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Newsletter 10

Dear Parents,

Whole School attendance to date this year is 94.8 %

As we reach the end of our spring term we are most certainly fitting in a lot of things! Today was a

Our value this half-term is trust.



Trust

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

culmination of our school topic learning through our exciting Castle Day. We have had such a fabulous time preparing for our banquet, making bread, decorating cakes, creating scent bags and crowns, learning new skills. We all came together at the end for the banquet finale where the children were entertained with singing from Hedgehogs, jester jokes from Foxes and dancing from Owls, followed by castle games and

activities on the playground. Days like these make learning memorable and remind us how much fun it can be. Children were overhead describing it as the best day ever!



Fire Engine Visit

We had great excitement this week with our visiting fire engine. Not only did the children get to talk to real firefighters.....



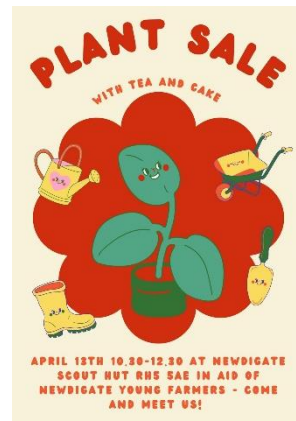
.....but they also had a tour of the fire engine and had a go with the hose!



Newdigate Swimming Pool

Things are looking more positive for the future of the pool. A good number of people attended our meeting last week and we have the start of a group of volunteers who can help us manage the jobs that go with the pool. We still have a way to go, but we are getting lots of help to source the equipment we need to upgrade the pool. FONS have started a just **giving page** that we want to share far and wide, so if you haven't already please can you send it to friends and family and anybody interested!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-our-pool-at-newdigate-c-of-e-infant-school>



Newdigate Young Farmers are sharing the proceeds of the plant sale they are holding here at the end of the school day next Monday. Please bring your pennies/pounds along to buy their plants and support the school at the same time.

Don't forget:

Newdigate Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW & COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 23 RD 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.)

Parent Workshop – Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 @ 9.00 a.m.

(straight after drop-off)

Please come and join me here at the school for a short session when parents can offer their ideas and views on topics that were raised from our last parent questionnaire. This time parents will be asked about school communication and after school clubs. We would love for as many parents to offer their views as possible.

Coming Up

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 have confirmed the final date for our May Queen event on 18th May 2024.

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

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

Stay safe.

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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 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!
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In God's Hands We Learn and Grow



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
17.04.24	Yr 1 & Yr 2 School trip to Arundel Castle
25.04.24	Class photos
06.05.24	Bank Holiday Monday
07.05.24	FONS – Movie after school
12.05.24	FONS – Teas on the Green (Brockham)
17.05.24	Mufti day – for a donation to the May Queen Bottle Tombola Stand.
18.05.24	May Queen
23.05.24	Yr R – Bring your bike to school day
24.05.24	Break up for half term 3pm
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
19.06.24	FONS – Hot Dog Ho Down
03.07.24	Year R school trip – Discovery Centre Bracknell Forest
04.07.24	Sports Day
11.07.24	Sports Day back-up date in case of inclement weather
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)

