

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Newsletter 10**

Dear Parents,

I do hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday as a family. As always, it feels impossible that we have already reached our final term of the year, yet here we are looking ahead to the many events and celebrations that every Summer term brings!

**Sports day**



Over the past few weeks we have been touched and inspired by the courage and spirit of Billy Monger, an ex-Newdigate pupil, following his traumatic Formula 4 crash at Donington. Billy is well

known and loved by many of our families and staff and we would like to honour his astounding positivity in the face of adversity by dedicating our sports day this year to him. We will be holding a family picnic with all of our children on our school field straight after our sports Day (approximately 12 o'clock) and collecting donations towards the charity that Billy and his family have highlighted to us. It would be lovely if you could stay and join us for this special event – Billy may make an appearance! The children will be provided with a picnic lunch from the school kitchen to eat outside and will return to their classrooms afterwards at 1.10 p.m. for learning!



We are very lucky to have such a supportive community here at Newdigate, but as always we need our help to make things happen so that we have the best possible opportunities for our children. Can you help us? Take a look below and see what skills and talents you can offer.

**Swimming Pool**

Mrs Chaplin has recently sent out a letter with details of the first aid training opportunities that will help staff the pool. She is offering an extended course that would be a very useful thing for anybody to take part in. Please have a look and sign up as soon as you can so that she can get this off the ground.

Swimming Lessons start after half term for all of the children (a letter will follow shortly with details) but, in the meantime, we are looking for parents to sign up to help the children get changed for swimming and dried and dressed after their lesson. Lessons will be as follows: Weds morning – Willow; Weds afternoon – Cherry; Thurs morning – Beech; Thurs afternoon – Maple. Please let the office know if you are able to help. All parent helpers for swimming lessons must have a

valid DBS check, the office can supply the appropriate forms which will ensure the checks come through before swimming starts. We are SO lucky to yet again be providing our children with the opportunity to become proficient and capable swimmers who are confident and safe in the water.

**Out & About Day**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May (10 a.m. – 12 a.m.) we will be looking for volunteers again to join our 'Out & About' crew and help us get ourselves ship-shape. If you are able to offer your services for the following, our leaders will be looking out for you in the summer term:

- Pond up-keep
- Fencing around the garden area
- Digging and replanting the sensory garden area
- General clearance and tidying up

We are looking for contributions of plants to the sensory garden and will need people with gardening equipment to bring them along on the day. Ice-creams will be provided to all volunteers and as always teas and coffees and biscuits. Please come and join us; it is great day and a chance to work together as a community.

**Cricket**

We would like to say a huge thank you to John Calcutt for yet again providing our Year 1 and 2 children with Cricket coaching this term on the Brocus. This is an amazing opportunity for our young children to get experience of this sport and possibly be inspired to join a club and continue their passion. A big thank you also to those parents who have volunteered their time and energy to accompany the sessions, we couldn't do it without you!

**Paula Bliss, Headteacher**

**Our school value for this half term is forgiveness.**

