




NEWICK NEWS

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Seasons Greetings!



Once again, the festive season is upon us. What a fabulous term it has been! Firstly thank you so much to the NSA for arranging the very successful Welly Walk, raising money for Children in Need. Altogether, with your support, you have raised a staggering £781.58!! This was a phenomenal amount of money and we thank you so much for your support.

Our sincere thanks also extend to Mr Chris Weber-Brown, who has yet again contributed very generously to providing £120 towards a new laptop which will go alongside the three purchased by the NSA. Mr Weber-Brown raised the money for us by walking the Shakespeare Way from Stratford to The Globe Theatre in London. It took 10 days – we are very grateful for these funds! We are busy planning developments for our library so that we can have groups of children able to access the computers in the library. Our aim in the next year or so, is to develop an 'internet café' in the library so that parents and children can have internet access here if there is not this facility at home.

I would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Sclater for providing the Christmas trees for us here at school and especially to Mr and Mrs Essex and Mrs Allen for sorting out the lights and decorations for the children.

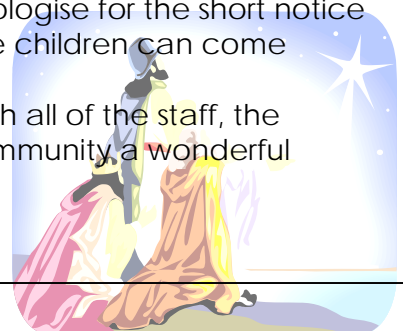
It was also wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. The new NSA committee organised a huge number of stalls and raised over £2300 which is fantastic, especially in light of the economic downturn and the time of year. I cannot thank all you enough for supporting the school and the NSA like you did – it is overwhelming.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our end of term service – as you will know by now, the service will be at 1.45pm. We thought it would be a very special way to end the term by having a candle lit service in St. Mary's. A few children in year 5 children will be forming a Nativity 'tableux'; some Year 6 children will narrate the Christmas story through a series of readings; a couple of Year 4 children will read out prayers whilst the rest of the school will be singing various Christmas carols.

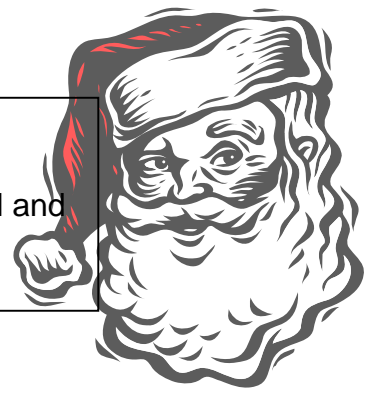
This coming Wednesday afternoon, 17th December, the children will be watching the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' by Rainbow Theatre Productions. They have asked if the children could come in a costume or wear a head-dress as one of the following options: **courtiers, servants, flower fairies and nature elves**. We apologise for the short notice but I am sure that you will be resourceful, where at all possible! The children can come dressed in these costumes for the day!

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the staff, the children, parents, governors and other members of the school community, a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sophie Thomas



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NSA Christmas Fayre

A special thank you to Kerry Dobney, Sue Allen, Mandy Stockwell and Julie Essex for making the Fayre so successful. It was an incredible achievement to raise over £2300.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who bought a poppy last month. Our poppy appeal raised £33.94.



Eco News Update!

Congratulations to the following children who entered the village Eco Competition and won the following prizes:

Infants 1st prize: Ben Pruden

2nd prize: Tomos Whelpton

Juniors 1st prize: Issy and Tom Eynon

2nd prize: Fraser Jones

All of the classes who haven't already done so are busy putting together their Eco Codes.

Well done to a group of year 6 girls for fundraising over £160 for Chestnut Tree House by Rebecca England, Kerri-Anne Clough, Kirsty Gregory, Georgina Thomas and Rebecca Collins. Thank you girls – what a fantastic effort!

