



# NEWICK NEWS

September 2008



**Welcome Back.....!**

Welcome back to all of you and a special welcome to all of our new children and their families, especially those brand new to our school. The start of a new year is always an exciting time and this year is no exception and we are all raring to go!

Our new children in Otters appear to have settled well into their class and we wish them well for their journey in our school over the next seven years.

We also say welcome (back!) to Miss Laura Riggs who will be teaching our Year 4 children in Seals class, and to Mr Alexander People who will be teaching in Dolphins with our Year 3 children. Also a very warm welcome to Mrs Sam Fake, our new clerical assistant who many of you may have already met in the office. I am sure that all three will enjoy being part of the Newick team.

It is lovely to see the children so excited about returning to school with their new teachers: your child's teacher will shortly inform you of the curriculum areas and content that will be taught over the next few weeks – please do not hesitate to come in and introduce yourselves to your child's teacher.

As a 'Healthy School' we are keen to encourage as many of our children as possible to walk to school, either with a parent or carer or joining one of our two very successful 'Walking Buses'. Please contact the office if you are interested in the 'Walking Bus' or Mrs Blackburn who coordinates the scheme.

We would also like to remind you that we actively encourage children to cycle or scoot to school. Children who have passed their cycling proficiency can cycle unaccompanied by an adult, with their parents/carers permission and we would ask that a note is passed to your child's class teacher explaining this. Younger children can also cycle but have to be accompanied by a parent.

We currently only have a few spaces in the cycle shelter and these are for the Year 6 children at present. However, other children can leave scooters and bicycles against the side fence if they so wish, but these will be left at the owners risk. The school cannot be held responsible for these. I thought I would clarify this right at the start of term as there was some confusion who was allowed to cycle to school .

Sophie Thomas



The class teachers will soon be sending home a termly curriculum letter and mini learning project activity web. If you are able to offer any help or have any specific knowledge regarding the mini learning projects, please contact your child's class teacher.



## Climbing Activity Frame

During the summer holiday, a new activity area was created for the children in the form of a climbing frame. This area also incorporates the existing 'hut' so that the children can access a further part of our grounds nearly all year round. So far, the children have rated it very highly saying it is "excellent" and "cool"! Thank you to Mr Forster for liaising with the contractors.

## Junior Classrooms/Toilets

Year 4, 5 and 6 have all had their classrooms painted over the summer holiday and so now look much cleaner and brighter. Both the girls and boys Junior toilets have also been decorated.

## Otters Playground

Thank you to Di Newman for organising for the Otters playground to have drainage reinstated by the slide - in the past year, we have had had rather a lot of rain and it was so bad that the Reception children were unable to use the playground at playtime due to the huge puddles that formed. So far, so good - we certainly have had plenty of rain since the beginning of term to check the new drains work!

### A reminder to all parents

Please ensure that your child arrives in their class by 8.55am for registration. The school bell is rung promptly at 8.50am to ensure that the register is taken at 8.55am. Your child will be registered late if they arrive once the register has been completed.

### Parent Helpers Wanted!

At Newick, we value parental help very highly. We are keen to enlist the help of as many parents as possible throughout the school. We know that you are a very talented bunch of people and if you think you can spare us some time, (it doesn't matter how little or how much!), please let us know! This year we plan to have a bank of parents (hopefully!) that we can ensure are CRB checked, receive some basic training and use in a variety of classes, and not necessarily in your own child's class. Thank you to those of you who have already expressed an interest in being a parent helper. If you are interested in being a parent helper, please contact Mrs Thomas, your child's class teacher or the office. Thank you!

Coloured versions of all the school Newsletters are available at :

[www.newickschool.co.uk](http://www.newickschool.co.uk)

along with our recent Ofsted report, Teaching For Learning Policy, term dates and other relevant information.

**These documents will also be available in the school foyer soon along with an information screen to keep you up to date with clubs and relevant day-to-day information.**

**Watch this space!**



- Please contact the school office for a 'Leave of Absence' form if you intend taking your child out of school during term time. May I remind you that holidays will not be authorised in term time, unless in exceptional circumstances. Parents still need to inform the school by phone and letter of any medical appointments or sickness.
- For health & safety reasons, please can you keep the Infant pathway clear at the end of the day when teacher's are releasing the children.
- Please can parents not congregate outside the infant, junior and main gates in the mornings. It is unfair on those who are walking their children to school and have to step into the road to walk around you. Please come inside the gates. The Junior gates and main gates are particularly congested – some staff do not start work until 9.00am and are finding it difficult to enter the car park or main gate – many thanks!
- School Uniform is available from the School Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings from 8.45 – 9.15am each week. There is new and second hand uniform available for sale.
- Please ensure that your child's clothes, drinks bottles and belongings are clearly labelled.
- Please ensure that the school office has your up-to-date contact information in case you child is ill during the school day and we need to contact you.

### **Home School Agreement**

Each child will shortly receive a Home School Agreement that sets out the schools aims and asks both parents/carers and children to read and sign to acknowledge your part in your child's education. More information to follow!



