



# Newtown Linford Primary School

## Fortnightly Bulletin 19th January 2024

Dear parents,

Welcome back all, the festive period already feels an age ago but the chill is letting us know it isn't spring quite yet! The children have had a great start back. We have been completing assessments recently and have been so impressed by the children's attainment. There are some extremely high standards being reached. Well done staff and children!

*Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy*

### School Values

*Individuality  
Excellence  
Adventures*

This terms focus is –  
Individuality

### Young Voices

Next week our choir will be involved in a massed performance with 6000 other children in Birmingham, how exciting!

Children involved will be leaving school at 12.15 next Thursday 25th January.

### Height and Weight

A reminder that Year R and Year 6 children will have their height and weights measured by the school nursing team on Tuesday 6th February.

Parents should have received an email regarding this.

### Ocarina Club

We are excited to inform you that one of our new, wonderful parent volunteers is going to be running an ocarina club for children starting soon.

If you think your child would be interested, please do get in touch with the school office.



### Forest School

Tyburn Forest School begun today.

Children will have PE on a Wednesday now whilst they are having Forest Schools on a Friday. Please ensure your child is dressed warmly with lots of layers.

PE will return to normal (Wednesdays and Thursdays) on the week commencing the 12th February.



### Trips and Residential

We are finalising trips and visits for the summer term for Linford, Bradgate and Tyburn classes - more details soon!

Old John parents, don't forget that you can make instalment payments against the balance owing for the residential in June with final payment due by 10th May, thank you.

### Dates for the Diary

**w/c Monday 19th February** - Half term

**Friday 9th February** - Last Forest School session for Tyburn

**Monday 26th February** - Return to school

**Friday 22nd March** - School closes for Easter

**Monday 8th April** - School Opens

### Phonics—Well done team Newtown Linford!

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*Dear Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Proudman,*

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results

With 100 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Newtown Linford Primary School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

*Damian Hinds*

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Minister for Schools