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Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Our Macmillan fund raiser is now a well-established part of our school year and once again we managed to raise an impressive £202.47

Thank you to everybody

who baked, bought, tasted and made it happen. This is such an important and meaningful charity and we are thrilled to be able to support it. Please visit the website with your children to find out more about where the money goes.

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

Readathon.

Thank you for your support for our Readathon, it was a great turn-out yet again. It is always such a pleasure to see books being shared and enjoyed by all.

Find out more in our news & events section of the website:

<http://www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk/readathon-newdigate-school/>

Grandparents Day.



Thank you to everybody who rallied round and encouraged a grandparent to join us (or brought along artefacts from them) as part of our 'Time Travel' topic. It is always very special to see children listening and learning from the older generation. We are really keen to develop this opportunity and have been inspired by the TV programme, 'Old People's Home for Four Year Olds.' (<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds>). The programme explores intergenerational relationships and the potential for learning together and improving well-being. This will come as no surprise to those of you with grandparents actively involved in family life, but we seldom have the opportunity to benefit from these

relationships at school. We will be holding another **Grandparents Day** just before Christmas on *Tuesday 18th December* from 1.30 p.m. to help us to make our Christingles. Hopefully they can then hang around and make a day of it by joining us for the service at 6 p.m. We would also like to include grandparents on a more regular basis so please feel free to ask them to join us for our open sessions and if possible encourage them to come and help regularly at school with reading, gardening, art or anything else you can think of. Let's make our school a **Grand**er place!

Circus Drama Workshops.



The children were enthused and excited to be given the opportunity to take part in a circus inspired drama workshop last week. This was provided free of charge

to us by 'Perform.' Never a dull day!



27th October 2018, 10-12.

Once again, led by the wonderful Mrs Martin and her crew of 'Out & About' leaders, we will be holding an 'Out & About' Day right at the end of the half-term break on 27th October. Hopefully you will all be well rested and have bags of energy to come and support this worthwhile session. Although we had a well-established group of 'Out and Abouters' that came along to help us maintain and improve our outside spaces, many have left us and we are keen to recruit more. Come dressed for muddy work and if you are able to bring gardening tools (name them!) and gloves with you that would be a great help. Children of all ages are always welcome. We will be stopping for a well-earned cuppa and a slice of cake midway through the morning.

This time our plan is to:

-  Lay the paving the sensory garden
-  Work on the kitchen garden

- 🌿 Re-stain the fencing around the environmental area
- 🌿 Clear the pond of weed
- 🌿 Possibly erect the chicken house!

Newdigate may be a small school but we always challenge ourselves to think big! We are thrilled to now be in the position to offer both a breakfast and after school club in order to help our families who need this extra provision to make their day run smoothly. Both clubs are very successful and give children the chance to start or finish the day in a calm, engaging and familiar environment with people they know well. I have had amazing feedback from the children (many don't want to go home and beg to stay!) and our average rating is 12/10 (we will work on the maths!) Parents are also saying wonderful things about both clubs. If you are interested in joining us we can now arrange on-line payment or you can speak to Mrs Turner or Mrs Shepherd at the office. Details are below.

Breakfast Club and Rainbows After School Club

Rainbows after school club runs from Monday-Thursday (3.10 pm until 4.30 pm) in the Rainbow Room. *Currently £5.00*

Breakfast Club runs every day from 8.15 a.m until school starts in the Badger's Den. *Currently £ 3.00 per session.*



Next Steps!

It is that time of year when parents are planning the next steps for their children. We are holding open sessions for prospective parents to visit on:

Open Afternoon – Friday 16th November 2.00pm
Open Morning – Monday 19th November 9.30am

We are hoping to get as many people here to see our fabulous school and without doubt the best marketing tool we have is you! Please can you support us by spreading the good word about Newdigate through any social media sites or face to face?

Year 2 parents will also be making choices about junior schools. We are pleased to offer the chance for you to meet with **Mrs Stephenson, Head of School from The Weald School** here at Newdigate on Tuesday 6th November @ 9.00 a.m. She will be able to tell you more about the school and answer any of your questions.

P.E and Sports Premium.

Mrs Cleather is now our PE leader and she is working hard to get the most out of the funding we are given so that your children have a wide range of physical experiences and learn to be happy and healthy in body and mind. Look out for the P.E newsletter coming soon. She will also explain more about the work that we do each week with Premier Sports coaches.

The Captain's Table.



Today I had the pleasure of sitting at our '**Captain's Table**' with a group of 6 children (2 from each year group) who had been selected for their impeccable behaviour at lunchtime this week. This includes good table

manners, a willingness to help others and to eat healthily and try new foods. This will happen every week, although the 'Captain' will change. If your child comes home with an invitation you now know why you need to be very proud!

See you next Thursday for our Harvest Service.

Have a great weekend.

The leadership team

Our value for this half-term is Love.

Dates

- 18.10.18 – Harvest Service at St Peter's Church 2pm all welcome
- 18.10.18 – Break Up for half term
- 19.10.18 – INSET
- 29.10.18 – Back to School
- 07.11.18 – Parents' Evening 3.30-5.50
- 14.11.18 – Parents' Evening 6.00-7.50
- 29.11.18 - Mufti – bring a bottle
- 30.11.18 - Hoops in to School
- 01.12.18 – Christmas Fayre – 11am-2pm
- 12.12.18 - Christmas Performance 10am
- 13.12.18 – Christmas Performance 10am
- 18.12.18 - School Christingle Family Service 6pm at St Peters Church
- 19.12.18 - Break up for Christmas Holiday 2pm