



NEWSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter.

September 2024

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all the pupils, parents and staff. We hope you had a good summer.

I would also like to say a warm welcome to all our new families that have joined us.

The children returned to school yesterday, incredibly well and over the next few days will settle into their new classes and new routines.

Uniform

The children looked very smart yesterday in their new uniforms. Thank you for ensuring the uniform is in line with what we expect the children to wear when they come to school. Could you please ensure your child's name is in all uniform please so if things do get lost we can get them back to the right child. Thank you.

Home-time

Can I take this opportunity just to remind you about who can take your child home if you are unavailable. If you need someone

Autumn Term Diary Dates

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3 September 2024 - School re-opens to children at 9.00am

12 September 2024 - Swimming begins for Year 4 children in Maple Class. (further details below)

19 September 2024 - Dogs Trust Workshops for KS2 children and an assembly.

20 September 2024 - INSET DAY - School closed to children.

WB 7 October 2024 - Parents Evening Week

17 October 2024 - PTA Halloween Disco - 4:00-5:30pm

18 October 2024 - Break-Up for Half-Term

HALF-TERM

4 November 2024 - School re-opens to children at 9.00am

6 November 2024 - Flu immunisations.

15 November 2024 - Children In Need Day

4 December 2024 - PTA Christmas Fair 3:45-6:00pm

11 December 2024- Christmas Dinner Day

11 December 2024 - Willow and Acorn Christmas Nativity - 9:30am.

12 December 2024- Elm Christmas Nativity - 9:30am and 5:00pm.

17 December 2024 - Attendance certificates assembly.

18 December 2024 - Christmas Party Day

19 December 2024 - Pine, Maple and Oak Christmas Church Concert - 2:00pm and 5:00pm

20 December 2024 - Break-Up for the Christmas Holidays

6 Jan 2025 - School re-opens to children

INSET DAYS 2024-2025

Friday 20th September 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

Monday 23rd May 2025

Leave of absence during term time - I would please ask that if any holidays are to be taken during term time you consider using the INSET days to make your holiday more cost effective and reduce the amount of days children are absent from school. Please note: 3 days of absence within a 6 week period puts children within the persistent absence category with Nottinghamshire County Council (illness or

else to collect your child from school, **you must** call the school office during the day or inform your child's class teacher in the morning. Other parents cannot just arrive to collect children without us knowing. We will question this and make a phone call to you to check as this falls under a school's safeguarding duties. If older siblings are collecting children from school, they need to be at least 15 years old in this circumstance.

Yr6 children - Walking home alone.

All children up to Year 6 require someone to collect them from school. At Year 6 we do allow children to walk home on their own. There is a permission form that will need to be filled in if this is something you would like your Year 6 child to do.

INSET DAY

Our first INSET day of the school year is on **Friday 20th September 2024.** This is much sooner than we would normally have an INSET day, however the training that is being delivered to us can only be done on this day.

Attendance.

Attendance is a high priority this year as too many children last academic year did not achieve good attendance across the whole of the school year. Good attendance is classed as a percentage of 96% or more. We also had a very high percentage of children falling into the persistent absence category. This is when a child has 3 days / 6 sessions of absence within a 6 week period.

As you are aware, children who do not regularly attend school are at risk of falling behind in their education and gaps appear in their knowledge due to the fast-paced nature of the curriculum we teach.

A link to the policy can be found below. Please take time to read the policy and understand the monitoring arrangements that are now in place if attendance falls to around 93%.

If you require a paper copy of the policy please contact the school office.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact the school office.

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Leave of absence

Can I just remind you that leave of absences are not encouraged during term time as it impacts your child's education.

Attendance Matters



I have put in links to the school's website calendar and the Nottinghamshire County Council school holiday calendar so you are aware when the school holidays are.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/school-holiday-and-term-dates>

<https://www.newstead.notts.sch.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>

If you do take a leave of absence during term time, we still require a form to be filled in. These can be obtained from the school office.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS

We are glad to announce that we will be competing in sports competitions once again. We will be competing in the GHD Active Games against other schools in the local area in many different sports. The competitions will be mainly for KS2 children but there will be some opportunity for KS1 children to compete too. Our first competition will be a Yr5/6 Tag Rugby competition for Year 5 and 6. If your child is chosen for any competition, they will receive a letter to bring home.



