



# Newtown Linford Primary School

## Fortnightly Bulletin 29th September 2023

Dear parents,

This week children have been talking about their 'Trusted Team' and how they can share any worries they have. Why don't you ask them at home? This is part of how we help keep our pupils safe, in addition to NSPCC talks and worry boxes in all classrooms.

*Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy*

### School Values

*Individuality  
Excellence  
Adventures*

This terms focus is –  
Excellence

### Welcome Mrs Miller and Mrs Bickerton

We wanted to formally welcome our two new wonderful Learning Support Assistants.

They have made a fantastic start supporting learning and nurturing your children. We are very lucky to be recruiting such a high calibre of staff.

We are very lucky to have such a lovely and kind team of people to work with each day.

### PE Days—Old John Change

**Old John** - Thursday and Friday  
Children should come to school wearing their sports kit on their PE days.

**Apologies for all the changes!**

### Parking reminder

We have been contacted by residents who report their driveway is being blocked regularly by parents at drop off and pick up. We also have continued reports of cars parking on the pavement in front of the pub where we have had a near miss before. Please only park in designated parking spaces. We know this can be stressful when in a rush but we must keep our children safe and as a village school we want to keep our neighbours happy.

### Jumpers and Coats

Please call all children bring a jumper and a coat **every day**. The weather is so unpredictable at the moment we do not want children caught out. The weather apps have let me down a lot recently!



### Parent's Evening

Information to book via Arbor will be sent out next week by the school office. Please keep a look out for this.

### Dogs

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises. They can be left securely at the gate.



### NSPCC Workshop—Stay safe and speak out

We have organised for our children to have an NSPCC assembly and for Year 2 and Old John to have additional workshops on Friday 6th October.

This will cover key safeguarding issues so that children can keep

themselves safe and no when and who they can speak to. This will be presented in language that is appropriate for their age range.

### Dates for your Diary

Harvest Festival (All Saints' Church)      Wednesday 11th October 2.00 pm (Letter to follow)

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Half Term      w/c Monday 16th October





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### PTA dates

#### Halloween activities

##### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Pumpkin Carving Competition**

- £1 suggested donation to enter
- Prizes for winning pumpkins
- Children to bring in their creations on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> (morning) placing them at the front of the school again for judging. Children can take their pumpkins home on the next day.



##### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Pumpkin Party AKA Halloween Disco.**

- Based on parent feedback we are going to start making them slightly shorter so 5.30 – 7.00pm
- Snacks & Drinks included along-side the usual glow sticks / glitter tattoo's.
- £6 a child £4 for additional siblings.

#### Christmas

**7<sup>th</sup> December Village Event** - Year 6 Apprentice Challenge

**Ask Not What  
Your School  
Can Do For You.  
Ask What You  
Can Do For  
Your School.**

### Volunteers

Firstly, if you already volunteer with us a huge thank you! It really does make a difference.

If you have not yet returned to volunteering this school year please let the office know and we can schedule in. We are particularly looking for volunteers to -

- ⇒ Listen to pupils read and share an enjoyment of books with them.
- ⇒ Help in the library, particularly on a Friday afternoon, to assist children selecting their choosing books.
- ⇒ You may feel confident enough to run a book club. This has been a real success in the past.
- ⇒ Deliver a talk to a class or the whole school on an interesting career, adventure or cultural event.
- ⇒ Support staff in creating amazing and exciting displays in school—a great one for those who are creative.

Please do let us know in the school office if you are interested.

### Coffee and Cake—Thursday 12th October

Please can we ask that our Old John children prepare some delicious baked goods for the village coffee and cake morning on Thursday 12th October.

Each class has a chance each year to contribute to the community and attend this village event with their class teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice their social skills and meet people who also went to Newtown Linford many years before them.

Please can cakes, cookies and treats be brought into the school office in the morning ready to be transported to the village hall.

Parents welcome to attend.



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