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Dear Parents,

Easter is a time of hope and joy, both of which are plentiful here at Newdigate. The children have quickly settled well into their classrooms and learning is flourishing! I feel truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to join this school community. In the very short time I have been here I have been overwhelmed by the welcome I have received from each and every member. Thank you for your kindness; I look forward to working alongside you as together we create a future for Newdigate that builds on the good work that has been done in past years.

It will take a while for us to get to know each other better, but I would like to start the process by offering an opportunity to meet and share a cup of tea or coffee with me on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8.50 a.m., straight after morning drop-off. I am also available at the start and end of most days on the playground or at the gates during drop off and pick up.

As well as linking to the Religious Education topics covered at school, over the next half term we will be exploring the theme of 'Hope', in particular Christian hope through our whole school assemblies. This is a value that is recognised in many Church schools and we will be asking some big questions such as 'What does hope look like in our school?', 'What hopes do the children and staff have for the future of the school?', 'How can the children share their hopes and dreams with God through prayer?' and encouraging the children to think of their own. As always, anything you can do at home to develop this thinking and learning would be of great value.

### **New gates at New-di-gate!**

I couldn't resist! No doubt you will have noticed that over the holidays we have had shiny new gates installed, which many of you have admired. This has happily coincided with some glorious sunshine and we have been thrilled to see the benefits and watch children, particularly Early Years, spill out safely into the grounds. Below are

just a few captured moments of children enjoying this new freedom. For this to happen we have had to close the gate to the Church graveyard, which I know some of you used. Thank you for showing flexibility as we adjust and get used to this new system.



### **May Queen and Rectory Fete – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

As the temperature soars and we head towards the summer months, we again prepare for the crowning of the May Queen at the Rectory Fete. I look forward to seeing you there and enjoying this traditional event for the first time.

### **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
<b>06.06.15</b>	<b>May Queen and Rectory Fete</b>
10.07.15	PTA Disco for the children
21.07.15	Break up for summer holidays (2.00pm)

A full list of dates for the term will be sent out shortly.

### **Sun Safety**

Although the recent temperature highs may only be short-lived, can we remind you of the



importance in sending children into school ready for the good weather; sun-creamed up, wearing a protective hat and with a water bottle so that they are well hydrated and ready for learning. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend with your children.  
 Paula Bliss, Headteacher