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



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### Our value for Collective Worship is Responsibility

Having only had two weeks in April, the May News Letter has come around very fast! All the children at Tredington have been on trips this month and there will be more photographs and reports to follow in the next News Letter. We have also had sports coaching for netball from Kelly Stepney in curriculum time and are looking forward to introducing football during May.

For all the year 6 children, all we ask is they do their best next week and we will celebrate when the week is over. Just remember children that SATs is just four days in your whole school career and you have already achieved so much and have an enormous amount to celebrate. Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Welsby



Emerald Family Assembly NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 23RD JUNE TO 14TH JULY 2017 Attendance for March and April 2017
Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Reception - 93% Year 1 - 80% Year 2 - 93%

Year 2 - 93% Year 3 - 89%

Year 4 - 91%

Year 5 - 92%

Year 6 - 90%

Attendance low due to chicken pox and illness across the school

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.



Last few days to hand in 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.

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who are absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. 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.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is '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.

#### After School Clubs

For the summer term, we have sent 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.



Upcoming events: Chocolate Bingo - 12th May

Next Meeting Tuesday 20th June @ The Fuzzy Duck. 8pm

## School Trips



Chedworth Villa



Climbing at Far Peak

Space Centre

Sunday 21st May - Rogation Sunday

The Bishop of Coventry will be leading a

Rogation Service at Mansell Farm, Newbold

at 10 am

(The farm is on the right of Armscote Road as you leave the village)

The service will take place in the new farm buildings and will be followed by:

A Pig Roast with a barrel of beer and other drinks to accompany it!

The food is free but there will be collections for the work of Christian Aid & Shipston Home Nursing.

There will be displays showing the new housing development

Plus the archaeologists will mount a display of the recently discovered Neolithic remains recovered from the building site.

Do come and join us!

Dates for 2017:

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

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 Emerald Class Family 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

Thursday 20th July End of term

Friday 21st July Staff training day for school and nursery