



NEWICK NEWS

October 2008

Forging Ahead.....

The term is moving along very quickly and before we know it, it will be the end of term 1. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled and as parents and carers, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher at our Consultation Evenings in the next couple of weeks. There is more information in this newsletter.

There are many exciting events going on in and around Newick over the next few weeks.

Firstly, we have been looking at ways of improving our school for the children here at Newick. Following our extremely successful Ofsted in June, we are always striving to make things even better here for our children. There are some key areas which we are going to concentrate on this academic year and here they are!

- Raising standards in writing, especially creativity in written work.
- Develop the upstairs area of the school to better utilise the space.
- Introduce French in all Junior classes in Term 3.
- Developing the outside learning environment/garden and achieve Eco Award status.
- Focus on sports and healthy living throughout the school. Update our Healthy Schools status.
- Improve children's ability to undertake maths and science investigations.

Of course these are not the only areas we are looking to develop this year – our library area will be redeveloped, new interactive whiteboards are planned for the infant classrooms and the Hall and there are several other projects in the pipeline. At the next Think Tank meeting, I will be asking the parent representatives to feed back any ideas that parents or carers may have to feed into our school development plan.

We also have a new NSA committee who are as follows: Chair is Mrs Kerry Dobney, Vice Chair is Mrs Julie Essex, the secretary is Mrs Mandy Stockwell, the Treasurer is Mrs Sue Allen. I am sure that they will continue to follow in the very successful footsteps of the previous committee who raised an incredible £10 000 in the past two years with the help of all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denise Taylor, Jane Jones, Paula Webster and Kirsten Thomas.

Sophie Thomas



Parent Helpers

Thank you to those of you who have registered an interest in helping out in class. It is very much appreciated. If you would like to help but have not yet indicated an interest, please let the school office know!

Many thanks.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that ties should be worn by all children from the beginning of term 2 as part of the winter uniform. They should be worn with a shirt not polo shirts please. Polo shirts are to be worn as summer uniform only. Ties can be purchased from the School Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings from 8.45 – 9.15am.

CARETAKER REQUIRED

We are currently looking to appoint a caretaker 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.



Family Shoebox Appeal

As a school, we are asking for your help to take part in sending shoeboxes full of gifts for families in Romania, Moldova and Albania for Christmas. We are asking for the shoeboxes to not be child specific but contain items for the whole family.



We are collecting the shoeboxes between 20th October until Friday 7th November. We will make a display of them in the school entrance hall. Please help us support these families. For more info see

www.linkromania.co.uk/files/2008-2leaflet_indd.pdf

For further info for contents please see website or ask at the School Office. Thank you!



Louise's Little Kitchen

Cookery Workshop for Children aged 5 – 11

On Friday 31st October

10 – 12 midday or 2-4pm. £12.50



A fun, hands-on event for budding cooks to discover, create and eat their own food! Collect eggs, prepare pumpkins, make pasta, pick apples and cook crumble for a fantastic autumn feast at Louise's Little Kitchen, Newick. To book, please contact Rosie Simmons on 01825 721324.



Eco Awareness Day

Newick Parish Council

Saturday 22nd November 2008

10am – 4pm



Confused over global warming? Come & listen to Professor John Midwinter (member of Royal Society) talk about his unbiased independent analysis of current research.

Come & see displays on 'green' issues by Lewes District Council, EDF, South East Water, Free Trade, Paynes Heating & Plumbing etc.

Come and get the TRUE FACTS and improve environmental conditions for our future generations.

For more information contact Tony Mayes on 01825 7222404

Parents Evenings



**Please sign up for a time in the School Entrance Hall.
Dates are:**

Monday 20th October 2008 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 22nd October 5pm – 8pm

This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how well they have settled into their new class.

Home School Agreement – Have Your Say....

In my last newsletter, I mentioned the Home/School agreement. I am going to ask all parent reps to ask parents for their opinions as to what they feel should be included so that this can be discussed at the Think Tank meeting. If you have an opinion, please let you parent reps know!

NSA Corner...

Save money by shopping online and help the school get extra equipment. There are more than 600 online retailers involved in The National School Reward Scheme including NEXT, Tesco, Boots, Comet, Mothercare, Screwfix, Currys and hundreds more. By simply using the www.schoolfunds.co.uk website to select online retailers, reward points are collected for every purchase, which can be exchanged for educational equipment. Log onto www.schoolfunds.co.uk to find out more or contact Kerry Dobney or Sue Allen.

Extra school equipment only takes a click!

No forms, no passwords, no hidden costs, no catch.



NSA Quiz Night 2008

Friday 17th October

7.30pm for 8pm start



Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Raffle and prizes for best and worst teams. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

£5 per person

£40 per team

Coloured versions of all the school Newsletters are available at :

www.newickschool.co.uk

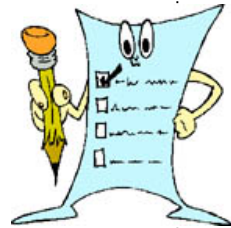
along with our recent Ofsted report, Teaching For Learning Policy, term dates and other relevant information.

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.

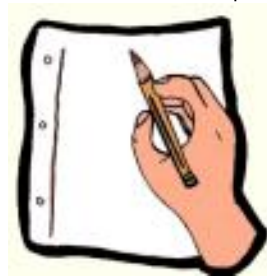
Term 1

Oct	10 th	Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
	14 th	Turtles' class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
	20 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
	21 st	Year 2 (Puffins & Seahorses) class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
	22 nd	Parents Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm
	24 th	Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am



Half Term- End of Term 1

Nov	3 rd	Children return back to school - <i>start of Term 2- winter uniform applies.</i> Creative Week all week
	7 th	Creative Week's sharing assembly (time tbc)
	11 th	Seals' class assembly (9.05am) (All parents welcome)
	14 th	Achievement assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
	18 th	Penguins' class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
	25 th	Otters' class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am



Dec	2 nd	Dolphins' class assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am
	10 th	Infant Nativity (time tbc)
	11 th	Infant Nativity (time tbc)
	12 th	Achievement Assembly (All parents welcome) 9.05am Infant Nativity (time tbc)
	19 th	End of term service in St Mary's Church 9.30am

Christmas holiday – End of Term 2

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

Half term – End of Term 3

April	23 rd	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 4</i>
	3 rd	End of term service in St Mary's Church

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>
	29 th	Yr 6 induction day at Chailey
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July	17 th	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 13th Feb 09

Monday 20th July 09

Tuesday 21st July 09

Wednesday 22nd July 09