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Dear Parents,

Autumn is here, we think! As we head towards our half-term holiday we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for here at Newdigate and many things to look forward to. Included here are just a few, but I would like to start with a poem from one of our Year 2 children who has written a poem whilst travelling to London on a train about our value, Love.

*I have a glove.**I have love.**All I have to do is mix and what do I get?**....a glove of love.**I'll wear my glove of love here and there.**I'll wear my glove of love everywhere.****Amellie Bennett (Willow Class)***

Thank you Amellie for your beautiful words.

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

This is fast becoming the nation's favoured Macmillan fund raiser and we are proud that we have been able to continue our support, led by two of our incredible staff, Mrs Priestley and Mrs McGinnis. It has been another huge success this year with an impressive total of **£203** raised. Below is a little reminder why we feel this is such an important and meaningful charity, please visit the website with your children to find out more.

<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why/>***Our Ambition***

*"There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and we want to be there for them all.*

*One in three of us will get cancer, and it will be one of the toughest things we'll ever have to face. Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone. We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. And because cancer affects more than just those facing it, we're there for friends and family too. We are Macmillan.*

**Pupil Premium forms**

Please can we ask that you return the forms regarding Pupil Premium funding to us as soon as possible. If a family are eligible this funding will attract a significant amount that will help us provide the very best for your children, and as a small school we rely on securing as many funding sources as we can. The forms can be handed into the class teacher or office.

**FONS AGM**

You will have received a copy of a letter from FONS in your book bags yesterday explaining their role and inviting you to attend the AGM on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October @ 8 p.m. in the school hall. Please can you make sure you have a read and come along to find out more about what they do and how you might be able to make a contribution. More details can be found on the website

**Out & About**

Not long now.....get yourself ready for a hands-on team effort in our mini-orchard and sensory garden on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10-12.

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## **School Meal Menu Planner**

We have sent home an Autumn/Winter 2016/17 menu planner today to give you more information about the school lunch menus. The provision of free infant school meals has had a major impact across the country on children's health and well-being and remains a vital initiative for every school. This is a general planner for all Surrey schools, but of course as a small school we are lucky enough to be able to provide a more personalised approach to lunch. Our cook, Christine, will be trying out these new menus over the next few weeks and may make some changes that are suitable for Newdigate. Please continue to talk with us so that we can best meet the needs of your child.

## **Welcome Assembly for Early Years**

Families new to the school have been invited to join us and meet the school governors at a 'Welcome Assembly' on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.00 a.m.** We do hope you will be able to join us and see how well they have all settled in.

Finally, there are a couple of upcoming community events that we wanted to highlight to you.

## **St. Peter's Arts Festival Weekend**

As a school we will be contributing to this creative event with a small art exhibition. Please go along and be inspired!

<http://stpetersnewdigate.co.uk/index.php/2016/08/25/newdigate-arts-festival/>



**14th – 16th October**

**An opportunity to celebrate creativity, for all who live, work or worship in parish.**

**Open to all ages, including youth and school groups**

**The programme will take place in around St Peters, it will include an art exhibition running throughout the weekend, workshops and activities, drama and creative contemporary worship**

Including:

From the WEST END (that's the Bell-Tower) to the EAST window. NEWdigate Theatrical Society and their guests fill St. Peter's Church with drama and song

**Saturday 15th October 7.30pm to 10pm**

## **Roald Dahl Centenary Concert**

**Friday 28 October 3.00pm until 4.15pm**

Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SG

A family friendly concert to celebrate the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth by Chamber House Winds.

This concert will include Three Little Pigs and Revolting Rhymes and a few other family classics to amuse and revolt the audience, including the infamous Concerto for Hosepipe!

Sponsored by Dawkes Music.

Children are encouraged to stay on after the concert and have a go at playing the instruments.

Admission: £8 per Adult, £5 Children. Family Ticket for 2 Adults and 2 Children £25

Box Office: 01306 881717

Website: [www.chw.org.uk](http://www.chw.org.uk) | [www.dawkes.co.uk](http://www.dawkes.co.uk)

Many thanks,

**Paula Bliss, Headteacher**



**Do you have a van that we could use to collect some school furniture from Dorking Aviva Sports Club in the next few weeks?** If so, please let us know at the school office. We were lucky enough to have several successful bids at their closing auction and now need to collect quite a bit of furniture.