

Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School News letter

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Our value for Collective Worship is Generosity

I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday. It was wonderful to see the children return to school eager and enthusiastic. We welcome thirteen new children to Ruby Class. Hello to Charlotte, Sienna, Charlotte, Jessica, Lucia, Poppy, Beatrice, Lucy, Bella, Millie, James, Shae and Harry.

The first week has gone by so fast and the children have settled back into the school routines quickly.

Please can I remind you that if you would like to receive this monthly newsletter electronically can you let Mrs Baker know the email address you wish us to send it to. That way we can save paper and spend more money on the children directly!

Sam Welsby

The diary is already looking busy and you will have received an invitation to meet your child's class teacher next week. I am aware that for many parents they may wish to visit more than one teacher, so we have staggered the start times at Tredington.

Please note the change in start times for Tredington on Tuesday 13th September

Mrs Smith 6pm

Miss Hale 6.20pm

Miss Walsh 6.40pm

Letters have also gone out about clubs for next half term. We are able to offer a wide range of activities from the teachers and external providers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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We would like to invite you to a coffee morning at Tredington on Friday 30th September to celebrate the macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The coffee morning will be from 10 to 11 O'clock in the school hall.

If you would like to bake a cake for the event please can you let Mrs Welsby know.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA AGM will be held at Tredington school at 8pm on Tuesday 27th September.

Don't forget that you can continue to raise money for school by buying your internet purchases using



Road Safety Appeal

Please can you take care when you park at the end of the school day as inconsiderate parking can make life difficult for other road users and put the children in danger. Please ensure that the junctions are kept clear, the bus area is free and the chevrons outside school are clear. Thank you for your cooperation.



Jimmy and Emily Ann for Frogs



Emily and Henry for Foxes



Josh and Sienna for Eagles

Meet our new house captains

YR/1/2 Universal Free School Meals—Census Day

School funding for the universal free meals for YR/1/2 is based on the average take up on the Autumn and Spring census days this year. The first census day is on **Thursday 6th October** and the second is in **January 2017**. Once again I would urge as many children from YR/1/2 to have a school meal on this day so that we are given adequate funding for the year.

ALL FOR FREE FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017 - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The 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 relating to the application. 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).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each 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 47,552 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2014/15. This is a decrease of 13,122 on the previous year. This is a positive outcome as it means that 6,561 extra days of education were achieved when compared with the previous academic year.

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.

Star of the Week now known as "Shining Stars Celebration Assembly"

We have reviewed the way that we do "Star of the Week" and this year it will take a different format.

Children will be chosen on the merits of the work that they have done rather than knowing in advance that they will be star of the week. Therefore, there will no longer be weekly assemblies but they will happen once a month and you will have an invitation sent home the week before the assembly is due. Dates for the assemblies are at the bottom of this news letter.

We are also pleased to tell you that changes in transport arrangements will mean that we can move these assemblies back to the original time of 3pm. I appreciate your cooperation over the arrangements but, as I said at the time, the change was so that all the children using the taxis could participate in the weekly assemblies and not miss half of it every week. I realise that it was inconvenient for some parents but it is the needs of the children that come first.

<u>Dates for 2016/17:</u>	
Tuesday 13th September	Swimming for Emerald class Tredington Parents' Information Evening (see times above)
Wednesday 14th September	Newbold Parents' Information Evening (at Newbold)
Tuesday 20th September	School photographs
Tuesday 27th September	PTFA AGM 8pm at Tredington School
Wednesday 28th September	IMPACT Year 1 English 9.10 - 10am
Friday 30th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 10-11am at Tredington School
Wednesday 5th October	IMPACT Sapphire class English 9.10 - 10am
Thursday 6th October	School census day - As many children as possible to have school dinner to help secure funding for school.
Friday 7th October	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington
Wednesday 12th October	IMPACT Amber class English 9.10 - 10am
Wednesday 19th October	IMPACT Emerald class English 9.10 - 10am
Friday 21st October	Ruby class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Monday 24th October	Half Term
Thursday 3rd November	Phonics evening for Reception 6pm
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Service 11am Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington
Friday 18th November	Sapphire class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Monday 21st November	Parents' evening 4-6pm (to be held at Tredington)
Tuesday 6th December	Last swimming for Emerald
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Service at St David's, Newbold 6pm
Friday 9th December	Amber class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Monday 12th December	Pantomime and Christmas dinner
Friday 16th December	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington End of term
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	INSET DAY (Nursery closed)
Tuesday 10th January	Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 17th January	IMPACT Year 1 Maths 9.10 - 10am
Friday 20th January 2017	Emerald class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Tuesday 24th January	IMPACT Sapphire class Maths 9.10 - 10am
Tuesday 31st January	IMPACT Amber class Maths 9.10 - 10am
Friday 3rd February	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington

Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day IMPACT Emerald class Maths 9.10 - 10am
Friday 17th February	Ruby class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Monday 20th February	Half Term
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day Link Day (including Nursery)
Monday 13th March	Parents' evening 4-6pm Taking Care Project starts
Wednesday 15th March	Parents' evening 4-6pm
Friday 17th March	Sapphire class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Friday 24th March	Mother's Day tea Party
Friday 7th April	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington End of term
Monday 24th April	Term starts
Tuesday 25th April	Swimming for year 3 and 4
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	INSET DAY (Nursery closed)
Monday 8th May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 19th May	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington
Friday 26th May	Amber class family assembly 3pm at Tredington End of term
Friday 16th June	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington Father's day BBQ
Friday 23rd June	Emerald class family assembly 3pm at Tredington
Tuesday 27th June	Warwickshire Induction Day for Secondary Schools
Friday 30th June	Sports Day Link Day (including Nursery)
Monday 3rd July	Spring Fever Week
Wednesday 5th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12th July	End of term Production
Thursday 13th July	End of term Production
Friday 14th July	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington
Monday 17th July	Open Morning for Parents 8.40-11.00am
Thursday 20th July	LINK DAY Leavers' Service 2pm at St Gregory's Tredington (Link Day)
Friday 21st July	End of term

We still have an additional Teacher Training Day to set.