

Newsletter October 2018



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we move towards Christmas, I thought it would be helpful to inform you of events that the children will be enjoying providing you with time to prepare for them if required.

Harvest Festival

Friday 12th October at 2.30pm is our Harvest Festival Assembly. The children have been preparing short presentations for you to enjoy as well as harvest songs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Learn-Alongside

Week commencing 15th October is our 'Learn-Alongside' week. This is an opportunity for you to join your child in a maths lesson and see teaching and learning as it happens in our school. Each class teacher will notify you the dates and times that week you can attend.

School Photographs

Monday 15th October the school photographer will be in school. Please can the children wear winter uniform. Photos will be taken of siblings in school and nursery on request – please contact the school office.

Book Fayre

Wednesday 7th November the Book Fayre will arrive in school. This is an ideal time to buy Christmas presents at competitive prices and help raise funds towards the school.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November the school is looking forward to taking part in the Remembrance Poppy Parade in Bletchley. It will be lovely to see the children dressed smartly in the school uniforms representing our school. Mrs Verwey will provide more detailed arrangements closer to the time.

Poppy Appeal 2018

We will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion in school from next week. If you would like to purchase a poppy, please call in at the office with your donation.

Children in Need

Friday 16th November is Children in Need Day and the children will enjoy watching the pantomime, Peter Pan, in the afternoon. To raise money for Children in Need (£1 per child) we thought the children would like to come in to school dressed as one of the characters in Peter Pan. The children are welcome to add Pudsey spots, ears etc... to their costume if they would like to.

Parent Panel Meeting

The Parent Panel meeting will be on Wednesday 21st November at 8.45am. This is an opportunity for you to help develop our school and provide every opportunity for our children making their time at Newton Leys as happy as possible.

Flu Jab

Consent letters will be sent home on October 22nd to children in reception class to year 5 inclusive for flu jabs that will take place on Monday 3rd December. Forms must be returned by Friday 9th November if you would like your child to have the vaccination.

Bletchley Christmas Lights

Saturday 24th November from 5pm – 5.30pm the school choir has been asked to sing at the Christmas light 'switch on' in Bletchley. The choir work hard during the term practicing for these events and so the more children that can attend the better. Again, they always look so smart and sing so heartily they are excellent ambassadors for our school.

Entrepreneurial Week

You may remember the children enjoyed an 'entrepreneurial week' at the end of the summer term when each class created an opportunity to make money. In total £305.35 was made and the School Council are now liaising with their class to decide the types of games they want to buy to use during wet break times. An ideal use of the money I think!

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of events more recently. The 'Welcome Disco' held to support the set-up of the Parent/Teacher Association raised £191. We have a small group of parents working hard to establish the group who will be very grateful of any help. Please speak to Jo Ashpole in the reception office if you can offer support, no matter how small.

The recent MacMillan fundraising event raised £251.56, an incredible amount from a simple cake sale!

Walk to School

Unfortunately, the response to 'walk to school' was so low it would not be effective to arrange for members of staff to collect children from a central point on the other side of the development and escort them to school. We will return to this later in the year and see if uptake has increased.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Pippa Villa

Dates for Diaries

October 12 th	Harvest Festival Assembly 2.30pm
October w/c 15 th	Learn Alongside
October 15 th	Individual photographs (winter uniform)
October 23 rd	Reception classes parent activity afternoon 2pm
October 24 th	Nursery classes parent activity afternoon 2pm
October 26 th (Friday)	Inset (children not in school)
<i>29th October – 2nd November Start of autumn half term holidays</i>	
<i>Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)</i>	
November 5 th	Children return to school
November 6 th	Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evening 5pm – 7pm
November 7 th	Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evening 4pm – 6pm
November 8 th	Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
November 7 th – 9 th	Book Fayre
November 9 th	Consent form for flu spray deadline (R-Y5)
November 11 th (Sunday)	School to join Bletchley Remembrance Day Parade
November 16 th	Children in Need Peter Pan pantomime
November 21 st	Parent Panel Meeting 8.45am
November 24 th (Saturday)	School choir to sing at Christmas lights turn on in Bletchley
November 28 th	Open Morning 9am
December 3 rd	Flu Nasal Spray – R-Y5
December 18 th	Early Years Christmas sing-a-long 2pm KS 1 Christmas Nativity 6pm
December 19 th	KS 1 Christmas Nativity 2pm
December 20 th	Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day/ Father Christmas (EY & Yr 1)/ Disco (Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
December 21 st	School Christmas carol service 2pm

<i>24th December – 4th January 2019</i>	<i>Start of Christmas holidays</i> <i>Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)</i>
January 7 th	Children return to school
January 9 th	Open Morning 9am
<i>18th February – 22nd February</i>	<i>Start of spring half term holidays</i> <i>Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)</i>
February 25 th (Monday)	Inset (children not in school)
February 26 th	Children return to school
March 6 th	Open Morning 9am
<i>8th April – 19th April</i>	<i>Start of Easter holidays</i> <i>Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)</i>
23 rd April	Children return to school
1 st May	Open Morning 9am
<i>27th May – 31st May</i>	<i>Start of summer half term holidays</i> <i>Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)</i>
June 3 rd	Children return to school
June 19 th	Open Morning 9am
<i>22nd July</i>	<i>Start of summer holidays</i> <i>Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)</i>