



# NEWICK NEWS


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January 2009

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to a very chilly start to 2009! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and lovely holiday with your children.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas end of term service at St. Mary's church and a very big thank you for your generous contributions to our collection which raised a fantastic £85.75 which will go to this year's charity, the Chestnut Tree House children's hospice in Worthing. We had lovely feedback about the service and especially the timing – it was felt a lovely way to end the term. We are planning to end term 4 on 3<sup>rd</sup> April with a service at the same time at Easter but will rethink how the children meet their parents afterwards!

 We have very exciting news regarding the launch of French throughout the school next week. Mr Motley will be coordinating our 'French Day' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January which includes the NSA organising a 'taste of France' and providing the children with brioche and hot chocolate. Members of the Newick Twinning Society will also be attending our 'Café Ecole' to speak to any parents who would like to come and sample some coffee and brioche! You are all very welcome – it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. We are asking that the children come dressed in red, white and blue for the 'French Day' – please read Mr Motley's letter for more details. Thank you to Phil from Philania's Bakery in Newick for the brioche!

As well as having a whole school focus on French this term, we will also be looking closely at the way we reduce, reuse and recycle items in school. More information will follow as the year progresses regarding this but Mrs Watson will be working hard with a team of teachers to work towards achieving our Eco Award status as a school. In the current climate, we feel that this is very important to try and raise awareness of our carbon footprint and looking at ways to become more resourceful with energy in particular.

If there are any parents, grandparents or friends of the school who feel that they have some expertise, experience or advice in either French or Eco/environmental issues, please do get in contact with Mr Motley, Mrs Watson, Mrs Newman or myself. We are very aware that there are many of you out there who have a significant amount to offer us in a variety of ways.

Finally, thank you to all those of you who completed and returned the County Council's Extended School's survey. The questionnaires are sent to County Hall and I understand that we should hear more later this year.

Sophie Thomas





## Updates...

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that our uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8.45 – 9.15am.

A special thank you goes to all of the parents who help on a rotational basis to run the shop.



### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated money in the collection at the Christmas Service at the end of term. We received a very generous donation totalling £85.75 which will go to our charity for this year, Chestnut Tree House.

### Prayer Group Meetings

The prayer group meeting times are as follows for the rest of the academic year:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3.45pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 3.45pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 7.30pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.45pm

### NSA Christmas Fair

A **huge** thank you go Kerry Dobney, Julie Essex, Mandy Stockwell and Sue Allen for the fantastic afternoon which raised an incredible **£2348**. These funds are so incredibly important to the school.

### Family Shoebox Appeal

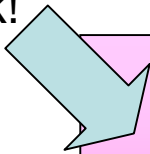
A massive thank you to all who made a shoebox. We had over 60 sent in the end. Many thanks to Mrs Mahoney for organising these boxes.



### Eco Updates

We are busy taking readings of our gas and electricity usage in school. If you would like to see how we are monitoring this, please see our Eco board in school which is situated just outside the Hall.

Look!



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**OPEN AFTERNOONS**

**Please come and see us in action!**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1.30 - 3pm**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1.30 - 3pm**

**All welcome!**



**FRUIT!**



Thankyou to the many parents who help with the infant fruit. It is very much appreciated. Thanks go to all others who have helped in the past as well!

Next NSA  
meeting 23<sup>rd</sup>  
January at  
9.15am in the  
staffroom.  
All welcome!



### School Photos

A reminder that individual photographs will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Pre school children are welcome to have their photographs taken with their siblings – please be in school for 8.30am.

### **Are You Eligible For Free School Meals?**

If you would like more information, please come and speak to Diana Newman in the school Office. All information is shared with Mrs Newman in absolute confidence.

## **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.

<b>Jan 2009</b>	5th	Children return to school – <i>start of Term 3</i>
	12th	Launch of 'French' in school with 'French Day'. Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents 1.30 – 3pm
	13th	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents 1.30 – 3pm
	14th	School Photos 8.30am onwards
	23rd	NSA meeting 9.15am Prayer Group Meeting 3.45pm
<b>Feb</b>	29th	Whole School Theatre Trip to Brighton – 'Joseph' 1.00pm – 6.00pm
	12th	School Disco – 3.15 – 4.30pm
	13th	INSET – school closure
<i>Half term – End of Term 3</i>		
<b>March</b>	23rd	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 4</i> Prayer Group Meeting 7.30pm
	16th	National Science Week
	18th	NSA Meeting 7.30pm
<b>April</b>	20th	Cluster Netball and Football tournament 1.15pm
	1st	<b>Dance Festival – Plumpton Racecourse (time tbc)</b>
	3rd	End of term service in St Mary's Church 1.45pm
<i>Easter holidays – End of Term 4</i>		
<b>May</b>	20th	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 5</i>
	4th	May Bank Holiday – school closure
	6th	NSA meeting 9.15am
	11th	Year 6 SATs Week: Monday – Friday
<i>Half term – End of Term 5</i>		
<b>June</b>	1st	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 6</i>
	22nd	Junior Production Week
	29th	Sports and Healthy Living Week Yr 6 induction day at Chailey
	30th	Yr 6 induction day at Chailey
<b>July</b>	4th	Summer Fair (time tbc)
	6th	Bowles Residential for Year 6 (Monday – Friday)
	17th	Leavers Service (time tbc) (All parents welcome)
<i>Summer holidays – End of Term 6</i>		
<b>Sept</b>	3rd	INSET
	4th	Children return to school



### **TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**

The following dates have been set as INSET Days:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009