Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School News Letter <u>April 2017</u>



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Our value for Collective Worship is Service

Firstly let me apologise, in late March I suddenly realised that I hadn't sent out a news letter in March! So this months is a bumper addition. We have had a very busy couple of months with workshops for parents, children, sports events and lots of after school clubs.

The children continue to work hard in their lessons and at Tredington we have had a science afternoon where the children spent the session planning and carrying out investigations. Further in the newsletter there are updates for all the classes.

Mrs Welsby

Golden Ticket Tulia Henry Patrick Evie

Attendance for February 2017

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Reception - 90%

Year 1 - 85%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 84%

Year 4 - 82%

Year 5 - 90%

Year 6 - 87%

Hopefully you should now be receiving your Weekly Bulletin, that gives you an overview of events in the up and coming week, letters that have gone out and events in the near future. This is sent as an electronic copy only as we are trying to reduce the amount of paper communications that we send home.

If you still receive a paper copy of this News Letter we urge you to let us know if you can receive it electronically as it not only saves money but the time of the staff to photocopy and distribute it each month.



Time to start collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. In the past we have saved enough token to get football goal posts, cookery equipment and play time games.

Collection boxes are at both sites - please ask friends and neighbours to get collecting too.

Maths Update!

It's been a busy few weeks for us this half term when it comes to maths! Recently we were lucky enough to have an artist visit us in school to show us how we can use our mathematical skills to create a piece of artwork. The children were extremely attentive and took great care in using their knowledge of symmetry, patterns and shape to work at their pictures. Over the past few weeks, we have also been looking at how we can encourage our pupils to become more fluent with their grasp of number and calculations. Therefore, we have put into place some short fluency sessions in the afternoons where we encourage the children to practise key skills either to consolidate previous learning or to prepare them for an upcoming area of maths. The session content can vary from times table practise, to number bonds, shape properties, adding and subtracting mentally amongst many others. Any additional practise that you could give your child(ren) at home with these skills will always be beneficial! Please see your child's teacher for any help or pointers!

Class Update - Emerald Class

Emerald Class are still enjoying their 'Out of this world' topic. They enjoyed a 'wow' moment in science when they propelled a rocket into the air using a chemical reaction between water and a vitamin c tablet.



They have also been researching how craters are made and why there are more craters on the Moon than Earth. Did you know that because there is no weather on the Moon, you can still see the first foot step created in 1969? Using a tray of flour covered in cocoa powder, the children dropped rocks to see how asteroids cause craters.



After School Clubs

For the summer term we will send out one after school clubs letter for the whole summer term. Please check the dates that the clubs are running carefully. Children will be able to choose a number of clubs. However we have had issues this term where children have started to pick and choose when they attend the clubs. Once they have signed up they must attend each week unless they are ill or have an appointment. The staff running the clubs plan each week for the children on the register and missing children can have an effect on the planning. We have had to turn children down as a club is over subscribed only to find that children with a place are not attending. Once subscribed to a club please ensure your child attends each week.

Easter Service at St David's Newbold

Wednesday 5th April 2.30pm

Please collect all children from Newbold at the end of the school day. If you are not available to collect from church the children will be taken back to school at Newbold. The school buses will run as normal but please let us know if you would

like us to put your child on the bus back to Tredington at the end of the school day.



Church club - Easter Explore

The church will be running an after school activity session on Friday 7th April.

3.30pm - 5.15pm at Tredington school.

Please return your slips to the school office if you would like to attend.

Class Update - Sapphire Class

This term in Sapphire class, we have been looking at mountains and climbing! We have studied the different mountain ranges around the world and are beginning to look at the different types of climbing. In Science, we have looked at plants and what they need to survive, and have moved onto becoming Personal Trainers and learning about the human body and how we use our bodies to move!

Class Update - Ruby Class



March has been very busy month for Ruby class.

We had fun at World Book Day and dressed up as our favourite characters. We made wishing boxes and put inside our hopes for the future.

In RE Year 1 have been exploring their senses. We made messages to God using natural resources.

Reception have enjoyed playing in our role play area

of 'Mog and the V.E.T.'
We really enjoyed singing our Mother's Day song. 'We love you Mum!'

Hello! Just a short note about our running club. So far, we have been learning about how to use a suitable technique to help us run safely. The children have been practising how to pace themselves for long periods of exercise, as well as learning how to sprint and accelerate - even when they are tired! All of the children have made progress and improved in their technique and fitness and we hope to see them continue over the coming weeks. Don't forget that if you are interested in continuing running outside of school, there are many local Park Run groups that run on a Saturday morning where you can have a go at a free 5km run. Please see the park run website below for more information - you may even spot some members of staff at some! Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page to see who our SuperStar runners have been each week.

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Shipston High School Annual Cross Country Event

We will be taking all the children fro Year 1 to 6 to the annual cluster cross country event at Shipston High School on Monday 3rd April. We will catch the bus for the event that runs 2-3pm. The children get the chance to have a go at the cross country course with their friends. It is great fun and everyone gets to have a go.

We will be back at school for a normal end of the day.

School Council Bacon Butty

Don't forget bacon butties for 50p on Friday 7th April for children at Tredington

(We hope to extend this to Newbold next time if it is a success.)



Thank you to everybody who visited our Mothers Day Secret Room, we hope everybody was pleased with their gifts.

Upcoming events: Blue Peter Badge Workshop - 5th May Chocolate Bingo - 12th May

There will be a non-school uniform day on THURSDAY 27th APRIL.

If you would like your child to come to school in non school uniform please could you donate a chocolate prize for our upcoming Bingo night on Friday 12th May. More information to follow.

Next Meeting Tuesday 25th April @ The Fuzzy Duck. 8pm

Class Update - Amber Class

This last term Amber Class have been learning about the Romans in Topic and English. In Science, electricity has taken the lead and in Maths it's all been about adding, fractions and measurements.

Maths focus:

Amber Class have been learning about equivalent, adding and subtraction fractions and their relationships to decimals. Next they went onto look at metric conversion in measurements. Finally they are studying quadrilaterals and all of their properties: angles, parallels and symmetry.

English:

Spelling tends to take the form of spelling rules rather a list of actual words, although not always, and is usually on a Monday. Tuesday tends to be grammar day with the remaining three days as text types. This term our Literacy will be connected to our topic of Rome; where they have been writing a biography on Julius Caesar, rewriting their own Roman Myth and developing their arguing skills with a balanced argument.

Science:

Science has seen us investigate electricity with lively class discussion on



whether some forms of electricity were manmade or natural. The children have drawn and made their own circuits; checked materials for insulators or conductors and included switches and buzzers into those circuits.



Topic:

Romans. To begin with it took a geography curve with the children studying volcanoes, in particular Mount Vesuvius. Next they looked at the make-up of the Roman Army and finally the Roman invasion of Britain.



Bea
James B
Jessica
Eleanor
Angel
Daniel C

Charlie
Amelia
Thomas
Jack F
Curtis
Morgan

Dates for 2017:

Wednesday 5th April Easter Service at St David's Newbold-2.30pm

Friday 7th April School Council Bacon Butty at break for Tredington children

Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm at Tredington

Church Club Art 3.30-5.15pm

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

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
Wednesday 5th July
Wednesday 12th July
Thursday 13th July
Spring Fever Week
Reserve Sports Day
End of term Production
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

Wednesday 19th July Leavers' Service 2pm at St Gregory's Tredington

Picnic on the Field