

Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School
Newsletter 5/9/14



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Our value for Collective Worship this half term is Courage

PTFA

I wanted to start the first news letter of the year with a "Thank You" to the PTFA for all the amazing work they do to provide our children with fantastic opportunities. The final event of last year was a picnic on the field, where the PTFA provided the disco and bouncy castle. I was so impressed with the turnout and I think the children and adults alike had a wonderful evening.

The PTFA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 9th September at Newbold School. Welcome drinks are at 7.30pm and the meeting begins 8.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what our dedicated PTFA team does for our school.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THOSE TAKING
PART IN THE WOLF RUN ON SUNDAY

Newbold and Tredington PTFA
present
An evening with

SHOUT

The rhythm and blues choir



Newbold Village Hall
on Saturday 20th September 2014

SHOUT will entertain you from 8pm
Doors open at 7pm
Tickets from the school office

The first week of term has already been a busy one. On Tuesday we welcomed Alexander, Luca, Samuel, Oakley, Chloe and Isla into Reception. They have settled into Ruby Class very quickly and have been made to feel at home by all our Year 1 children. At Tredington we have welcomed Sophie into Year 5.

We have also opened the nursery at Newbold this week and we welcome Megan and Joshua to our school. There has already been lots of interest in the setting and places are filling up quickly. If your child is 3 during the autumn term or after Christmas and you would like to put them on the waiting list, please see Mrs Welsby for an application pack.



Parents Information evening

We will be holding our annual information evening for parents, to let you know all about our expectations for the year. Information will be available about homework, clubs, routines and schedules.

Parents with children at Tredington are invited to attend on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm and Newbold will be on Thursday 18th September. The evening at Newbold will be split into two slots. Reception parents at 7pm and Year 1 parents at 7.30pm.

WOW day

On Wednesday, everyone at Tredington arrived at school to discover that an anonymous note had appeared saying that the toasters and money had been stolen. Concerned and upset, we decided to carry out some detective work to find the suspect. We took fingerprints and a handwriting sample from everyone, interviewed witnesses and took a mould of one of the footprints we found in the sand pit. Our detective work led us to find the money and toasters (taken by Mrs Baker!) and we all earned a piece of free toast for our hard work! Luckily, Mrs Baker didn't really steal the money and it was a very exciting start to our new 'Mission Impossible' theme.



Spelling

In our recent Ofsted inspection, spelling was identified as an area to develop. We have developed an exciting new approach to how we teach vocabulary. Children will learn a sound or spelling pattern and investigate this during the week by identifying similar words in the books they read and adding them to a display for others to use. Instead of a weekly spelling test, teachers will check children's ability to apply the pattern to spell words in a variety of ways. Five words which follow the rule will be sent home and children will be asked to find other words which follow the pattern. As children move higher up the school, they will develop an ability to spot exceptions to the rule and sense whether a spelling 'looks' correct. This approach will develop good spelling in children's writing across the curriculum.

Attendance Reminder

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the Head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

Sam Welsby (Acting Head)

Dates for your Diary 2014:

Sunday 7th September	PTFA wolf pack taking part in the Wolf run
Tuesday 9th September	Emerald Class swimming this term
	PTFA AGM at Newbold 7.30pm
Tuesday 16th September	Mixed Football Tournament Y3/4
	Tredington Parents' Information Evening 7-8pm
Wednesday 17th September	Mixed Football Tournament Y5/6
Thursday 18th September	Newbold Parents' Information Evening
Saturday 20th September	SHOUT PTFA event
Thursday 2nd October	School Photographs (am)
Monday 6th October	PTFA Bags to School Collection
Tuesday 14th October	Tag rugby coaching Y5/6
Thursday 16th October	Phonics information evening for Reception parents
Friday 17th October	Family Assembly - Emerald Class
	Choir performing at St Gregory's church
Wednesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival at St David's church 2.30pm
Friday 24th October	INSET Day
Monday 27th October	Half Term
Tuesday 4th November	IMPACT workshop Year 1
Wednesday 5th November	IMPACT workshop Sapphire
Thursday 6th November	IMPACT workshop Emerald
Saturday 8th November	Open Morning for Reception 2015 and Nursery
Monday 10th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Service
	Tchoukball tournament Y5/6
Wednesday 3rd December	Dodgeball tournament

Friday 5th December
Thursday 11th December
Wednesday 17th December
Friday 19th December

Family Assembly - Sapphire Class
Christmas Service at St David's church 6pm
Whole school Pantomime trip
End of term

Dates for 2015:

Tuesday 6th January
Monday 16th February
Friday 27th March
Monday 13th April
Monday 25th May
Friday 17th July

Term starts
Half Term
End of Term
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