



NEWICK NEWS

Term 6 2018

I find this hard to believe that we are coming to the end of this academic year. For some of you as parents/carers, this is the first year of their primary schooling and the first with us here at Newick and for others, this is the final few weeks of primary school. For some families, they have been involved with Newick School for almost twenty years so I would like to thank you for your support over the time you and your family have been associated with the school and wish you all the best for the coming years at secondary school. We have had the most amazing feedback from you all; this means a great deal to staff who have worked so hard with your children this year and in previous years.

Staffing

Many of you may not be aware but this summer sees a truly wonderful teacher, Mrs Sharon Lynskey leaving us to retire after over 37 years in teaching. Mrs Lynskey has worked at Newick for the last seven years and has been instrumental in making our main entrance and other public areas look so fantastic with her superbly interactive displays. In addition she has supported groups of children in their learning both as a class teacher, small groups and individuals. She is much loved and much respected and we shall miss her very dearly. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement. If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, there will be an envelope in the main office.

We are delighted to welcome two new teachers to our school: Miss Sarah Hanson and Mrs Kathryn Taylor who will be replacing Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Todhunter who are both due to have their babies in July and August respectively whilst they are on

maternity leave. We wish them all the very best and they have assured me that we will all know when their babies have arrived.

Class arrangements will be as follows next year:

EYFS: Mrs Green and Mrs Sawyer

Year 1: Mrs Taylor

Year 2: Mrs Cheeseman

Year 3: Miss Hanson

Year 4: Miss Parsons

Year 5: Mrs Smith

Year 6: Mrs Clark

Mrs Steel and Miss Clarke will be supporting specific classes on the days they are in school. Teaching assistants too will be used across classes where their training, experience and expertise will be required to provide support for children's learning. Miss Alty will continue to lead teaching and learning across the school as well as supporting the new teachers. Mrs James will also be continuing to support the learning needs of all pupils as Inclusion Leader.

On the morning of Monday 16th July, the children will spend some time in their new classes with the teachers they will have in September. There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet most of the teachers at our Open Afternoon on Thursday 12th July from 3.15 – 5.30pm.

Friends of Newick Association

I would like to thank Elaine Prentice (Florrie's mother) for getting together the most fantastic team of parents to organise a brilliant Summer Party which took place on Friday 29th June. It was a fabulous event and great fun. Our speaker at the

beginning of the evening was Mr Adam Boulton, the Sky news presenter and broadcaster who is a Newick resident with links to the school via his wife's family. The superb auction, bar, ticket sales raised just over £2,000 which was incredible. I would like to thank sincerely all of the parents/carers and staff who attended the event as well as the many sponsors who donated so generously for the most amazing items to be auctioned.

Summer Fair – Saturday 14th July from 11.30 – 2.30pm

This Friday sees a 'Dress Down Day' for all pupils – details about what to bring have been sent in a text which stated a bottle of wine, cuddly toys, games but no books or jigsaws please! We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day of the fair. A huge thank you in advance to Mel Firth, Chair of FoNS, who is putting together a wonderful team of organisers for the fair. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine for us! Entrance to the fair will be £1 for Adults, 50p for children.

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Congratulations to the following children who were shortlisted as part of the Year of the Prayer competition.

Maria Tanner, James Shilliam, Oscar Reeve, Sebastian Connolly-Herrod and Jamie Tasker.

Some of the children along with their parents, myself and Mrs Cheeseman attended a prize giving event on Tuesday 3rd July in the evening. Many congratulations to Natasha Connolly-Herrod who came first in the category she entered. I would also like to thank Mrs Cheeseman and the Faith Council for designing and establishing a wonderful spiritual space that we are all very proud of. Many congratulations to Mrs Cheeseman and the staff and pupils as our spiritual space was awarded first prize for the entire Diocese and we also won £100 gardening vouchers which is terrific. The prize giving was undertaken by the Bishop of Horsham seen here with some of the children who attended.



Volunteers

I would like to thank all parents, carers, grandparents and members of the local community who have helped out in school this year. The time, energy and enthusiasm that you have put into helping out in school, whether that be in a regular capacity leading clubs such as Engineering Club, Choir, Sports Clubs, Forest School, helping in class, reading to the children (including reading dogs!) as a governor, School Crossing Patrol, helping on trips out, FONS, doing fundraisers for the school – the list is endless. We are so very grateful. I would like to invite you to come along for tea and cake to say thank you to you personally. This 'Thank you tea' will take place on Friday 13th July from 2-3pm. Please do come along. If you could please notify the office, I would be very grateful to have an idea about numbers!

Health and Safety

We have received a number of concerns from our neighbours regarding children running ahead or on scooters across driveways. The residents and we as a school are very concerned about this as there has already been a near miss. PLEASE ensure your children stop and look as they cross driveways especially as some have reduced visibility.

Recently, we have reviewed the head notes sent to parents/carers following some very constructive feedback from a parent in receipt of one. In addition, your child will be given a red wrist band so that when they go back into class, the adults in the classroom will be aware that the child has had a head injury. These wrist bands will be handed back to the class teacher at the end of the day when the child goes home and an adult will ensure that the parent/carer collecting the child will be aware in addition to the head note going home.

