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Newsletter 9

Dear Parents,

Whole School attendance to date this year is
94.4 %

Spring has sprung- just about! As always, we have to make

Our value this
half-term is trust.



Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the Lord with
all your heart

sure we are ready for all weathers, but there are clear and promising signs of the new season that has lifted our hearts and reminded us that brighter days are on their way!

Newdigate Swimming Pool

Thank you to those who have already completed the questionnaire, to date we have 67 responses-which is a bit of a record! More than half have promised to make a

one-off donation and a third a monthly donation. We have also had many offers of volunteers to help run the pool. What we need to do now is translate those offers into reality. Our next step is to hold a meeting where we can share with you the jobs that are needed and the funds we need to raise. **If we can do both we have a chance of moving forward.**

Please join us, along with any friend or family member who may be interested, on **Thursday 14th March at 6.30 at the school.**

You can still fill in our short on-line questionnaire before the meeting so we have as much information as we can.
<https://forms.office.com/e/ECwEY5RAWi>



Newdigate Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW & COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
11am – 12.30pm

A wonderful spring event when the Newdigate Village Hall is filled with the beauty and scent of spring flowers and plants.

Join us for refreshments, plant stall, raffle & cake stall. Sign up for the annual Potato Challenge and Garden & Allotment Competition

There will be an opportunity for children from the school to enter the following classes:

Children's Classes

- 30) 3 Edible Nests with mini-eggs sat inside**
- 31) Handmade Easter Card, using any materials**
- 32) Small posy of spring garden flowers**

This is a great opportunity for children to show their creativity and for us to support a group that have really helped us at the school.....so get making!
(We are happy to have entries handed into school, with an entry form that can be collected from the school office, on Friday 22nd March.)

World Book Day (Newdigate Style!)

Once again, we were aghast at the wonderful costumes that were brought into school last week for our World Book Day celebration – well done to you all! It was particularly lovely to see so many parents attend our Reading Café on the day, so thank you for being part of it. And to the one grandparent that also came dressed up – we are in awe - you may have started a trend!

We know that reading is the gateway to all learning and it will always be a priority at Newdigate.



Out & About

Since the last newsletter we have sent both of our key stage 1 classes out to visit local places of worship. Year 1 went to **Sutton Synagogue** and Year 2 to a **Mosque in Redhill**. Both joined St. Michael's equivalent classes and showed the upmost respect and consideration for the places they visited, which was fabulous to see. I know they also managed to ask great questions and learned a lot while they were there. We are very proud that Newdigate children will leave us having experienced such a wide range of religious educational visits allowing them to learn and understand more about different religions and know how important it is to show mutual respect to all, regardless of their faith and beliefs.

Young Carers Action Day – 13th March 2024

As always, the school is a keen advocate for all young carers; we know what an important job young carers do and want to raise awareness and understanding of how their lives are affected by caring for a family member. We recognise young carers in our school and aim to facilitate their access to support and activities that help them to focus on themselves, rather than others. We will be talking to the children about this important day in our assembly that week, but wanted to signpost you to more information should you want to know more or think your child is a young carer.

National website

<https://carers.org/young-carers-action-day/young-carers-action-day>

Surrey Young carers:

<https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/young-carers-action-day-2024/>

Coming Up

Please make sure you have signed up for **parent consultations** - sheets available in the office. We will do our best to accommodate parents living apart, but would ask that joint slots are used if that is manageable.

06.03.24 Late Parents' Evening (5.30-7.40pm)
13.03.24 Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)

08.03.24 **Mothers' Day Tea Party** for Yr R only
Mum's join us at 2pm in the School Hall

Our **Easter events** are coming up soon, it would be lovely to see you at the Easter Bonnet parade and our Easter Service:

27.03.24

Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall.
Children to wear their home decorated hats – please be kind to the environment **REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE!**

28.03.24

Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome

28.03.24

Last Day of Term – **Break up at 2pm**
Children to be picked up immediately after the Easter Service at 2pm.

We are in the process of confirming the final date for our May Queen event due to some unforeseen issues. We are aiming to confirm with parents by the end of this week. Thank you for your patience.

Safeguarding

<https://www.newdigateschool.org.uk/safeguarding/>

Our school safeguarding leads are:

Designated safeguarding Lead – Mrs Paula Bliss

Deputy DSL – Mrs Rachel Moon

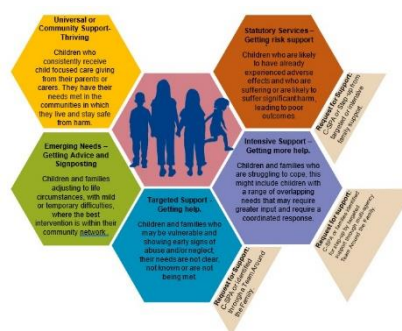
On-line Safety Lead – Mrs Gayle Priestley

They can be contacted on our school phone number or through the dsl@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk e-mail.

If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on:

0300 470 9100

Here at school we use the **Surrey Continuum of support**



to guide us about our responses to children and families that we work with. **It is our duty to engage with families where we see any level of concern or need. We are tasked with putting children at**

the centre of all we do, this includes having difficult conversations with families and making referrals if we feel they are needed. Of course, we would rather be working with families to get **early help** in place so that we avoid any more serious situations.

Stay safe.

Mrs Paula Bliss
(Headteacher)

Free On-line parent/carer workshops

We have been sent information regarding parent workshops from the YMCA that we think will be very useful, you will find more details on the website:

[Parent/Carer Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)

Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Wednesday 17 April 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 12 June 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 13 November 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

Wednesday 17 January 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 13 March 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 15 May 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 17 July 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 16 October 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Understanding, expressing and managing emotions.

If you have any questions about these events, please email us at communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Term dates Academic Year 2023/24

Autumn Term:

4th Sept 2023 – 15th December 2023

(Half term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct) - INSET 30th October

Spring Term:

2nd Jan 2024 – 28th March 2024

INSET 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 September

30th October

9th February

22nd July

23rd July

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

02.01.24 Back to School

09.01.24 9 a.m. Phonics Workshop Year 1 (Miss Langthorne)

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)

29.02.24 World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you learn and grow and
Reading Café (at drop off)

06.03.24 Late Parents' Evening (5.30-7.40pm)

08.03.24 Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R 2pm in Hedgehogs Class room

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

15.04.24 Back to School



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17.04.24	Yr 1 & Yr 2 School trip to Arundel Castle
06.05.24	Bank Holiday Monday
17.05.24	Mufti day – for a donation to the May Queen Bottle Tombola Stand.
23.05.24	Yr R – Bring your bike to school day
24.05.24	Break up for half term 3pm
25.05.24	May Queen (TBC)
03.06.24	Back to school
10.06.24	Yr 1 Phonics Screening
12.06.24	Welcome Meeting – New parents
17.06.24	Science week
03.07.24	Year R school trip
04.07.24	Sports Day
11.07.24	Sports Day back-up
18.07.24	Year 2 Leavers' Service in school hall followed by..... Year 2 Leavers' party
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)



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