

Newdigate



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'In God's hands, we learn and grow'

Our value this half term
has been

Love

Next half term, will be



We will make a peaceful
school and world.

Dear Parents and Carers

First half term complete and the children have embraced it! Our youngest children have settled so well and were fantastic in their first church service yesterday! We were incredibly proud of all the children at the harvest service. They spoke and sang beautifully and we know you would have been as proud as we were.

We hope you found the curriculum letters and curriculum café useful information about your child's learning. After the half term break, we will be putting out sign-up sheets so you can book a parent consultation slot. This will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to learn about their progress so far. Consultations are ten minutes so come ready with your questions! If you need additional time, please arrange a further appointment at another time.

Competition winner

Isla Read from Foxes class won the Newdigate Sunflower competition! Her sunflower reached 163cm! Well done Isla. We hope you enjoy your fairy garden prize.

Eco warriors

Thank you to all those who took part and to Miss Langthorne's Eco warriors who organized the event. We raised over £60 for the swimming pool!

Miss Langthorne is looking for some new Eco Warriors from Foxes and Owls to join the existing team so please send a video explaining why you would like to be one (via email) to the office if you wish to be considered.

Hello Yellow

Thank you to all those who wore yellow to raise awareness for young people's mental health. This is an initiative by Young Minds. The children took part in a range of well-being activities including a morning at the spa, forest school fun, sewing and cooking. The children voted in advance for which activity they wanted to participate in. The focus was for the children to take ownership of choices they can make that help support their well-being and give them an understanding of the need for a balance of learning alongside looking after their well-being.

If you would like further information, please go to:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Much of the advice is focused on older children but it can be useful to learn about the problems facing this generation of children and you may well have older children. We work alongside MindWorks who offer advice and signposting (use the link below). We will often send out flyers for courses and resources sent via MindWorks and we do have access to consulting with them should we need to.

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>



Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance this half term has been: **94%**

We are still currently receiving requests for term time holidays or short breaks. As mentioned in my previous newsletter, we are expected to seriously consider issuing fines for term time holidays. We are working on updating our attendance policy and will send more information out soon. Below is some information that you may find useful.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>

Where attendance has fallen below **90%**, we will offer a telephone call in the next half term so you are aware and so that we can talk through any barriers or difficulties.

Contextual safeguarding

One of the focuses within our safeguarding responsibilities, is to look at patterns and trends within our local context. We identify what we are currently managing as a school or schools. Our children are very young and so influences outside of the home are much more limited but we are the start of the journey and want our children to be involved in 'healthy habits' so they have an understanding and clear guideline on how to stay safe.

We have noticed that some of our safeguarding conversations are in relation to online gaming and film, video or game viewing that is not age appropriate.

Often, parents have parental controls and are working really hard to monitor this. However, older siblings, cousins, family friends with older children can view content that is more appropriate for their age group than our younger children are sometimes being exposed to.

There can then be discussions at school and exploration at home, which is difficult for parents to manage. We would like to support families in addressing this and so have put together a plan for this year that will help families. We will start by running an online safety workshop in the spring term. We will send out a parent questionnaire so that we can collate a list of age appropriate games and websites that you recommend which can then be shared with parents. For the children, we will continue to teach online safety and make appropriate gaming and viewing content a focus this year.

Safeguarding information

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

Our school safeguarding leads are:

Designated safeguarding Lead

Mrs Nicola Cleather

Deputy DSL

Mrs Rachel Moon

On-line Safety Lead

Mrs Gayle Priestley

They can be contacted on our school phone number or through the email below:

dsl@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk

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

Dates for your diary

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| 28.10.24 | HALF TERM Week |
| 04.11.24 | Back to school |
| 06.11.24 | Open Morning for prospective new parents from 9.30am |
| 08.11.24 | 8.50am Reading café plus short workshop (Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 = Emotional coaching + healthy boundaries) |
| 13.11.24 | Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm |
| 20.11.24 | Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 5.30-8.00pm |
| 27.11.24 | Meet the teachers (Hedgehogs only)- Parents' Evening 5.30-8.00pm |
| 29.11.24 | Hoops for Decorating to go home |
| 04.12.24 | Hoops up in the Hall |
| 05.12.24 | Christmas Jumper Day – Donation to Save the Children |
| 07.12.24 | Christmas Fayre |
| 09.12.24 | Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance |
| 13.12.24 | Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall |
| 16.12.24 | Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall |
| 18.12.24 | Pied Piper Theatre Company perform for the children |
| TBC | TBC - School Christingle Family Service, St Peter's Church 6pm – everyone welcome |
| 20.12.24 | Last day of term. Break up at 2.00pm |

Have a lovely, restful half term break.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 4th November.

Mrs Cleather

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

DATES – SPRING TERM 2025

Term dates – Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Half term dates – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Diary Dates for Spring Term

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| 06.01.25 | Back to School |
| 08.01.25 | 8.50am Reading café plus short workshops (Yr R and Yr 2 = maths, Yr 1 = phonics) |
| 13.02.25 | Break up for half term 3pm |
| 14.02.25 | INSET DAY (4 of 5) |
| 24.02.25 | Back to school |
| 06.03.25 | World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you Learn and Grown |
| 06.03.25 | 8.50am Reading café plus short workshops (Yr 1 = maths, Yr R and Yr 2 = reading) |
| 12.03.25 | Late Parents' Evening (5.30-8.00pm) |
| 19.03.25 | Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm) |
| TBC | Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R in School Hall |
| 03.04.25 | Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome |
| 04.04.25 | Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats! |
| 04.04.25 | Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm |

Dates for your diary

DATES – SUMMER TERM 2025

Term dates – Monday 22nd April 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Half term dates – Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Diary Dates for Summer Term

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| 22.04.25 | Back to School |
| 30.04.25 | Yr 1 & Yr 2 School Trip |
| TBC | Class photos |
| 05.05.25 | Bank Holiday Monday |
| 22.05.25 | Yr R – Bring your bike to school day. |
| 23.05.25 | Break up for half term 3pm |
| 02.06.25 | Back to school |
| TBC | Muffi day – for a donation to the May Queen bottle tombola |
| TBC | May Queen and Summer Fayre |
| TBC | Yr 1 Phonics screening |
| 11.06.25 | Welcome Meeting – New Parents |
| TBC | Science Week |
| 02.07.25 | Year R School Trip. |
| 04.07.25 | INSET DAY (5 of 5) |
| 08.07.25 | Sports Day |
| 10.07.25 | Sports Day – Back up date in case of inclement weather. |
| 21.07.25 | Year 2 Leavers Service in school hall, followed byYear 2 Leavers Party. |
| 22.07.25 | Last day of term - Break up at 2.00pm |