## Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School News letter



#### 6th November 2015

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### Our value for Collective Worship is Friendship

After a well deserved break the children have returned to school raring to go. The term started with Mr Yuill from Shipston High coming in to coach Emerald class in preparation for a tchoukball tournament next week. We will take a team to the high school next Tuesday for a cluster competition.

The PTFA had their meeting on Wednesday and have lots of exciting events in store over the half term including a cinema night and the Christmas Fayre.

We would like to invite you to join us for a Service of Remembrance on 11th November. Newbold will be held at the War Memorial just before 11 o'clock and at Tredington we will be in the school hall for two minutes silence at 11 o'clock and a short service afterwards.

Attendance for October
Our whole school attendance
target is 96%

Reception - 98%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 93%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 99%

Year 5 - 98%

Year 6 - 97%

Well done! Nearly all the year groups hit our target.

Sam Welsby (Head)

# PTFA News

RAG BAG collections. It is no longer viable for Rag Bag to make our collections. Could we ask that any remaining donations are added to the container ASAP so that we get the most money possible for our final collection. Thank you for everybody's donations so far; we hope to find a new provider of a similar service in the very near future.

The PTFA would like to start selling any old uniform you may have. All proceeds will go to the PTFA and in turn benefit the children at the school. We aim to have a stall to sell these items at most of our PTFA run events.

The sales will offer parents the opportunity to purchase good quality second hand uniform at very reasonable prices and at a fraction of the cost of new uniform. Any donations can be handed to a member of the PTFA throughout the year. Please could we ask that all donations are clean and in good condition. We will accept all items with the school logo as well as plain polos, trousers, cardigans, jackets etc.



#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2015-2016 - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2015/2016).

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. 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.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

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).

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to <u>each parent of each absent child</u>, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means <u>each</u> parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 60,704 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2013/14. This is a decrease of 42,915 on previous years. This is a positive outcome as it means that 21,457 days of education were achieved

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

If you would like to receive a coloured news letter, please let Mrs Baker know your e mail address and we will send it out to you.



Dinner Money
Dinner money payment for this next
month is:
3rd November to 27th November =
£39.90
(19 days)

We prefer payment in advance but if you wish to pay weekly please send £10.50 every Monday in order save on administrative time in the office.

Thank you

Stars of the Week Samuel Thomas Francesca

Dates for 2015/16:	
Tuesday 10th November	Tchoukball 4-5.30pm SHS
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Service at Tredington School and Newbold Village Green
Friday 13th November	PTFA Cinema night
Monday 16th November	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 18th November	Parents' evening 4-5.30pm
Saturday 21st November	Tredington Village Fete - choir singing
Monday 30th November	Dodgeball SHS 4-5.30pm Phonics Evening for Reception 6pm Newbold
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Service at St David's, Newbold 6pm
Friday 11th December	Family Assembly - Emerald Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 14th December	Non uniform day - Christmas jumpers Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December	Last swimming for Emerald
Friday 18th December	End of term PTFA Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Monday 4th January	Staff training day & nursery starts
Tuesday 5th January	Term starts for school Swimming starts for Sapphire Class
Wednesday 13th January	IMPaCT Year 1 Maths 9 - 10am
Wednesday 20th January	IMPaCT Mrs Smith's morning group Maths 9 - 10am
Tuesday 26th January	Indoor Athletics 10-12pm
Tuesday 26th January	IMPaCT Mrs Welsby/Mrs Nichold's morning group maths 9 - 10am
Wednesday 3rd February	IMPaCT Mrs Tattersall's morning maths English 9 - 10am
Friday 5th February	LINK DAY Maths Problem Solving and reasoning Family Assembly - Sapphire Class 1pm
Monday 15th February	Half Term
Wednesday 2nd March	World Book Day Link Day

Friday 4th March	Mother's Day tea Party
Thursday 10th March	Quicksticks hockey 4-5.30pm
Friday 11th March	Family Assembly - Ruby Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 14th March	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 16th March	Parents' evening 4-5.30pm
	Easter Service 2pm St David's Newbold
Friday 18th March	End of term
Monday 4th April	Term Starts for school and nursery
Thursday 7th April	Cross Country 2-3pm
Thursday 21st April	Multi-skills tournament
Friday 22nd April	Family Assembly - Sapphire Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd May	INSET DAY (Nursery open but school closed)
Monday 9th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 23rd May	New Intake Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 24th May	Rounders tournament
Friday 27th May	Family Assembly - Emerald Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 30th May	Half term
Monday 6th June	Croft Farm Week
Friday 17th June	Sports Day Link Day
	Father's day BBQ
Wednesday 22nd June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 28th June	Warwickshire Induction Day
Wednesday 13th July	End of term Production
Thursday 14th July	End of term Production
Monday 18th July	Open Morning for Parents 8.40-11.00am
Thursday 21st July	LINK DAY
	Leavers' Service 2pm at St Gregory's Tredington
Friday 22nd July	End of term

<u>Please note</u>

We still have one more INSET day to set. Details to follow.