Louise's Little Kitchen

Cookery Workshop for Children aged 5 – 12

Saturday 20th December 2008

10-12 midday

£12.50 (10% discount for siblings)

A winter workshop creating Christmas canapés, pastries and chocolate mouldings. Learn how to make pastry, choose different fillings and seasonal herbs, discover the origins of chocolate and create a mulled juice cocktail at Louise's Little Kitchen, Newick.

Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents

12th January 2009 1.30 – 3.00pm

13th January 2009 1.30 – 3.00pm



Sporting Achievements Terms 1 and 2 2007

Cross Country : We were very proud of our runners. In the boys team, there were approximately 80 runners. Rory Blackburn – 1st, Edward Minett – 2nd, Sam Jackson – 4th, Nielsen Rieveley – 8th, Freddie Dean – 10th, Ben Hooper – 16th, George Corp – 23rd, Arthur Kettleby – 24th. The first 15 boys will be entered into the regional event early next year. The boys team also lifted the overall trophy – well done!

In the girls team, again there were around 50 runners in this event. Polly Saunders 3rd, Olivia Cadwick – 5th, Kerri-Anne Clough – 9th, Francesca Thurston-Hobbs - 11th, Amie Denning – 28th, Natalie Farrow – 31st, Hannah Rae – 32nd. Once again, the first 15 girls will go forward to the regional race.

We are very proud of all of our runners and look forward to seeing those in the next round and shall follow their progress carefully!

Girls Football:

Our girls football team have also taken part in a tournament and had several very close games. They represented the school admirably, working well as a team.

Boys Football

We have several teams throughout the Juniors who have all played well this season so far. The A team came in 4th at a recent tournament; the B team reached the semi-finals and also performed very well. Two year 3 and 4 teams came 2nd and 3rd in a recent tournament too – well done to you all for representing the school so well.

I would like to thank Mrs Cadman, PE leader and cross country organiser, Mr Evans and Mr Peaple for organising the football and Mrs Reeds for organising the netball teams. Your commitment to the school's extra curricular sports clubs is very much appreciated.



And Finally.....

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Infant Nativity this year. The production of the 'Donkey Sellers' was very well received and after deducting production costs from your generous donations, we are delighted to announce that we raised £150.84 for this year's charity, Chestnut Tree House, the children's hospice. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

It simply leaves me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the staff here at Newick.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

I have tried to give you as many relevant dates as possible for the rest of the school year.
Please be mindful that some dates may change and there will certainly be additions.

Dec	16 th	Year 6's performance of Midsummer Night's Dream
	17 th	Pantomime for all children in the afternoon (2pm)
	18 th	Christmas Parties (pm)
	19 th	End of term service in church (1.45pm)

End Of Term 2

Jan 2009	5 th	Children return to school – <i>start of Term 3</i>
	12 th	Launch of 'French Week'
	13 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents
	16 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents
Feb	12 th	School Disco – 3.15 – 4.30pm
	13 th	INSET – school closure

Half term – End of Term 3

March	23 rd	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 4</i>
	16 th	National Science Week
	20 th	Cluster Netball and Football tournament
April	3 rd	End of term service in St Mary's Church (time tbc)

Easter holidays – End of Term 4

May	20 th	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 5</i>
	4 th	May Bank Holiday – school closure
	11 th	Year 6 SATs Week: Monday – Friday

Half term – End of Term 5

June	1 st	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 6</i>
	22 nd	Junior Production Week
	29 th	Sports and Healthy Living Week
	30 th	Yr 6 induction day at Chailey

July	6 th	Bowles Residential for Year 6 (Monday – Friday)
	17 th	Leavers Service (time tbc) (All parents welcome)

Summer holidays – End of Term 6

Sept	3 rd	INSET
	4 th	Children return to school



TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

The following dates have been set as INSET Days:

Friday 13th February 2009, Monday 20th July 2009, Tuesday 21st July 2009, Wednesday 22nd July 2009