

10th January 2019**Newsletter 6**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! 2019 is upon us and we have started the year by burying our Newdigate time capsule to finish our 'Time Travel' topic. The children will now be moving to the summer term topic of **'Turrets & Tiaras'** and you will be receiving a curriculum letter for your child this week that explains the curriculum approach for each year group.



Today we had our first **'Welly Wednesday'** session and in true form we carried on despite the fact that the temperature was not much above above freezing! The children were truly immersed and great learning was seen in all tasks. Thank you for kitting your children ready for the day; our cold temperatures meant that they shouldn't have come home too muddy, but that may not be always the case!

Archery skills are very important when your castle is under siege!



Appreciation of the wonders of the world, this will be followed by the question, 'How can we look after God's world?'



Using our whittling skills then toasting marshmallows! A good way to defrost and learn how to understand and manage risk.



We mentioned in the last newsletter that Newdigate School will be continuing our collaboration with other schools and I am pleased to be able to confirm that we will also be working with another small village infant school, St' John's in Churt near Farnham, sharing leadership experience with them. There is no doubt that the landscape of leadership in all schools is changing fast and schools of the future will be rooted in this kind of collaborative practice in order to build capacity and exchange professional expertise. Newdigate may be the oldest school in the Diocese and value the many traditions that are part of our school year, but we are also a very pro-active and forward thinking school and this is just one of the ways we can show that.

As a feeder school to The Weald C.E Primary School we are keen to extend the same approach on a more local level and have therefore accepted the invitation to send a representative to the Interim Academy Board (IAB) that is working to support their school improvement.

Mrs Moon is now working as an office administrator office on a Thursday and Friday but is of course is also being our Lollipop Lady, a very important job. She will be in the office from 9 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. if you need her, but if there is an urgent matter please talk to the class teachers. You can of course always e-mail the office at admin@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk or call the school.

FINAL CALL - Don't forget (parents of Year 2 children or those starting School in September 2019) that the deadline for application for infant and junior places is **January 15th**.

Our value for this Term 2019 is **Trust**.

Newdigate Leadership Team

