

28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## Newsletter 10

Dear Parents,

Our value for this half term is **Hope**.

Summer has arrived! Only 3 full weeks left but lots to fit in. With the soaring temperatures please can you make sure that all children arrive with adequate sun protection already applied, hats to wear during play and lunch-times and a water bottle that is full (which can always be re-filled during the day!). Well hydrated children are always more ready to learn. Further sun safety advice can be found on the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Next week (2<sup>nd</sup> July) our Year 2 pupils will be heading off to their new schools and getting a taster of junior school life. We will be using this Transition Day to give our current EYFS and Year 1 pupils a chance to also get a feel for their next classroom. The teaching staff for next year will be:

**Hedgehogs** (EYFS) Mrs Priestley/Mrs Martin  
**Foxes** (Year 1) Mrs Tinmouth/Mrs Denyssen  
**Owls** (Year 2) Mrs Cleather/Mrs Chapman

We will be confirming the rest of the team members as soon as we can.

Our family will be growing bigger in September, we are thrilled to be welcoming a full class next year in Early Years. Many of the new intake are here because of your recommendations and positive praise for our school; thank you for being the best marketing tool we could ever have! Your feedback is always invaluable and we have therefore sent out our end of year questionnaire in book bags today. Feel free to let us know what would help you; we want to be the very best we can be! We have a few questions about the ways we communicate with you. If you are able to fill them in and return back to school in the next few days we would be very grateful.

As always we welcome members of our community to come in and work with us as volunteers. If you have any free time to offer please let us know and we can go about the usual processes to get you approved.

### School trip to Gatton Park

We had a wonderful whole school trip to Gatton Park on Tuesday. We felt incredibly grateful that the weather remained stable all day!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and took part in a range of outdoor learning activities.

They visited a Japanese garden which they were allowed to explore and then created their own versions of this garden by adding natural materials found in and around the area. The guides taught the children about the structure and symbolism in oriental gardens and how they are designed to enable people to appreciate and understand nature.

The other activity that the children took part in was called 'Trees and Tall Tales'. The children were given the opportunity to go on an elf finding adventure by following clues! Within this, the children learnt about the various trees at Gatton Park, their leaves and flowers. The trip fitted beautifully with the KS1 Science curriculum and it also offered enrichment to our outdoor learning and physical activity philosophy here at Newdigate.



### **Dates for your diary**

- 2.7.19 Story session for new intake 2.30 – 3.00pm
- 4.7.19 Teddy Bears Picnic (Yr R and Pre-school)
- 5.7.19 FONS disco
- 9.7.19 Yr R – Bring your bike to school day
- 10.7.19 Parent drop in – assessment focus 3.15 – 4.14pm
- 11.7.19 Story session for new intake 2.30 – 3.00pm
- 16.7.19 Sports Day – 9.15am
- 22.7.19 Yr 2 Leavers Service in the school hall – 2pm
- 22.7.19 Yr 2 Leavers Party – after Leavers Service

**23.7.19 Break up for Summer Holidays (2.00pm)**

**24.7.19 INSET Day (School closed to pupils)**

Have a lovely weekend in the sun!

**Newdigate Leadership Team**