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Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I thought I would send a brief, last Newsletter!

Recruitment

We have recently appointed some fabulous new teachers for our growing school and two new administration staff.

Mr. Charlton will be joining Newton Leys Primary School after the Easter break, initially on a part-time basis. He will be working with Miss. Roylance and Mrs. Clarke (returning from maternity leave) to cover Mrs. Francis' class as she is now on maternity leave. In September, he will join the year 6 team, teaching one of the classes. Mr Charlton has been teaching out in India for the last four years and comes with lots of knowledge and experience, he is also an avid musician!

Mr. Banihashemi will join our school in September and will cover Mrs. Francis for the autumn term but will then be used across the school to teach specific groups of children. Mr. Banihashemi has been teaching out in Qatar for four years and is now returning to England with his family. He is positive, passionate and an exemplar teacher.

We also have a bubbly, passionate, newly qualified teacher joining us for September, Miss. Barker, she will teach alongside the year 5 team.

Mrs. Collett has re-joined the admin team and Miss. Cassettare is joining the admin team after Easter and will be on the front desk to meet and greet!

Mr. Crackwell will be joining the Site Team assisting Mr. Betts with the safety of the school and the projects that always seem to be happening in a school.

Change of name

To ensure you are not confused when Mrs. Verwey sends letters home, she will be reverting to her maiden name, Ms. Edmonds.

Healthy Schools

When we opened Newton Leys School we decided we would promote as healthier lifestyle as possible to our children. We opened the kitchen even though it ran at a loss, we provided drinking water and cups in all classrooms, we advised parents/ carers on healthy lunchboxes and we taught our children healthy lifestyles through science, food technology, PE etc... Attached to this Newsletter is the guidance for healthy lunch boxes for your information. Please ensure, if your child brings a drinks bottle to school, it contains water and not squash.

New Bundle!

We wish Mrs. Francis every good wish and not too many sleepless nights with the imminent arrival of her new little bundle!

Uniform

Thank you to those parents that make sure their child is wearing the correct uniform. It makes the children and our school stand out against many that do not insist on correct uniform. Can I please ask parents to check the school uniform requirements attached to this letter and available on the school website before buying new uniform. More and more children are wearing logoed items for PE, multi - coloured tracksuit bottoms and trainers on days they are not taking part in PE. Please make sure all items of uniform are named, a biro on the label is quick and easy to do.

Miss Donoghue

Miss Donoghue and myself have had several meetings enabling her to become more and more familiar with our school. The video sent to all of you demonstrated how excited she is to join. It has been a strange couple of weeks with her sitting in my office in my chair! However, as I have said before, she is absolutely the right person to take over from me and I am confident the culture and ethos we have all worked hard at to establish, will continue to grow and strengthen.

Easter Break

I wish you all and hopefully a sunny Easter break.

I had hoped that I would have had the opportunity to say goodbye to you face to face but unfortunately that is not able to happen. Instead, I will be sending out a brief video next week.

Dates for Diaries

29th March – 9th April

Easter Holidays

Holiday Club 29th March – 1st April & 6th April – 9th April

12th April

Children return to school

31st May – 4th June

Half Term

Holiday Club days to be confirmed

22nd July

Break up for summer holidays