

NEWDIGATE CofE INFANT SCHOOL

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<http://www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk>**19th December 2017****Newsletter 4**

Dear Parents,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas, everywhere we go! Amazing Christmas nativity performances, a delicious and entertaining Christmas lunch with a sea of children proudly showing off their Christmas jumpers (we raised £75.61 for Save the Children), hoops in the hall, our beautiful Christingle service led by Rev'd Noelle Coe, Christmas parties and so much more!

Of course we started this festive feeling several weeks ago with our hugely successful FONS Christmas Fayre. The money is still being counted and we are working with FONS members to highlight how we can best use the money raised to support your children.

Little Governors

We would like to introduce you to our 'Little Governors' who are the active pupil voice of our school, offering opinions and ideas that affect us at school and endeavouring to help others in the community, whilst considering our British Values, School Values and the Bee Rules. To become a Little Governor the children had to tell us that they were interested in the role. Votes then took place in the classroom and the children who were nominated had a mini interview with Mrs Priestley. They have since met to decide on their aims and responsibilities as outlined below.

'Newdigate Little Governors':

- *We represent all the children in our school.*
- *We want to make sure our school is a safe and a happy place for all children whatever their faiths or beliefs.*

- *We take time to listen to the children and gather their opinions through questionnaires, suggestion boxes and votes.*
- *We try to make it happen or explain why we can't.*
- *We feedback to pupils to let them know what has happened about their views.*
- *We offer our own ideas and respect each other's opinions*

Being an active Little Governor helps us to develop our self-confidence and important skills such as: listening, getting our point across, negotiating, organising and working as a team.'

The children have also helped us to choose the charities we support. Thank you so much for your generosity with the retiring collection this week after our school nativity performances and £ 99.45 will be heading to one of the 'Little Governors' chosen charities, RSPCA.

Snow or bad weather conditions

Can we remind you to check our website regarding school opening in the event of adverse weather. Text/email will also be sent via parentmail but in the past these messages have been delayed due to overloading of the parentmail system at busy times. Who knows what the weather will be like in January!

Finally, we would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Woolfson who will be taking some time from teaching at Newdigate to have her baby. She has worked tirelessly until the very end and we now think she deserves a well-earned break. Mrs Cleather will be covering most of her teaching and we will be finalising the details of any other cover early in the spring term.

Have a wonderful relaxing Christmas with your children.

Paula Bliss Gayle Priestley Nicky Cleather
Newdigate Leadership Team

Just a few things to note:

Hoops – please remember to return your undecorated hoop to the school in January or we will struggle for our P.E. lessons!

Back to School – Thursday, 4th January.

Half term- break up 3.10 on Friday, 9th February return on Monday 19 February.

Break up for Easter holidays at 2pm on Thursday, 29 March.

For more dates visit the website:

<http://www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/>



NEWdigate
Theatrical
Society

are proud to present

Jackerella

when Jack of Beanstalk fame meets Cinderella...

Newdigate Village Hall

Friday 1st December 7.30pm
Saturday 2nd December
4.30pm + 7.30pm
Friday 5th January 7.30pm
Saturday 6th January 7.30pm

Adults £10 Children £5

Licensed Bar
Box office
01306 631148

NEWTS – Newdigate Theatrical Society

Please support this local event as they will be kindly donating the proceeds of their January matinee performances to the school and pre-school.