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Newsletter 5

Key Stage 1 attendance to date this year is 96%

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

Hopefully by now you will all have had the chance to read our Ofsted inspection report and will have seen the many things we have to celebrate. We are now welcoming many prospective parents into our school looking for places next year, so if you know of anybody looking for a place, please spread the word and encourage them to come to Newdigate for a look around. We are still arranging individual tours for the rest of the term.

Remembrance



Thank you to those who bought a poppy or another poppy related object. As always, we made sure we took the time to stop and reflect and remember through our remembrance service last Friday.



Children were given the opportunity to hold a poppy and reflect on its significance. Our Year 2's also paid tribute and showed their respect at the Newdigate war memorial.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023



This week we are raising awareness of Anti-Bullying week by talking to the children about the importance of making good choices and showing respect. Children know that if they are following our Bee Rules, there is no chance that they will ever be behaving like a bully. We have also reminded them of how to use our 'Is It OK?' poster as a way of checking with their friends if they are happy with what they are going to do.

Water Aid



Thank you. You have all been incredible and supported this project beyond our wildest dreams. We have raised a whopping £320 that was given to Water Aid's Jez Heath today.

The children also learned about the work that Water Aid UK do so they know that the money raised is going to have an impact on many people.

Love & Peace

Trust & Thankfulness

Forgiveness & Hope

We have given him our Angel Award.



Sporting News

Year 2 attended a multi-skills festival at the Priory School today and had a fabulous time. They represented Newdigate beautifully and were very excited about the opportunity.

Charlie and Daisy in Year 2 represented Newdigate as part of our National Equestrian membership on Sunday 12th November. They both did brilliantly, with huge, big smiles on their faces and qualified for Nationals in May.



Family Voice

We have been sent some information to share with our families who are supporting children with special needs. Linda Whitehead is an ex-Newdigate parent who knows the school well and can use her journey to support others.



Family Voice Surrey is a non-profitable organisation that champions the needs and rights of SEND families in Surrey. Our role is to meet with parent carers of children and young people with SEND, listen to the challenges they may be facing and help make connections with others who are in similar situations. We hold coffee and chat sessions regularly around the Mole Valley area and our Facebook group signposts carers towards helpful events and meetings that may benefit their families. If you would like to know more, please scan the QR code or join Linda Whitehead (your local co-ordinator) online at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyFVS>

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! We have been sent a few pieces of information that we wanted to share with you.

To find range of resources provided to help children with autism to manage the Christmas period. Just visit this site:

[Freemantles Outreach - Christmas Resources 2023](https://freemantles.org.uk)
(freemantles.org.uk)

We are also attaching some Top Tips leaflets that might be useful to this email.

Your Guide to Christmas in Dorking

We hope you're joining us for Hello Dorking's 'Very Dorkensian Christmas' on Sunday, 3rd December from 12 - 6pm.

Everyone is welcome! [Learn more about the event and save the date](#). Here's a snapshot of what's happening:

- Get involved in our friendly, fun and [festive competitions](#), to include our shop [window decorating contest](#). Our competitions are sponsored by Circular Dorking, The White Horse - Heartwood Collection, Seymours Estate Agents, and of course the Dorking BID.
- [Check out our programme](#) - we are finalising it all now and will be featuring our brilliant businesses, artisans, market traders, microbrewery and gin favourites, musicians, entertainers, children's activities, and yes, we even have Ms Ballooniverse joining us! There is something for everyone.
- We are hosting a [street clean up](#) on 17th November, 9:30 - 1pm. Will you be joining us? All are welcome!
- Have you received our latest street closure notification through your letterbox? Please note our street closure and should you have any questions, we are very happy to help and answer your questions. We have maps and details on our website. Our team is always here to help. We have brought on board extra stewards and volunteers to support on the day and the street closure will be clearly marked on the roads. [Learn more on our website](#).

Thank you to our BID Members, our Board, our team, and to our community partners for collaborating to make this a magical, fun and festive event.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors for their support! [Meet them](#) online and here:

Street Closure Details

Diversions will be in place to enable drivers to bypass the town during the road closure.

Roads to be closed under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 are North Street, West Street and Dorking High Street from Pump Corner to Moores Road.

The closure will also affect all tributary roads leading on to the High Street from e.g. Pump Corner to Moores Road, namely Mill Road, Ansell Road, Wathen Road, Old London Road, Lyons Court, Dene Street, Paper Mews and Moores Road.

West Street Closure: 11:30-6pm (from Junction Road)

High Street Closure: 10-8pm

South Street Closure: Parking Bays Suspended - Beginning: 12am - 2nd December to 8pm - 3rd December

To facilitate this event advance notification signs will be erected warning road users to expect potential delays and managed access for residents will be put in place by event stewards. We have communicated this already via an online and offline consultation.

Please see our website for complete details or contact our team at any time, we are here and happy to help.

Enjoy your week (only 38 days left to Christmas as I write this newsletter!)

**Mrs Paula Bliss
(Headteacher)**

Term dates Academic Year 2023/24

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Autumn Term:4th Sept 2023 – 15th December 2023(Half term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct) - INSET 30th October**Spring Term:**2nd Jan 2024 – 28th March 2024INSET 9th February(Half Term 12th Feb – 16th Feb)**Summer Term:**15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024 INSET 22nd & 23rd July(Half Term 27th May – 31st May)**INSET DAYS 2023/24**1st September30th October9th February22nd July23rd July**Diary Dates for Autumn Term**

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| 01.09.23 | Start of Term |
| 01.09.23 | INSET DAY (1 of 5) |
| 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 | INSET DAY (2 of 5) |
| 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 | Christmas Fayre TBC |
| 07.12.23 | 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 2nd January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024

Half term dates – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Diary Dates for Spring Term

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| 02.01.24 | Back to School |
| 08.02.24 | Break up for half term 3pm |
| 09.02.24 | INSET DAY (3 of 5) |
| 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 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term dates – Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

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

