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Newsletter 15

Dear Parents,

It has been a little while since you have received a newsletter, but it is most certainly not because we have no content! This term has flown by in the usual summer flurry and finishes on many highs! The soaring temperatures are an obvious one. This week we have reached an all-time high and may even make a record-breaking highest temperature every recorded (38.7) in this heatwave! As always please be heat/sun aware and safe and make sure your children come into school with a water bottle, all day sun cream and wearing appropriate uniform. We will do what we can to make sure we all keep our cool.

Our value this half-term is Hope.

Romans 15:13



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy

We are hopeful for ourselves and others.



Science Week

This was a great success and loved by the children and adults. Our science governor also popped in and was thrilled with what she saw and the feedback from our children.

We started with the story of 'Ada Twist Scientist' by Andrea Beaty, all about a child who thinks like a scientist and asks lots of questions about the world around us. You will have seen from your Science home learning (children had to think of a question that they would like to find the answer to, anything from 'Why do we have hairs up our noses?' to 'Why do oranges taste sour?') that we immersed ourselves in all things science and embraced the idea that science is about asking questions

and gathering evidence to find the answer. We have some truly inspirational questions that led to deep and meaningful science conversations. A big thanks to Miss Langthorne who inspired us and organised the event.



Sports Day

Perfect weather, great atmosphere, enthusiastic children and supportive parents. What more could we ask for on our annual Sports Day? We all had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Well done to **PINK TEAM** for winning the trophy. Thank you to Miss Haydon for her amazing organisation, Coach Dan for his usual sporting magic and the **Ashcombe 'Sports Ambassadors'** for helping us on the day. Great team work!



Summer Celebration & May Queen crowning

What a joy it was to once again watch the children of Newdigate School process so graciously onto our playground and take part in the dancing with such enthusiasm and style! As I said on the day, there are many aspects of school life that rightly change with time, but there are also some valued traditions that we will always keep and treasure, and May Queen is one of them! We would have easily rivalled any regal event, but we are pleased that we stepped aside this year for the Queen to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee in style, as we had such amazing weather on the day.

Congratulations to **Annabel Hodgson** (our May Queen), **Joseph Hodgson** (our Escort) and **Elsie Stannard** and **Tommy Pike** (our attendants). Your classmates did a good job of electing the children who had excelled in upholding the school values.

We would also like to congratulate **Britton Baldwin** and **Alexander Skinner** for achieving the 'Stand Up, Stand Out' award (they received their matching books) as well as **Joseph Hodgson** and **Henry Penfold** who received their certificates. You are all great examples of children making a difference through social action!

A massive thanks goes to FONS members who rallied round to make sure we had an opportunity to have fun afterwards, we really appreciate your hard work and efforts. It was so lovely to be able to complete the day in this way.

On the subject of FONS and FOPS, we are now on a roll and have a small group who are already brimming with ideas for next year. They need your help and support and will be asking you to come along to the AGM in September, a confirmed date will follow shortly.

Staffing

As we reach the end of our year we wanted to share with you the details of any changes to our team and let you know about class organisation.

Hedeghogs (EYFS):

Mrs Priestley, Mrs Denysen, Mrs Llewellyn

Foxes (Year 1)

Miss Langthorne, Miss Hill, Mrs Finn, Mrs Tomkins, Mrs Newton, Mrs Woods

Owls (Year 2):

Miss Haydon, Mrs Rennles, Mrs Woods

Mrs Holt- Miller will be supporting children in KS1 as well as providing ELSA support for those identified as having an emotional barrier to learning.

Mrs McGinnis will be continuing to lead our successful after school club, but will not be working with individual children in the day. She has been a constant source of support for many children here at Newdigate and we want to thank her for all she has done for them over the years. Thankfully we will still see a lot of her as she has kindly agreed to volunteer in the afternoons.

Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Lloyd and Miss Cannon. We want to thank both of them for their

contribution to the school team this year and send them best wishes as they move on to pastures new. Mrs Lloyd will be working in her children's school so is closer to her family and home. Miss Canon is headed to a nursery setting where she will no doubt brighten the days of the young children she teaches. Both ladies have really enjoyed their time at Newdigate and tell us they will miss us dearly, we will certainly miss them.

School reports are being printed and compiled as we speak and will hopefully be with you by the end of the week.

With only days to go we are enjoying every last minute of our time with your children and looking forward to our Leavers' Service next week when we can say a proper goodbye to our Year 2's.

You will also find attached the provisional dates for our autumn term 2022.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the heatwave if you can!

Paula Bliss (Headteacher)

INSET Days 2022/23:

1st September 2022

2nd September 2022

21st October 2022

17th April 2023

21st July 2023

19.07.22 Yr2 Leavers' Service in the School Hall 2pm followed by
Yr2 Leavers' Party

INSET days –Thursday 21 July (Platinum Jubilee) & Friday 22 July

Diary Dates Autumn 2022

01.09.22 INSET DAY
02.09.22 INSET DAY
22.09.22 8.50 a.m. Reading café – whole school
28.09.22 6.00 p.m. Curriculum Evening (Whole School)
(possible FONS AGM, tbc)
30.9.22 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 3.10 p.m. School Hall
18.10.22 Fantastic Fred Experience a.m. Whole School travelling NHS funded show about
mental health
20.10.22 2.00 p.m. Harvest Festival Service in St. Peter's Church (tbc)
21.10.22 INSET DAY
24.10.22 Half Term Week
31.10.22 Back to school
09.11.22 Meet the Teacher: Parent Consultations (3.30 p.m.- 6.00 p.m.)
16.11.22 Meet the Teacher: Parent Consultations (5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.)
25.11.22 Hoops to go home
02.12.22 Hoops up in Hall
03.12.22 School Xmas Fayre (tbc)
05.12.22 Dress rehearsal for Christmas Performance
06.12.22 10.00 a.m. Christmas performance in school hall
07.12.22 10.00 a.m. Christmas performance in school hall
09.12.22 Nasal Flu immunisation
09.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day
15.12.22 6.00 p.m School Christingle Family Service at St. Peter's Church,
everybody welcome (tbc)
16.12.22 Last day of school, break up for Christmas, 2.00 p.m. finish



In God's Hands We Learn and Grow