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Dear Parents,



We are thrilled to be able to finally send you our school Ofsted report following our short inspection in

mid-March. The report confirms that Newdigate continues to be a **good school** and highlights the work we have done to address areas identified in the previous report and to respond to current analysis and self-evaluation. We are particularly proud that the school was recognised for the quality of leadership, setting high expectations across all areas, showing strong progress across all core areas of the curriculum and instilling a respect for our values.

Inspectors saw that pupils were 'well-mannered and considerate of others.' They also noted that they had good attitudes to learning and 'worked in an atmosphere of productivity and engagement.' Children were also excited to talk about their creative topic learning and this engagement was directly reflected in the quality of work seen in books.

Leaders, staff and governors were praised for their passion and commitment and their work to promote school improvement.

We would like to thank you for your contributions to the parent survey; the results were very positive and reaffirming.

You will see that next steps have been identified for the school. Both relate to areas that have already begun to be addressed. We will of course keep on working hard to improve our phonics screening results in year 1 through the introduction of the Read, Write Inc. scheme and aim to improve the literacy outcomes for boys so that the difference between the girls and boys diminishes.

We have enclosed a paper copy of the report so please have a read for yourself. It is worth noting that the format of the report has changed considerably in recent years. There are many positive aspects of our school that have not been included as they were not identified as 'key lines of inquiry.' We have a lot more to celebrate and will make sure we continue to make Newdigate a **'special place for precious years.'**

**Measles**

Last week you received a letter encouraging you to check your child's immunisation status, and to make an appointment for immunisation if they have not completed a course of MMR vaccination. NHS England has written to all schools to make them and their families aware that there is a significant measles outbreak across Surrey and Sussex. There are over 130 cases (confirmed and suspected) and some have been ill enough to need hospitalisation. Cases have occurred in all age groups up to 60, although the highest number of cases is in the 20 to 39 years age group. It is of course your decision but we felt it was important to provide you with the appropriate information so that choice is well informed.

**Captain's Table**

Some of you may already have heard about this exciting new venture! Each Friday a staff member will be invited to be 'the Captain' and sit with 6 selected children at 'The Captain's Table' to eat their lunch. The staff will be choosing children who have shown exemplary manners, consideration for others and generally been brilliant at lunch-times.

**SATs**

May is the statutory end of key stage testing month for our year 2 children. Although we will, as always, make sure they are well supported and not feel too pressured, we do want them to do their best. Please can your help us by making sure they are well rested and well fed at the start of every day and they arrive at school on time. We will not be authorising any holiday for this year group during this month.

**Phonics Screen**

The phonics screen will take place in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June for year 1 and some Year 2 children. Please continue to support your children at home using the resources you have been given by their class teachers.

**Have a fabulous weekend.****Newdigate Leadership Team****Just a few things to note:**Half term – 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> JuneBreak up for Summer hols – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> JulyMay Queen – Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> JuneWhole School Trip – Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**For more dates visit the website:**<http://www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/>