

Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School

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Our value for Collective Worship is FORGIVENESS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I can't believe how quickly this year is going. As ever the summer term is a busy one with numerous sporting events, the residential trip to Croft Farm, school trips, the mystery trip for Year 6, to name but a few activities. We have one more training day on the calendar on 25th May 2018 when the school and Nursery will be closed for the day.

Mrs Welsby

Headteacher

Shipston High School Annual Cross Country Event

We will be taking all the children from Year 1 to 6 to the annual cluster cross country event at Shipston High School on Wednesday 25th 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.

Golden Ticket
Katie H

Don't forget BIKEABILITY (Year 5 & 6)
17th & 24th April 2018

Remember your bikes and helmets. Please bring bikes to the front of school by the office.

PTFA NEWS

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

Upcoming events: Fathers' Day Secret Room 15th June 2018

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th April @ The George, Shipston. 8pm

An update about Maths at Newbold & Tredington!

Well hasn't time flown by! I can't believe that it's the Summer term already! The children have been extremely busy in the last few weeks and there's been lots of practical learning taking place in the classrooms. As discussed at the Greater Depth Parent's Evening before the Easter holidays, we are having a real push on developing the mathematical reasoning skills of our children and the teachers are working extremely hard to generate lessons that really challenge the children's thinking and ability to talk through their ideas.

Being able to reason is crucial to instilling a secure understanding of mathematical concepts and recent research is showing that by developing a child's ability to discuss ideas and generate their own conclusions, they will develop into more confident and able mathematicians.

As a school, we are encouraging our children to reason by asking them to prove answers through a variety of representations. Some of these representations may include physically making a calculation with equipment, drawing pictures or diagrams to show thinking, writing number sentences or speaking about the maths that is taking place. Therefore, we want to encourage children to show their ideas in as many ways as possible so that they demonstrate how truly secure they are.

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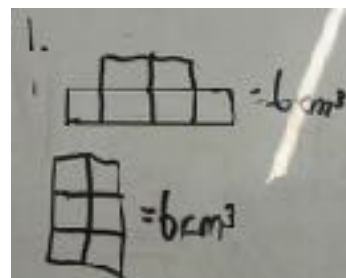
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Two of my favourite quotes from the mathematician and researcher Jo Boaler are:

'Maths is about learning not performing'

And

'Depth is more important than speed'

So just remember that the key thing is that it is **not how quickly** you can recite number facts, but how you can **use and apply them flexibly** to a wide range of problems as a way to help your brain make connections to solve problems efficiently.

Date for your Diary: Greater Depth Evening for Parents on Fractions, Thursday 28th June 2018 from 7:00-8:00pm. It will still be appropriate for all as we will touch on all aspects of fractions, not just the Greater Depth elements!

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).

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

DIARY DATES:	
Monday 16th April	Back to school
Tuesday 17th April	PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 25th April	Primary Cross Country Year 1 to 6 (2-3pm)
Wednesday 2nd May	Quad kids 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 4th May	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm
Tuesday 8th May	PTFA Meeting
Monday 14th May	SATs week
Tuesday 15th May	Football Year 3/4 4-5.30pm SHS
Wednesday 16th May	Football Year 5/6 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 18th May	Emerald Class Assembly
Monday 21st May	Enterprise week
Friday 25th May 2018	Staff training Day (School and Nursery closed)

Thursday 7th June	High 5 netball
Friday 8th June	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm
Monday 11th June	Croft Farm Week
Tuesday 12th June	PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 13th June	Cross of Nails Pilgrimage - Change of date. Now 4th October 2018
Friday 15th June	Fathers' Day BBQ 5.30-7.30pm
Thursday 21st June	Rounders 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 22nd June	Sports Day Link Day
Monday 25th June	Retreat for Year 6
Friday 29th June	Ruby Class Assembly
Monday 2nd July	Spring Fever Week
Wednesday 4th July	Kwik Cricket 12-2.30pm SHS Y5/6
Wednesday 11th July	Tredington Production
Thursday 12th July	Tredington Production
Thursday 19th July	Leavers' Service 2pm Picnic on the Field
Friday 20th July	Last day of term
Monday 3rd September 2018	First Day of Term
2nd October 2018	Cross of Nails arriving from Ilmington
4th October 2018	Cross of Nails Pilgrimage to Brailes