



NEWICK NEWS

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Forging Ahead.....

We have had considerable work done during the February half term holidays as detailed below:

- New interactive whiteboards (larger sizes) put into Puffins, Penguins and Otters classrooms.
- New interactive whiteboard in the staffroom (our maths meeting for parents took place there last week!)
- We have reused two small interactive whiteboards with new projectors in my office and in the small room upstairs: both shall be used for teaching and meetings.
- New projector and screen in the Hall which will also shortly be linked in with the existing sound system.
- New wiring in the Hall to accommodate this new technology.
- All corridor fire doors have now been pinned back with large magnetic plates, all linked to the fire system, so will close automatically when the fire alarm goes off.
- New emergency lighting put in Seahorses classroom.
- New gate in the fence at the bottom corner as an emergency access route off the school premises.

We are very excited by these new developments and feel it is vital to keep up to date, not only where new technology is concerned but also with the health and safety of all of the children and adults who learn, work and visit our school.

We have a very busy and full month coming up. World Maths Day and World Book Day are both this week – please see more details further on in this newsletter. It is also Red Nose Day and again, as a school, we are planning to do something special that day!

A big thank you goes to Susannah Atherton, Sarah Eynon and Jane Jones for organising the school disco. An amazing turnout brought in a profit of £288.77. Well done everybody who helped and attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sippetts for organising a group of infant children, parents and grandparents to help plant over 250 spring bulbs at the front of the school alongside several infant children. This is in conjunction with the planting programme we began in the autumn of 2007. I am sure you will agree that the bulbs are looking lovely and that we look forward to the most recent planting to show itself! I would just ask that when you are collecting your child at the end of the day that they do not play on the grass at the front of the building. We are trying very hard to ensure that the plants and the grass are allowed to grow, particularly at this time of the year. Many thanks!

I would like to welcome Mrs Liz Hooper as our new teaching assistant in Otters until the end of this academic year. I am sure that she will settle very quickly to her new role.

Lastly, I would like to inform you that unfortunately, we have to say goodbye and thank you to two teaching assistants in the next few weeks. Janet Awcock and Lydia Rea will both be very sorely missed. Janet Awcock has worked here for the past nine years. She has contributed significantly to the school in terms of her art work, display work and more recently delivering high quality art sessions to children on some afternoons. Lydia Rea has worked here for almost three years and we shall miss her good humour, her willingness to participate and her friendly ear for children to talk to. I would like to wish both ladies the very best in the future. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please place it in an envelope with the recipient's name on the front and hand in to the office please.

Miss Awcock's replacement will be Mrs Dionne Peck in year 3; Miss Rea's replacement in Puffins will be Mrs Denise Taylor and we look forward to working with all three of our new teaching assistants in the coming months.

Sophie Thomas

An Afternoon at the Races



For



Join us for an afternoon of racing @
The Crown Inn, Newick
Sunday 5th April 2009

First race 2:30pm
BBQ from 1:30pm

Prizes for the winning horse & jockey – buy yours from
The Crown or e-mail katie.alexander@uk.nestle.com for
more information

Children welcome – secure play garden!
www.justgiving.com/kate-climbs-kili

Think Tank

A quick reminder to say that we shall meet on Friday 13th March at 9.00am. The main topic will be the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) – a chance to see it and ask questions. Please see your parent rep if there is anything you would like to be discussed in this forum.



Thank you.....

to Mr Evans who shared our written maths methods to a large group of parents last Wednesday afternoon. It was great to see so many of you there and following the many positive comments, we shall certainly be doing more curriculum events for parents in the future. If you have any suggestions as to the focus for future events please let Mr Evans or myself know.

Prayer Group Meetings

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

Monday 23rd March 7.30pm

Friday 1st May 3.45pm

Monday 1st June 7.30pm

Friday 3rd July 3.45pm.

The new Virtual Learning Environment will be launching soon. All parents have been asked to write in in the past if they **do not** wish their child's photograph to be on the website. Please can you inform me in writing by Friday 20th March is this is the case and we can update your child's details.

Thank you.

NSA News

Nestle Book Vouchers need to be returned by 31st March 2009 and not 2010 as indicated on packets.

When booking your holidays and travel insurance, don't forget to go via www.schoolfunds.co.uk

Friday 20th March - Netball / Football tournament at Newick school - please let us know if you can help in the tea room and/ or bake us some cakes.

