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Newsletter 9

Whole school attendance to date this year 94.73%

Our value this half-term is Thanks.

Chronicles 29:13

*Now, our God, we give you
thanks and praise your glorious
name.*



We are thankful for
what we have and will
look after our world.

Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung and we are most certainly immersed in all things Easter! It is a very reflective, busy and joyful time of year.

We started with our whole school Easter Pause Day, when each class took the time to reflect on the Easter story through a range of creative and spiritual activities provided by the Guildford Diocese.

Visit to Guildford Cathedral

Yet another excursion for our Year 1 children who had the pleasure of attending the '**Easter workshop**' earlier this week. They were able to build on their knowledge of the Easter Story within the majestic spaces of the cathedral and have a look around to discover how the cathedral is used. Once again, they behaved impeccably. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to accompany the trip; we couldn't do these without you!

Easter Service – '*From Darkness to Light*'

It is always a thrill to hold our Easter Service in St. Peter's Church and to see so many parents attend. I think you will all agree that the children showed the expected reverence and pride when making their contributions. We certainly left with an overwhelming feeling of joy!

Bonnet Parade

Wow! This never fails to bring a smile to our faces, and it did not disappoint this year. You did us proud, so thank you for your amazing efforts.



...and finally, at the end of today many of you will hopefully be enjoying the FONS Easter egg hunt.

Young Carers

On Friday, a past Newdigate child, Raph, (now in Year 5) came to talk to us about his role as a Young Carer. He has always shown such strong qualities and empathy in understanding the difficulties of autism and mental health. (He recommended that everyone should watch 'Inside our Autistic Minds' BBC2 because it gives you an insight into what it is like to have autism and the challenges those people face in life. The program is suitable for older children/adults.)



We are so pleased to tell you that with your amazing support we raised **£164.08 for Surrey Young Carers**. We have two young carers at Newdigate. If you think your child might be a young carer please do talk to Mrs Priestley or their class teacher.

Thank you to Daisy and Felix for organising this fund raiser, a great example of standing up and standing out for a cause that you believe in!



Thank you to those who entered the Newdigate Horticultural Society art competition. **We are thrilled that our pupils have been awarded several prizes:**

'Drawing a Tree' class

Evelyn Jackson	1 st Prize / Best in Class
Daisy Newey	1 st Prize
Felix Barker	2 nd Prize
Olivia Bassage	3 rd Prize

Dante Stevenson-Rich well done for entering
Jett Baldwin well done for entering

Have a fabulous Easter holidays. Hopefully the sun will be shining by the time we return for the summer term.

Mrs Paula Bliss



PARENTING PUZZLE

Wednesday 19th April - 28th June
(no session during half term - 31st May)

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Mole Valley Family Centre
Goodwyns Road
Dorking
RH4 2LR



Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle provides them

The Parenting Puzzle is a **10 week course** run by the Mole Valley Family Centre, Dorking Schools Partnership and Home-Start East Surrey that encourages parents to enjoy bringing up their child and get the best out of family life. It is fun and informal.

£30

Payable before the start of the course
A reduced rate is available for any family on income related benefits
Course manual and refreshments are provided

To book a place on this course please call us on 01306 740095



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DATES – SPRING TERM 2023

Term dates – Tuesday 3rd January 2023– Friday, 31st March 2023

Half term dates – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Diary Dates for Spring Term

03.01.23	Back to School
08.02.23	Parent Workshop – ‘Putting healthy boundaries in place.’
10.02.23	Break up for half term
20.02.22	Back to School
23.02.23	Reading Café (8.50-9.15)
23.02.23	SATS talk via zoom (@ 5pm)
02.03.23	World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character
06.03.23	The Queen’s Green Canopy planting
08.03.23	Year 1 Phonics Workshop
08.03.23	Late Parents’ Evening (5.30-8.00pm)
15.03.23	Early Parents’ Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
17.03.23	Mothers’ Day Tea Party for YrR 9am in School Hall
30.03.23	Easter Service - 2pm, all parents welcome (TBC)
31.03.23	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
31.03.23	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm
17.04.23	INSET DAY
18.04.23	Back to School – Summer Term

DATES – SUMMER TERM 2023

Term dates – Monday 17th April – Friday, 21 July

May Bank Holiday – Monday 1 May

Half term dates – Monday, 29 May – Friday 2 June

INSET days –Monday 17 April & Friday 21 July

MONTH OF MAY – KS1 Tests – NO HOLIDAY FOR YEAR 2 WILL BE AUTHORISED

Diary Dates for Summer Term

17.04.23	INSET DAY
18.04.23	Back to School
May 2023	KS1 tests for Yr2 commence (see above note re: holidays)
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
08.05.23	Bank Holiday – King Charles III Coronation
26.05.23	Break up for half term
05.06.23	Back to School
10.06.23	May Queen (11.15am for 11.30am start)
12 th -16 th June	Phonics testing
14.06.23	Welcome Meeting for Parents of September intake 7.00pm
03.07.23	Story session for new intake 2.15-2.45pm
05.07.23	Sports Day 1.30pm
06.07.23	Teddy Bears Picnic (Yr R and Pre-school)

10.07.23 Story session for new intake 2.15-2.45pm
w/c 10.07.23 Reports to go out (all years)
12.07.23 Rescheduled Sports Day (in case of bad weather) pm
19.07.23 Yr2 Leavers' Service in the School Hall 2pm followed by
Yr2 Leavers' Party
20.07.23 Break Up for Summer Holidays (2.00pm)
21.07.23 INSET Day



In God's Hands We Learn and Grow