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Whole school attendance to date this year 94.68%

Our value this half-term is Hope.

Romans 15:13



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy

**We are hopeful for ourselves
and others.**

Dear Parents,

As I write this newsletter we are in the final stages preparation for our May Queen ceremony on Saturday, and getting excited as it such a special time for the school. Hopefully, the weather is looking OK at the moment, so fingers crossed!

On the subject of being filled with hope....that is our new school value.

A world without hope is unimaginable. That has always been the case but we have all been reminded more than ever in recent years how important it is to have hope. We will be talking to the children about their hopes and what it means to them and to Christians. As we finish our school year and prepare for our pupils to move on in their educational journey we will of course be thinking about their hopes for the future.

Newdigate Angels.

As always we want to show our appreciation for their kindness and above and beyond contribution to others.

Mr Harrington stepped in and helped us out by doing a very messy job and sorting out our gutters. Not only is the school a cleaner and safer place, but it saved us a lot of money. We cannot thank him enough for his hard work and time.

Jackie Bennett, a school governor who has been associated with the school for many years, decided to raise some money to support our building and maintenance program. As a keen walker she used this passion to raise a staggering total in excess of £15,000! (She wanted to say thank you to the friends, community members and parents who sponsored her.) and we cannot thank her enough for her courage, kindness and this amazing achievement. Our building hopes can now be realised!

Please do let us know if you can think of somebody who deserves a Newdigate Angel Award for going above and beyond.

Skiping Workshop.

We all enjoyed an energetic day this Thursday with our skipping workshop, organised by Miss Haydon. The children loved the opportunity to learn the skills of skipping and the organisers were blown away with them, particularly our younger children who often cannot manage to skip. I was beaten hand down by several Year R children! They have learned yet another way to stay happy and healthy in body and mind.



School absence.

Please can we remind parents that it is vital that you inform the school on the day of any pupil absence. We are accountable for tracking the attendance of all children and have to record the reason for absence as well as having to make sure that they are safe and well. It takes a lot of time and energy to make phone calls to chase parents who have not called us that we could be spending on other things.

Spirituality

As a Church School we are tasked with providing opportunities for our children (and adults) to flourish in their time with us; this links beautifully with our school vision of learning and growing in all ways. One of our more important areas is spiritual growth. We have always made sure that children encounter opportunities for spiritual growth, not only in our worships and RE lessons, but across all other aspects of the curriculum and school life. We have now developed a policy to outline exactly how we will do this and created a common language with associated actions that we are now using with the children. We wanted to share them with you so that you can talk to them about it or know what they mean if they share it at home.

We are using this poster to explain our approach:

Myself- and **who I am** (children hold both of their hands on their heart)

My relationships with others – how I treat them and how I connect (children hold both hands out to the side of their bodies as if holding hands)

How I appreciate and look after our **wonderful world** (children draw the world from the top to the bottom)

.. and **beyond the everyday** (children draw a bigger circle)

We have received an amber weather warning for the weekend and next week. Please make sure your children arrive at school with sun cream already applied, a sunhat and a filled bottle of water so they are sun-safe. We will be guiding them to stay cool, slow down and find the shade whenever possible.

See you tomorrow!

Mrs Paula bliss
Headteacher

Newdigate C.E (Endowed) Infant School
In God's Hands We
Learn and Grow Spiritually

Myself:
Who I am



Others:
How I
connect



**Our
Wonderful
World**

..and
**Beyond
the
Everyday**

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

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| 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 |
| 21.06.23 | Yr 1 & Yr 2 Trip to Godstone Farm |
| 28.06.23 | Yr R Trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre |
| 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 |



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