Mobile 'Phones - we now have 90, so are almost half way to our target. Please keep collecting.



Eco Update

We are currently monitoring our usage of gas, electricity and water in school, in a bid to both minimise our carbon footprint and utility bills.

We shall let you know in the a future newsletter how we are getting on!



What does the date 'Friday 13th' mean to you...? To some people, that particular date is considered unlucky, but to millions of people across the world, **Friday 13th March 2009** will be the most important and special day of their lives...

Yes! It's **Comic Relief's Red Nose Day 2009**, and for the pupils, staff and friends of Newick C of E Primary School it's a fantastic opportunity to raise money for those people in need, and, on the way, learn lots and have fun!

Throughout the week of 9th-13th March, the pupils of Newick will approach their learning with the motto 'Do something funny for money' in mind. During the week, humour and comedy will be key ideas, with all learning experiences adapted appropriately for the different year groups. There will be a whole-school approach to improving the children's creative writing, as well as learning experiences which bring out the children's artistic and performance skills, too.

On Friday 13th March, we will be asking the children to come to school dressed in 'home clothes'. In keeping with the Red Nose Day theme, however, we would like the children to wear at least one red item of clothing!

All pupils will be given the opportunity to buy a Comic Relief Red Nose, at the cost of £1, though you may wish to donate more if you would like. Needless to say, all the money raised from the sale of the 'Red Noses' will go towards Comic Relief.

On the afternoon of the 13th March, the whole school will gather in the hall to present a special Red Nose Day performance in the style of the Comic Relief Television extravaganza, entitled "Do something funny for money!" The performance will include a selection of funny skits and parodies, expressive dance, singing and presentations of the children's writing and artwork. Unfortunately, with space being at a premium in the school hall, we are unable to present this special performance to parents and families. However, it is hoped that a video taken of the performance will be uploaded onto the school's V.L.E page for you all to watch. Watch this space!

We hope the children will enjoy taking part in what promises to be a week filled with laughter and fun - a week where the children, staff and friends of Newick pull together to think about and support those people who are in greater need than us.

We thank you, in advance, for your kindness and support.

Mrs. Cadman, Miss Riggs and Mr People

Snow Haikus by Year 3



*Look! Children playing
I can see the diamond snow
Hurry up Daddy!*

*Glittering snowballs
Flying in the blowing wind
Ouch! I slipped again!*

by Finty Barton

The snow is falling
Great big snowballs rolling
fast
Shall we go sledging?!

by Luc Horwood

The snow is crisp white
The snowflakes dance on my cheeks
Quick get the cameras!

by Mia Hannon

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.

March	3 rd	Turtles class assembly 9.05am
	4 th	World Maths Day – events taking place in school.
	5 th	Achievement Assembly 9.05am
		World Book Day – Bring and Buy Book sale in Hall after school.
	11 th	Seals class assembly 9.05am
	13 th	School Think Tank meeting 9.00am – staffroom
	16 th	National Science Week
	17 th	Dolphins class assembly
	18 th	NSA Meeting 7.30pm
	20 th	Achievement Assembly 9.05am
		Cluster Netball and Football tournament 1.00pm
	22 nd	Mothering Sunday service in St. Mary's church 10.30am
	24 th	Otters class assembly 9.05am
31 st	Penguins class assembly 9.05am	
April	1 st	Dance Festival – Plumpton Racecourse (time tbc)
		Evening Ceilidh at Plumpton Village Hall – (more details to follow)
	2 nd	Achievement assembly 9.05am
	3 rd	End of term service in St Mary's Church 1.45pm
		<i>Easter holidays – End of Term 4</i>
May	20 th	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 5</i>
	4 th	May Bank Holiday – school closure
	6 th	NSA meeting 9.15am
	11 th	Year 6 SATs Week: Monday – Friday
	22 nd	<i>Half term – End of Term 5</i>
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
		Yr 6 induction day at Chailey
July	4 th	Summer Fair (time tbc)
	6 th	Bowles Residential for Year 6 (Monday – Friday)
	17 th	Leavers Service (time tbc) (All parents welcome)
		<i>Summer holidays – End of Term 6</i>
Sept	3 rd	INSET
	4 th	Children return to school



TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

The following dates have been set as INSET Days:

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