



NEWICK NEWS

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Well it has certainly been an eventful week with the unexpected snowfalls that meant that we had to close the school. I do hope that it didn't inconvenience too many of you but am sure that you realised that these were exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately, six teachers couldn't actually reach the school due to the levels of snow and ice and as a result we didn't have enough staff to cover the children in school. So please accept our apologies!

I would like to pass on to you all, if you haven't already heard, that Mrs Woodham had a little girl, Ava, born on 11th January. We understand that they are all doing well and I am sure that join me in congratulating Mrs Woodham and her husband.



I would also like to thank Mr Evans in particular for organising such a successful trip to the Theatre Royal in Brighton last week to see Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. It was a fantastic event – the children were full of excitement and behaved superbly throughout the entire trip – as a school we were all very proud of them! The children were treated to an amazing spectacle of singing and dancing which I am sure has created a tremendous impression on them. I would also like to thank Mrs Newman and Mrs Fake in the school office for their tremendous hard work organising the tickets, transport, risk assessments etc! Thank you to the teachers, teaching assistants and parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip. Further on in the new letter there are some examples of pupils' work, predominantly from the 'Joseph' trip.

Sophie Thomas



Updates...

Think Tank

Our next meeting date will be Friday 13th March at 9.00am.

The main topic on the agenda will be our new VLE site (Virtual Learning Environment) and a shorter discussion topic of payment for school lunches.

Please contact your class rep to ensure your views are heard!



NSA

A **huge** thank you go Kerry Dobney, Julie Essex, Sue Allen, Kate Sippetts, Ruth James for supplying tea and biscuits at our Open Afternoons for new parents. Also thank you to those parents that helped on the morning of our very successful French Day for serving coffee, hot chocolate, croissants and brioche to parents and children alike. It all contributed to the very special atmosphere that built up throughout the day. Thank you for giving up your time. It is really appreciated!

Prayer Group Meetings

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

Monday 23rd February 7.30pm

Monday 23rd March 7.30pm

Friday 1st May 3.45pm

Monday 1st June 7.30pm

Friday 3rd July 3.45pm



Eco Updates



We are proud to announce that we have recently been awarded our Silver Eco Award. Thank you to all of you who remember to reuse, recycle and reduce materials that you use. A special thank you goes to Mrs Watson for her hard work and time spent achieving this award. We are now working towards our Green Flag Award – so watch this space for news in the coming months!

Look!



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Where: Danehill Childcare Centre

When: Monday 6th April - Thursday 9th April 2009

9am- 4pm

Cost per child: Half day £12.50, 1 day £25.00, 4 days £90.00

**Must book by 10th March 2009*

All activities included in the price. Come to the centre and book or call 01825790876

Activities include; art workshop, games, music and drama, disco, cooking, movies.



Is work getting in the way of life? Do your kids moan that you or your partner are always home late... or just never around? Are you concerned about your work/life balance but just don't have the time to work out a solution?

Love Productions are looking for families with children between the ages of 7 and 17 to take part in a new documentary for Channel Four about working parents trying to manage their busy lives. We are interested in talking to people who find it challenge to maintain a healthy work / life balance. If you feel that this is you, or someone you know we'd love to hear from you.

Email workingparents@loveproductions.co.uk or call 020 7067 4884
At this stage, there is no commitment to take part and all conversations are confidential

We are looking for.....

Temporary Full Time Teaching Assistant

We require a temporary Teaching Assistant to join our friendly and supportive team to work in our Reception class until July 17th 2009.

26.25 hours per week

Monday – Friday term time only

TA 1 or 2 Salary £12,712 - £14,258 per annum (pro rata)

Closing date for application forms Friday 20th February 2009

Interviews to be held Friday 27th February 2009. Please contact school office for more information.

Going to the Theatre Royal in Brighton made a long lasting impression on the children here. Below are some examples of their thoughts.....



29th January 2009

Dear Diary

Today was a very important day! In the afternoon all the children from school and the teachers went on a coach to Brighton. We went to the theatre to see Joseph. The best thing about the play was the singing, especially Joseph! I loved Joseph's coat too. The end of the play was very beautiful. What a fantastic day!

Sophia Ash

Puffins Year 2



Thursday 29th January 2009

Dear Diary

Today my school went to the theatre to see Joseph. There were so many of us that we had five coaches. My partner was Georgia. We left school after lunch and went to Brighton. When we got into the theatre it was very noisy everyone was so excited. My seat was high up in the theatre I sat next to Mrs Watson and when the show started I felt excited.

The stage was bright and colourful. The story was based in Egypt a long time ago about a boy whose brothers were jealous of him because their dad loved Joseph and gave him a brightly coloured coat. In the break I had a ribena and rocky biscuit. I loved all the songs in Joseph and sang along with Georgia. Everyone clapped at the songs and they were happy. When we left Brighton it was getting late and it was past my tea time.

I had a brilliant time at Joseph.

Elise Hooper

Puffins Year 2

These poems were created by choosing key words and phrases from one page of the book "Street Child", then weaving these in with other words and phrases chosen by the children. The poem describes a scene in the book in which Jim Jarvis escapes from the workhouse.

THE GREAT PLAN

**Jim was like a deep shadow
Invisible
Hardly breathing
Creeping forward like a cat
Gliding silently through the
big gate
As he tiptoed, the cart
rumbled past
He was a thin, small shape,
weak and panting
Breath was bursting out of
him
He was laughing quietly as he
went to
A black well of a side alley
He was free!
By Kieran Eke and Arthur
Kettley (Year Six)**

Jim's Escape!

Deep shadows on the walls,
Invisible Jim, hardly breathing,
Crept, and heard
The carpet beater laughing quietly.
He took his chance,
Glided,
Then tiptoed
Like a cat,
Slinked,
His small thin, shape,
Darted,
Cart rumbled past, greeting him as he went.
Breath in his mouth bursting out of him,
Weak and panting,
Came to a black well of a side alley,
Collapsed,
Exhaustion,
Fell down in a heap.
Free!
By Becky Collins and Alice Gordon Y6

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.

Feb	10 th	Whales class assembly 9.05am
	12 th	Achievement Assembly 9.05am School Disco – 3.15 – 4.30pm
	13 th	INSET – school closure
<i>Half term – End of Term 3</i>		
March	23 rd	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 4</i>
	24 th	Year 2 class assembly – 9.05am Prayer Group Meeting 7.30pm
	3 rd	Turtles class assembly 9.05am
	6 th	Achievement Assembly 9.05am
	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
April	24 th	Otters class assembly 9.05am
	31 st	Penguins class assembly 9.05am
	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
<i>Half term – End of Term 5</i>		
June	22 nd	Children return back to school – <i>start of Term 6</i>
	1 st	Junior Production Week
	22 nd	Sports and Healthy Living Week
	29 th	Yr 6 induction day at Chailey Yr 6 induction day at Chailey
July	30 th	
	4 th	Summer Fair (time tbc)
	6 th	Bowles Residential for Year 6 (Monday – Friday) Leavers Service (time tbc) (All parents welcome)
July	17 th	
<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:

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