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**Newsletter 11**

**Dear Parents**

Spring is a glorious season where every day we notice small changes with delight– the bright, soft leaves unfurling on a weeping willow tree, frogspawn in a ditch or pond, daffodils bobbing gleefully in the breeze. Our local environment is a joy for which we can be very grateful.

Yesterday, the children and staff participated enthusiastically in a very traditional event – our Easter service. Easter is a time to reflect on Jesus’ sacrifice for each one of us - the children learn through Lent, a time to challenge oneself in self-control, as Jesus did in the Wilderness, the sadness on Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross and the happiness of Easter Sunday as he came alive again. The Easter Bonnet parade always brings new creations which are a wonderful to share with each other.

Mrs Paula Bliss will be starting as the substantive full time headteacher of Newdigate School on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. I am truly delighted that someone of Mrs Bliss’ calibre has been appointed by the governing body to lead the school through a continuing period of educational change; the new national curriculum will move into Year 2 in September, new assessments at the end of KS1 are scheduled for July 2016, a new baseline for pupils starting school in September 2016 are being trialled from September and there is a new Ofsted framework to mention but a few! Year 1 phonics screening check continues to be a key focus to enable pupils to develop early reading and writing skills effectively. Staff are very delighted with all the home learning that is undertaken- particularly with phonics and reading as to practise regularly impacts positively on your child(ren)’s progress.

As I reflect on the last four terms at Newdigate I feel privileged to have supported a very special school. I thank the children, staff, governors and parents for showing Christian care and understanding in this lengthy transitional period. The future for the school will be an exciting place to be where children’s learning and well-being are at the centre.

**Schools Admissions 2015**

If you applied online for a school place for September 2015, you will be notified via email and be able to view admissions online during the evening of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Once you have received this email you **must** log on to your Admissions account to accept or decline the school place by 30<sup>th</sup> April – receiving the email does not count as accepting the place. A letter will only be sent out on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to parents who applied on paper or to parents who applied online who cannot be offered their first preference.

### **Staff News**

Miss Beddows moves back to the Midlands for personal reasons with a heavy heart as she has greatly enjoyed working at Newdigate School. Mrs Prior will teach Maple Class each Monday morning and Mrs Cleather, in a change to previous communication, will be the class teacher from Tuesday to Friday.

Cherry class for the summer term will be taught by Mrs Kimberlee and Mrs Denysson.

Mrs Chaplin and Mrs Jones, after a lot of consideration, have decided to move on from the school at the end of the summer term. They are very sad to leave the school after 15 and 16 happy years of service but are looking forward to new adventures. They can't think of a better school to conclude their teaching career at and I'm sure you will give them a wonderful send off in July.

### **Parental thanks**

This term many parents have been regularly hearing children read on an individual basis, and the staff are very grateful for this help

### **CFC**

The Chelsea FC after school club commences on Monday, 20 April from 3.15-4.15. If you have completed a form and handed this in to the office along with payment then your child has a place.

### **Midday Supervisor**

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. If anyone is interested please contact Rachel Moon in the school office on 01306 631353.

### **Date Reminders**

13.04.15	Back to school for Summer term
29.04.15	Yr2 trip to RHS Wisley
22.05.15	Break up for half term 3.10pm
01.06.15	Back to school
06.06.15	May Queen and Rectory Fete
10.07.15	PTA Disco for the children
21.07.15	Break up for summer holidays 2.00pm

May I thank the staff team for their continued dedication and loyalty to your children – we are truly blessed at Newdigate Infant School. I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing Easter break, returning refreshed for an active Summer Term.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Jane Dyer  
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