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**Newsletter 4**

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**Key Stage 1 attendance to date this year is 96%**

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Dear Parents,

**Our value this half-term  
is **peace**.**



*Seek peace and pursue it*

*We will make a peaceful school  
and world.*

*Psalm 34:14*

We have been waiting in anticipation for the validated report after our Ofsted inspection near the end of September, and it is finally here! We are thrilled to tell you that **the school has retained a good grading**. We were congratulated by the lead inspector for the hard work done in improving the school since the last inspection; he emphasised that the expectations of the 'good' grade have increased dramatically in this new inspection

framework and commented on the excellent work we had done in reaching these higher expectations.

Once again, our school vision of achieving **a lot from a little** has been lived out! A printed copy will be given to all families, so you will be able to read it in its' entirety, but I have pulled out a few key points and things we are particularly proud of:

***From children's first day in Reception they feel part of a 'family'.***

***The school values all individuals.***

***Every child has a great chance to succeed.***

***Pupils meet the high expectations set for learning and behaviour. This is reflected in pupils' strong relationships with one another and their very positive attitude to learning.***

***Excellent induction procedures focus on individual needs, ensuring pupils settle well, follow routines and make friends quickly.***

***Mathematics is well taught and a strength of the school.***

***Staff have the right level of professional expertise which they use to help pupils learn effectively.***

***Staff show high levels of trust in one another leading to a strong culture of mutual support for their well-being.***

***The school provides many opportunities to promote pupils' wider development.***

Myself and the federation governors are very proud of this report and we would like to thank the staff, governors, parents and children for the part they play in creating our fabulous community.

#### **Water Aid**

A big thank you to those who attended our art exhibition after school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, it was a great success and most of the artwork has been sold. If you would still like to see and purchase your child's piece of art we will have them displayed at parent consultations.

A huge thank you to the **Bassage family** for organising this event. Olivia even took a commission for a bespoke piece! We will be presenting our donations to Jez Heath, a representative from Water Aid, when he visits the school on 15<sup>th</sup> November.





### **Harvest Festival 2023**

What a turnout! It was so lovely to see so many people at the Church celebrating what we have and giving thanks at harvest time. It was lovely to see Ian Wilkins at the service and he has expressed his thanks for our support of **Crawley Open House**.

### **Attendance Matters**

We will be sending all of our families our school attendance policy as a reminder of the importance of children attending school and being punctual. We use the same approach for all year groups as a way of embedding positive and healthy habits as early as possible.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome an additional member of staff to Newdigate Infant School, **Daniella Constable** has joined the Early Years classroom and will bring her many years of experience with young children to the team.

**Enjoy the rest of your week.**

**Mrs Paula Bliss**  
**(Headteacher)**

## **Term dates Academic Year 2023/24**

### **Autumn Term:**

4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

(Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct) - INSET 30<sup>th</sup> October

### **Spring Term:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

INSET 9<sup>th</sup> February

(Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb)

### **Summer Term:**

15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 INSET 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July

(Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May)

## **INSET DAYS 2023/24**

1<sup>st</sup> September

30<sup>th</sup> October

9<sup>th</sup> February

22<sup>nd</sup> July

23<sup>rd</sup> July

## **Diary Dates for Autumn Term**

01.09.23	Start of Term
01.09.23	<b>INSET DAY (1 of 5)</b>
06.09.23	Perform Drama workshop
28.09.23	Reading Café & Curriculum meeting – 8.50am
28.09.23	FONS AGM 7.00pm in School Hall - TBC
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3.10pm School Hall – everyone welcome
09.10.23	Individual School Photos
19.10.23	Harvest Festival Service in St Peter's Church at 2pm. All parents welcome.
20.10.23	Nasal Flu Immunisation
20.10.23	Break up for half term 3pm.
30.10.23	<b>INSET DAY (2 of 5)</b>
31.10.23	Back to school
01.11.23	Open Morning for prospective new parents from 9.30am
08.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
15.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 5.30 –8.00pm
24.11.23	Hoops for Decorating to go home
01.12.23	Hoops up in the Hall
02.12.23	<b>Christmas Fayre TBC</b>
08.12.23	Christmas Meal / Christmas Jumper Day – Donation to Save the Children



11.12.23	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
12.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
14.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
13.12.23	Pied Piper Theatre Company perform 'for the children
14.12.23	TBC - School Christingle Family Service, St Peter's Church 6pm – everyone welcome
15.12.23	Last day of term - Break up at 2pm

### **DATES – SPRING TERM 2024**

Term dates – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half term dates – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### **Diary Dates for Spring Term**

<b>02.01.24</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
08.02.24	Break up for half term 3pm
09.02.24	<b>INSET DAY (3 of 5)</b>
22.02.24	SATS talk – Yr 2 classroom (@ 5pm) (TBC)
06.03.24	Late Parents' Evening (5.30-7.40pm)
07.03.24	World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you learn and grow
08.03.24	Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R 9am in School Hall
13.03.24	Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
27.03.24	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
28.03.24	Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome
28.03.24	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm

### **DATES – SUMMER TERM 2024**

Term dates – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Half term dates – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

<b>15.04.24</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
27.05.24	Break up for half term 3pm
19.07.24	Last day of term - Break up at 2pm
22.07.24	<b>INSET DAY (4 of 5)</b>
23.07.24	<b>INSET DAY (5 of 5)</b>

