

Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 18/09/17

- Clubs Start

Tuesday 19/09/17

- Year 4 to Stonehenge

Monday 02/10/17

- 2pm Shared Learning

Wednesday 04/10/17

- 6 - 7pm Shared Learning

Wednesday 06/10/17

- 2pm Shared Learning

Monday 09/10/17

- School Photos

Tuesday 11/10/17

- Parents Evening

Thursday 19/10/17

- Parents Evening

Friday 20/10/17

- End of Term 1

WANTED

Does anyone have an old sink that they no longer use?

A fantastic team of parents are rejuvenating the Reception play area and would love to have a sink in the mud kitchen that they are creating.

They will be working on the mud kitchen this weekend so please let Amy Osborn know as soon as possible (07951745390) if you have one!

Many Thanks

HEAD'S VIEW

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope the first full week at school has gone well.

School Values: This year we have decided to change our school values so that they are in line with our Newbridge Journey Key Skills, therefore supporting all that we believe is important to your child's education and development at Newbridge Primary School. They are:

**Learning and Communication Creativity and Imagination
Personal Development Collaboration Citizenship.**

I introduced the meaning and importance of values in our Monday assembly and whilst I recognise the values are tricky words for the younger children to understand, all of the staff will be breaking the words down so that the all children are able to identify with them.

Back to School Meetings: Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend the meeting with class teachers this week. I hope they proved useful with regards to knowing the expectations and routines within the new year group. As ever, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. This can be done via the office, the school email or by approaching the teacher before 8:45am or after school. For this term staff meetings are on a Wednesday and therefore the teacher will only be available for a few minutes from 3:15pm.

School Development update: Again thank you for your attendance at the meetings this week. We hope that from these meetings you have some understanding of the priorities for the school and what is important to us. We very much want to move the school forward and whilst we know that there areas of good practice, we also know that there are areas for further development. With regards to our school development priorities we need to ensure that more children are achieving better in Writing, with a particular focus on spelling. We need to look carefully at curriculum coverage; with a particular focus on the maths curriculum and ensuring that the rate of progress is increased in this subject. Also, we want to develop data tracking systems across the school and furthermore, support you in understanding more about what your child is learning and ways in which you can support this.

Home Learning: From Monday, unless they have already been provided to you, Years 2 to 6 will bring home their home learning grids. I am sure you will be aware of these through the presentation held by myself and Mrs Hansard in term 5 and through the Back to School meetings this week. The objective is that the children will have more choice in their home learning and will be able to develop skills in line with the Newbridge Journey Key Skills and our school values. Already we have seen the most wonderful results and the children really are proud of their achievements. If you have any questions about the home learning, please see your child's teacher.

Reading Logs: These will be brought home by all children on Monday. We are not having the red link books any more, but instead have a version printed at school. The revised version does not have the protective cover, but your child will be provided with a plastic wallet to keep it in. Please can we ask that you (or another adult) read with your child at least three times a week and that this is recorded in the log. The logs also contain the word lists for your child's year group.

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Weekly spellings: As we are sure you are aware from our Back to School meetings, spelling is a high priority at Newbridge this year. When the spelling lists come home on Monday you will notice the children will now be receiving 5 spellings per week to enable deeper learning. Included with the spellings will be a number of fun activities for you to do with your child at home in order to support them with their spelling.

Safeguarding update: Please can I remind all parents of the safeguarding procedures we operate regarding access to the school site during the school day. If you are visiting the school office during school hours and your business is completed in the office, there is no need to sign in. However, if your visit to school is during school hours and you need to go beyond the office, then you need to explain the reason for your visit to a member of staff, sign-in and collect an identification badge. Depending on the reason for your visit e.g. meeting with a member of staff, you will need to be escorted to the room where the meeting is taking place. Sometimes many parents arrive for an event e.g. an assembly and on these occasions parents will be asked to sign-in and collect a sticker but they may not be escorted to the hall or alternative space.

I am sure you will understand that these procedures apply to all visitors whether they are known to us or otherwise. Thank you for your support in this matter.

And finally, we wish Erin good luck as she moves to her new school and we welcome Bess to 2C, who has started today.

Have a good weekend.

With kind regards
Gill Kennaugh



This is Toby's brilliant home learning as part of his Newbridge Journey enquiry – Why do we have monuments? We were all very impressed!

YOUNG VOICES

Last call for any Year 3-6 who would like to take part in this year's Young Voices experience on Thursday 9th January 2018.

Children will need to be prepared to come to all choir rehearsals, as well as practise the songs lots at home. The songs and words can be found on the school website under parents/carers > music
Letters available in the office

Music Clubs Years 3-6

Please note that Mrs Houston does not return slips for recorders, Blues Band, orchestra or choir as everyone who sent in a slip can be in the club

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

10 – Bea A, Freddie H

2C – Eszter B, Ellie M

3H – Louis F, Tori B

4C – Toby S, William P

5B – Hannah A, Ernie S

6A – Rory V, Verity W

ISC – Martha RG, Ismene L,

2R – Noah H, Finley C

3A0 – William M, Clara D

4KE – Daniel W, Sophia S

5H – Imogen W, Henry B

6B – Katherine CD, Archie M



Don't forget!

All Reception parents are welcome to drop into Ladybird and Bee class on **Friday 22nd September** anytime from **9am-12pm** and **1pm-2pm**.

This is an opportunity for you to come to talk to the teachers in an informal way about any queries or questions you may have about routines and procedures at school and meet other parents with children in the class.

You might like to come as a group to discuss a particular subject as a new parent, e.g. class timetable or lunchtime procedures.

Parents' evenings are next month when you will make an individual appointment to discuss how your child has settled into Newbridge School.

The Reception Team

SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

Would you like to come and help out on the school allotment? You don't need tools, skill or to make a big commitment. Come along and be one of the Newbridge gardeners! For more information please email Lucy at Lucy@hewsonfamily.co.uk