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Dear Parents,

Whole School attendance to date this year is 95 %

Our value this half-term is Forgiveness.

Psalm 130:4



But with You there is forgiveness

We always try to forgive each other.

May Queen and Summer Fair

What an absolute joy it was to be part of the May Queen celebrations last weekend. Not only did we escape the rain, but we had a glorious day; just the right temperature for our children to process in and dance and our community to enjoy the FONS organised summer fair afterwards. Thanks to all FONS parents

involved, it was such a perfect occasion and they have raised nearly £1,500! Worth the soaking. 😊

Congratulations to **Daisy Newey**, our May Queen and **Zach Harding**, our Escort. I could not agree more with their peers who voted for them and felt they had always been able to show our school values in their time here at Newdigate.

And of course, we announced our **Stand Up, Stand Out** winners as **Olivia Bassage** (for her charitable art exhibition for Water Aid) and **Callum Constable** (for his dedication and commitment to his sports role). If they have been able to SUSO at 7, goodness knows what they will achieve in their later years!

In truth, all of our Year 2's deserve recognition for their outstanding contribution to the school so we would like to thank each and every one of them.



Newdigate Swimming Pool

We are nearly there and plan on opening the pool as usual after the half-term break ready for school swimming and family booking slots.

We have a few volunteers to help us change the children for swimming lessons, but could do with a few more if possible. If you do have a DBS and can help, please let the school office know and we can put you on the rota. It doesn't have to be in your child's class either. Lessons are planned for:

Early Years	-	Tuesday mornings
Year 1	-	Tuesday afternoons
Year 2	-	Monday mornings

A huge thanks for those who attended our last **'Out & About'** Day on **Saturday 11th May**. Our trusty volunteers helped us clear and clean and prepare the pool ready for use and got the Sensory Garden looking smart again.

Healthy Schools Award



We are looking at our food technology curriculum and want to provide more opportunities for children to cook at the school. If you are passionate about cooking and have skills, expertise or just time to spare us we would love

to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Bliss or Miss Langthorne to find out how you can help.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Cannon at the end of this half-term. Whilst we will be very sad to see her go, we are thrilled that she will use her skills and experiences, including those gained at Newdigate, in her new role as an advisor for Early Years provision in Surrey. Another great example of learning and growing! We wish her well in her new post. We will be using current Newdigate staff to cover her class time at the end of the week.

Have a wonderful half-term break.

**Mrs Paula Bliss
(Headteacher)**

Safeguarding

<https://www.newdigateschool.org.uk/safeguarding/>

This week is National Safeguarding week.

Lockdown Procedures.

After watching the unfortunate stabbing events unfold a few weeks ago in a Welsh school, it seems appropriate to use this space to inform parents about our approach to any danger inside our school.

We still refer to this as our 'Lockdown Procedure', and although the term lockdown has become something very different post-pandemic, we will continue to use that language. As an infant school, we have made the decision to NOT undergo practices for a lockdown as we do not want to unduly frighten children. We have undergone desktop exercises so that we know exactly what to do should we need to lockdown due to an internal danger. Our full policy is available on the website in the safeguarding section, but I wanted to raise your awareness to the statement that relates to parents:

'Pupils will not be released to parents during a lockdown.

Communication between parents and the school

Arrangements for communicating with parents in the event of a lockdown, should be routinely shared either via newsletter or the school website.

In the event of an actual lockdown, it is strongly advised that any incident or development is communicated to parents as soon as is practicable. It is obvious that parents will be concerned but regular communication of accurate information will help to alleviate undue anxiety.

*Any incident or development will be communicated to parents as soon as is practicable via **Parentmail**.*

Our lockdown message is:

'The school is in a full/ partial lockdown situation; we are doing all we can to keep your child safe. During this period the switchboard and entrances will be unmanned, external doors locked and nobody is allowed in or out. We will endeavour to keep you informed. Please await further instructions and do not attempt to come to the school site until you have been informed to do so. You do not need to contact the school. Calling the school could tie up telephone lines that are required for contacting emergency support providers.'

*Should parents be present at the school during a lockdown **under no circumstances should members of staff leave the building to communicate directly with them.***

Whilst we hope we never have to send this message, we thought it would be good for you to know about it.

Our school safeguarding leads are:

Designated safeguarding Lead – Mrs Paula Bliss

Deputy DSL – Mrs Rachel Moon

On-line Safety Lead – Mrs Gayle Priestley

They can be contacted on our school phone number or through the dsl@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk e-mail.

If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on:

0300 470 9100

Time Out For Parents



Handling Anger in the Family

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date
14th June to 5th July 2024

£15 per attendee or **£20** per couple,
to include a parent handbook

Time
9.30am-11.30am

Venue
St Paul's School
St Paul's Road West, Dorking RH4 2HS

Cost
£15 per attendee or £20 per couple

To book
Call Mole Valley Family Centre on
01306 740095



Free On-line parent/carer workshops

We have been sent information regarding parent workshops from the YMCA that we think will be very useful. You will find more details on the website:

[Parent/Carer Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)

Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Wednesday 12 June 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 13 November 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

Wednesday 15 May 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 17 July 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 16 October 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Understanding, expressing and managing emotions.

If you have any questions about these events, please email us at

communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Term dates Academic Year 2023/24

Autumn Term:

4th Sept 2023 – 15th December 2023
(Half term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct)
INSET 1st September & 30th October

Spring Term:

2nd Jan 2024 – 28th March 2024
(Half Term 12th Feb – 16th Feb)
INSET 9th February

Summer Term:

15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024
(Half Term 27th May – 31st May)
INSET 22nd & 23rd July

Inset Days Summer term

22nd July

23rd July

DATES – SUMMER TERM 2024

Term dates – Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term dates – Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

15.04.24	Back to School
17.04.24	Yr 1 & Yr 2 School trip to Arundel Castle
25.04.24	Class photos
06.05.24	Bank Holiday Monday
07.05.24	FONS – Movie after school
11.5.24	Out & About Day / pool preparation 10-12 a.m.
12.05.24	FONS – Teas on the Green (Brockham)
17.05.24	Mufti day – for a donation to the May Queen Bottle Tombola Stand.
18.05.24	May Queen
23.05.24	Yr R – Bring your bike to school day
24.05.24	Break up for half term 3pm
03.06.24	Back to school
10.06.24	Yr 1 Phonics Screening
12.06.24	Welcome Meeting – New parents
17.06.24	Science week
19.06.24	FONS – Hot Dog Ho Down
03.07.24	Year R school trip – Discovery Centre Bracknell Forest
04.07.24	Sports Day
11.07.24	Sports Day back-up date in case of inclement weather
18.07.24	Year 2 Leavers' Service in school hall followed by..... Year 2 Leavers' party
19.07.24	Last day of term - Break up at 2pm
22.07.24	INSET DAY (4 of 5)
23.07.24	INSET DAY (5 of 5)



In God's Hands We Learn and Grow