Engineering Club

I am delighted to say that the Engineering Club has won a number of trophies at several events over the last few weeks. I am so grateful to Jon Davies, Micky Davies, Ian Allen and Lynsey Allen, who have been instrumental in organising all of the events along with an incredibly dedicated team of parents. Thank you so much for all you have done across the year and although the season hasn't finished yet, I am sure the trophy cabinet will increase with more awards to come.

Sport at Newick

Our Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 11th July with the infants events in the morning from 9.30am until approximately 11.45am and the juniors from 1.30pm until 3pm. Please do feel free to come along and support your child/children. We wish our Year 4 and Year 5 cricket team well when they attend the area finals this week.

Reports

Your child's end of year report will be coming home this Friday. In addition, there will be a parent survey which we would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete and return to school by the date on the form.

INSET Days for 2018-2019 academic year

You may have noticed that our INSET dates are already published. Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September will be INSET days with children coming back in to school on Wednesday 5th September. In addition, we have Thursday October 18th as an INSET day. I appreciate this is rather an odd date to have but we have been trying to secure a particular trainer for teachers across a few schools including Newick and this was the only date he could do for the next eighteen months. This professional development for staff will be crucial hence we took the date offered to us. The last two INSET dates of the academic year will be Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019 meaning that our final day of the next academic year will be Friday 19th July.

And finally.....

On behalf of the staff, governors and myself, I would like to thank you all for your support this year: your children have been amazing too! Have a wonderful summer holiday when it arrives and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Sophie Thomas

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Please do let the office know if you see errors with dates etc in this Newsletter. Although it is checked and double checked mistakes sometimes happen. Thank you.

Star Writer



A newspaper report by Lauren Whiddett Year 1

PRINCESS KISSES FROG

Last Sunday, Princess Rainbow was awarded a spangly, shiny bag of gold from a fate worse than death.

In January last year, clever Princess Rainbow put her skills to good use by letting a frog eat with her and sleep on her pillow.

She did it just in time before the Prince was a slimy frog forever. Princess Rainbow told *The Tales Times* she was very proud of herself for receiving a big bag of gold and for saving poor Prince Charming from being a frog forever.

'I wasn't expecting that, I only did what an ordinary Princess would do. But with the evil fairy around, you have to be careful!'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2018

Tues 3 rd	Uckfield College Year 6 Induction Day
Wed 4 th	KS2 Production 2pm KS2 Production 6pm
Thurs 5 th	KS2 Production 6pm
Fri 6 th	Dress Down day for the Summer Fair, donations of wine/cuddly toys & games needed.
Mon 9 th	Chailey Year 6 Induction Day
Tues 10 th	Chailey Year 6 Induction Day
Wed 11 th	Sports Day – Infants from 9.30am, Juniors from 1.30pm parents welcome
Thurs 12 th	Year 6 (Whales Class) Connect with the Countryside at Ardingly Showground Parents Open Afternoon 3.15pm-5.30pm
Fri 13 th	Year 6 lead Sports for the whole school Thank you tea (for all volunteers this year) 2pm-3pm. Please let the school office know if you can come along for tea and cake.
Sat 14 th	Summer Fair 11.30am – 2.30pm Entrance fee £1 per adults, 50p per child.
Mon 16 th	Year 6 Leavers BBQ 5.30pm-7.30pm
Tues 17 th	Year 6 Leavers Church Service 9.30am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm

END OF TERM 6

INSET DAYS

Wed 18th, Thur 19th, Fri 20th July 2018

Tues 4th September, Thurs 18th Oct

Children to return to School on Wed 5th September

SEPT 2018

Tues 4 th	INSET Day school closed to children
Wed 5 th	Children to return to school, Term 1
Mon 17 th	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Fri 21 st	Year 3 Swimming & every Friday for 10 weeks (to be confirmed)

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Wed 17 th	Individual School Photographs
Thur 18 th	INSET Day school closed to children

Attached is the East Sussex County Council term dates for 2018/2019 excluding any Newick CE Primary School INSET Days.








School Term and Holiday Dates 2018-2019

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

Bank and Public Holidays 2018-2019

Christmas Day	- Tuesday 25 December 2018	Easter Monday	- Monday 22 April 2019
Boxing Day	- Wednesday 26 December 2018	May Day Bank Holiday	- Monday 6 May 2019
New Years Day	- Tuesday 1 January 2019	Spring Bank Holiday	- Monday 27 May 2019
Good Friday	- Friday 19 April 2019	Summer Bank Holiday	- Monday 26 August 2019

Key

Staff Training / INSET Day	
Start of Term for Pupils	
End of Term	
Public Holidays	
School Holidays	

Term Lengths (Days)

Term 1	3 September – 19 October	35
October Break		
Term 2	29 October – 19 December	38
Christmas Break		
Term 3	3 January – 15 February	32
February Break		
Term 4	25 February – 5 April	30
April Break		
Term 5	23 April – 24 May	23
May Break		
Term 6	3 June – 23 July	37
Summer Holiday		

Total 195