and taking part in our free wildlife quiz – one for ages 10 and under and one for 11-16 year olds. A prize will be awarded for the best entry in each age category and every entrant will receive a certificate. The best photos will be included in the Village Magazine.

The quiz will be available from Friday 7th July.

For more information and to enter the quiz, go to Newtown Linford Biodiversity's webpage on the Parish Council's website: <https://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/newtown-linford-biodiversity.html>

Safeguarding

We have again included the age ratings on multiple social media apps. We know in the summer many children will spend time on their devices and we just wanted to remind you of the advised lower age limits for these. There are plenty of educational online activities which you can link to on our school class pages. Furthermore, this is online advice for parents in our parent wellbeing portal; <https://www.newtown.bepschools.org/parents/family-wellbeing-portal/>.

We know many of you are heading off to the beach, or planning to enjoy a pool or paddling pool this summer. Please do not forget to discuss and remind your children of the water safety rules as well as ensuring children do not go in

water unsupervised.

Rules for children:

- Water safety rules for children
- Never swim alone
- Do not dive into unknown depths of water, and only jump feet first into water
- Do not push or jump onto others
- Know where to get help in an emergency

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(13+ means with parental consent)

We will begin swimming lessons for Tyburn Class next year where they will learn this important life skill. You can also discover how to book a swim safe session with the RNLI here; <https://rnli.org/safety/swim-safe>.