



# NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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## Friday 09/03/18

- Y4 Visit from Wessex Water

## Monday 12/03/18

- Shared Learning

## Tuesday 13/03/18

- Y1 Assembly

## Wednesday 14/03/18

- Shared Learning

## Thursday 15/03/18

- Dance Umbrella KS1 & KS2

## Friday 16/03/18

- Shared Learning

## Monday 19/03/18

- Y6 Lifeskills

## Tuesday 20/03/18

- Y5 Kilve Court Meeting: 6pm

## Thursday 22/03/18

- Y6 SATS & Barton Hall Meeting: 6pm

## Friday 23/03/18

- Inset Day
- End of Term 4

## JULIAN HOUSE

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, two Newbridge families (Thomas and Gilhah Y6, Emma Y4 and Merryn Y3) are sleeping rough in Alice Park in order to raise funds for Julian House.

The shelter is currently opening up extra emergency beds to cope with the bitter weather. We are lucky enough to be going home to a warm bath and breakfast on the Saturday morning but please help us raise some money to help those who are not so fortunate.

Our fundraising page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bassford-hammondbigbathsleepout> or find one of us with a sponsor form.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after a long weekend.

I apologise that we did not manage to get a newsletter out at the end of last week. Please accept this shortened version to keep you up-to-date.

**Quiz Night:** It seems like a lot has happened since, but we have to acknowledge all of the fun that was had at the annual quiz night and the fantastic planning that took place to ensure it remains a firm favourite on the calendar. Well done to the 'Fronted Adverbials' – the staff team; who came out on top. I would also like to thank Sam Fynn who held the evening together superbly. Thank you to everyone for attending and supporting the brilliant NPSA and its work.

**World Book Day:** I am sorry that this had to be brought to a close early on Thursday, but well done to all of the children who were incredibly creative in dressing-up their potatoes. Sadly there was not a chance to share these with other classes, as we had planned to, but individual classes and staff valued all of the brilliant efforts. They will though be shared in assemblies tomorrow. Thank you also to our parent visitors who shared cultural stories.

A real highlight of the day was the shadow puppet show, performed single-handedly by Drew. With two performances he wowed the children; sparking their creativity and imagination and I am sure the children will have told you about it with great enthusiasm. We are very grateful to the NPSA who fully funded these performances for everyone to enjoy.

**Shared Learning:** The opportunity to view your child's learning will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please note revised dates due to the disruption last week. We have decided to trial a different approach this time based on your feedback around being able to visit your child's classroom. **All of the sessions will be after school and there is no need to sign-up.** The sessions on Monday and Friday will run between 3:30pm and 4:30pm and the session on Wednesday will be from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. These sessions may get a little crowded, so please use other spaces for any overflow. The children's books will be left out in their table space and please remember that the class teacher will not be available as you will have the opportunity to meet with them at Parents' Evening early in Term 5.

**Snow days:** Thank you for your understanding when we had to close at short notice on Thursday; there really was no other option. Getting the children and staff off site and home safely was our priority and I am pleased that this went smoothly. I must offer sincere thanks to Amy Osborne and Sarah Stacey who remained on site to collect children from their classes when parents arrived; this was a great help with over 400 children to hand over safely.

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I don't think anyone expected the amount of snow that fell in our area and we weren't prepared for how much snow was on site. When I came to check the site on Saturday lunchtime, I wondered how we would be fully functional this morning. Yet again the Newbridge community came into its own and rallied to clear the remaining snow on Sunday morning. Our community spirit is very special and I value it greatly. Thank you to all of the parents, children and staff who came to help and to the Rowntree, Radway and Stoneman families who ensured we had refreshments to finish off the morning.

**After School Club:** Please remember that we run a fantastic After School Club for children of all ages. On each evening there are still places available between 3:15pm and 6:00pm, for a cost of £10 per child. If you are interested in knowing more or booking a place, please contact the school office.

**Appointment:** Thank you, most sincerely, for the many messages, cards and words of congratulation I have received since the governors announced their decision regarding the permanent Headteacher appointment. I have been extremely touched by this generous support and, even more, it spurs me on further to achieve only the best for every child. I feel truly privileged to have been offered the position as permanent Headteacher of such a great school; with wonderful children, a brilliant staff team and the most amazing community.

My understanding, at this stage, is that I will take up the permanent post from the start of Term 5, as the post was advertised to commence in September. However, please do know that my commitment to Newbridge remains as strong as ever and as I said in my presentation last week to the staff and governors, I am committed to making our great school truly exceptional and I will endeavour to achieve this, for everyone.

Have a great week.

With kind regards,

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