### **HELP!**

We **desperately** need help with running a gardening club and taking a lead in further developing the garden. If anyone is interested, please contact Mrs Newman, Mrs Watson or Mrs Thomas.



### **Home Learning/Reading Diary**

Your children will shortly be coming home with a new personal Home Learning/Reading Diary in which you can communicate with your child's teacher on a regular basis.

### **The School Food Trust**

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, the school is offering children who have school dinners, to take part in a competition to win an Ipod shuffle. For more info please go to [www.schoolfoodtrust.org](http://www.schoolfoodtrust.org)

### **SITE MANAGER REQUIRED**

We are currently looking to appoint a Site Manager to start here as soon as possible. The job description and specification is available from the School Office if you are interested. Please contact the School Business Manager, Di Newman.



A reminder of the School Uniform.

## Uniform

We believe that a smart uniform has much to commend it. It helps to promote a sense of belonging and saves you from wrangles over what to wear. It is very important that items of clothing have your child's name on them and it is also expected that long hair is tied back. Bandanas are not allowed to be used as hair ties; thin hair bands are allowed in school colours only. Children should avoid wearing jewellery on safety grounds, with the exception of watches. The wearing of make up and nail vanish is not allowed.



(Autumn, Term 1\* & Term 2)

(Spring, Term 3 & Term 4)

- Maroon jumper or cardigan (with school logo)
- Plain white shirt
- School tie
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic.
- Grey, black or white socks or grey/black tights.
- Sensible black shoes (no trainers, sandals or open toed shoes)



(Summer, Term 5 & Term 6)

(Autumn Term 1\*)

- Maroon jumper or cardigan (with school logo)
- Plain white shirt or white polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic.
- Pink gingham dress
- Grey, black or white knee length or short socks.
- Sensible black shoes (no trainers, sandals or open toed shoes)

*\* (summer uniform is optional for Autumn Term 1 only. Winter uniform is compulsory from Autumn Term 2)*

Ties are not to be worn with a polo shirt. There are certain times when **all** children at Newick are expected to wear a tie – in Church, School Photographs, Open Days or at any other time when required.

Hats are available from the School Uniform Shop for the Spring and Summer terms. School jumpers, ties and book bags can also be purchased throughout the year along with secondhand items of school uniform at the School Uniform Shop which currently runs on Tuesday mornings from 8.45 – 9.15am.

**N.B.** We have longer ties for the upper juniors available now from the Uniform Shop.

**For P.E. and Games** children need to be able to change for safety and hygiene reasons into:-

- Sport trainers (that allow freedom of ankle movement i.e. not the 'boot' type)
- Burgundy T-shirt and black shorts
- Track suits/jogging trousers are acceptable in the winter with socks but **not** tights.
- Socks for PE (change of socks!)

All such items as supplied by the multiple and chain stores are of course acceptable. The PE kit is available from the School Uniform Shop.

Multi-coloured T-shirts, including football strips are **not** acceptable.

For indoor P.E. dance and gymnastics the children will be in bare feet..

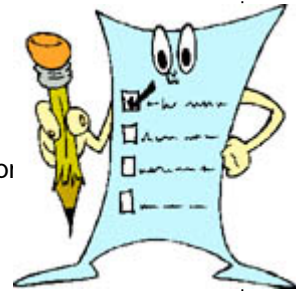
**PLEASE NAME ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING**

# **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.

*Term 1*

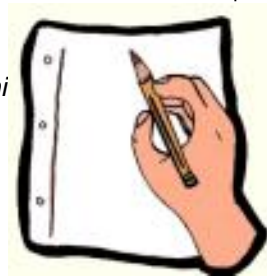
<b>Sept</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Prayer Group Meeting NSA AGM 7.30pm Whales class assembly. (All parents welcome) 9.05am
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<b>Oct</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jolly Phonics afternoon for Reception Parents in Hall 2.15pm Harvest Festival Service – St Mary’s Church 9.30am Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Turtles’ class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm Year 2 (Puffins & Seahorses) class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Parents Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
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*Half Term- End of Term 1*

<b>Nov</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 2 – winter uni</i> Seals’ class assembly (9.05am) (All parents welcome) Achievement assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Penguins’ class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Otters’ class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Achievement assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
<b>Dec</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dolphins’ class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Infant Nativity (time tbc) Infant Nativity (time tbc) Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Infant Nativity (time tbc) End of term service in St Mary’s Church 9.30am



*Christmas holiday – End of Term 2*

<b>Jan</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school – <i>start of Term 3</i>
<b>Feb</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – school closure

*Half term – End of Term 3*

<b>April</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 4</i> <b>End of term service in St Mary’s Church</b>
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*Easter holidays – End of Term 4*

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

<b>June</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 6</i> Yr 6 induction day at Chailey Yr 6 induction day at Chailey
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<b>July</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Service (9.30am) (All parents welcome) Final assembly (2pm) (All parents welcome)
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*Summer holidays – End of Term 6*

## **TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**

The following dates have been set as INSET Days :

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 09**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 09**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 09**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 09**