School Organiser / Reading Diary

The children will be given their new organiser this week. This organiser is for the academic year and has resources within it they will need to learn over the course of the year.

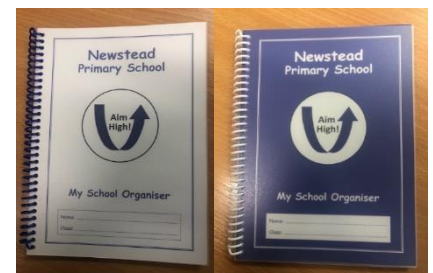
The organiser also includes the children's reading diary.

You will see within the reading diary pages there is a column for parents to sign, this is to show that you have been reading with your child at home.

We would like all children to be reading **at least 4 times a week at home.**

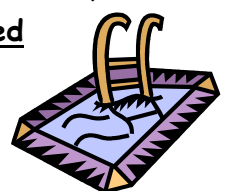
Reading at home to practice the skills that have been taught in school is essential to your child's reading development and progress.

If the organiser happens to get lost there will be a £3.00 replacement charge.



Year 4 Swimming

From Thursday 12th September 2024 to the 7th February 2025 our Year 4 children will be going swimming. This year the children will be organised into two groups due to higher pupil numbers. You will receive an additional letter with the specified dates your child will go swimming. Swimming lessons will be at Hucknall Leisure Centre on a Thursday afternoon. The children will swim from 2:15pm until 3:00pm so will be back just in time for home time. They will be transported to the leisure centre using the school mini-bus. All children will require the appropriate swim wear. They will need a towel. Girls require a swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis). Boys need **fitted**




swimming trunks/tight shorts (they are not allowed to wear loose fitting shorts with pockets). If your child needs to wear goggles to swim a letter needs to be signed and returned to school. Goggle letters can be collected from the school office. Long hair needs to be tied up or a swimming cap must be worn.

30 Hours Childcare Provision

Newstead Primary School now offer up to 30 hours free childcare provision. If you, or you know someone who may require childcare for 3-year-olds please ensure you either contact the school office or look on our website for the information. We currently have spaces for anyone in or out of the catchment area to access this provision.


<https://www.newstead.notts.sch.uk/nursery-admissions-15-and-30-hours-childcare/>

School office - 01623 753681



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Visit: www.newstead.notts.sch.uk

Together as One Collaboration.

Newstead Primary School is proud to be working with a formal collaboration of schools in the local community known as 'Together As One'. We are a group of five schools growing together with a commitment to professional learning that enables life-transforming educational opportunities for our pupils. The other schools within the collaboration are:

- [Abbey Gates Primary](#)
- [Annesley Primary School](#)
- [Morven Park Primary School](#)
- [Orchard Primary School](#)

Our strategic plan is centred on three key priorities:

Priority 1: *Children who are confident and resilient learners, prepared for the future.*

Priority 2: *Staff who are valued and supported with opportunities for growth.*

Priority 3: *Together we are aspirational, nurturing and forward looking.*



Parent Governors.

Keep a look out next week for parent governor nomination forms being sent home with the children. If you think this is something that would interest you, you can always pop in and have a chat about what this role entails. We have two parent vacancies currently.

UNIFORM

All the children look really smart in their new uniforms at the beginning of this term.

HOODIES / SPORTS TOPS

Hoodies and sports tops are NOT part of our school uniform. If the children come to school in these they will be asked to hang them up in the cloakroom, they are not to be worn in the classroom. Navy blue jumpers and cardigans are available from the school office or local supermarkets.

PE KITS

The children are required to wear 'school colours as part of their PE Kit (Navy or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt). Any brightly coloured kits are not allowed. PE kits are available to purchase from the school office.

JEWELLERY

Necklaces and rings are not appropriate for the children to wear in school. If your child wears earrings, they must be small studs. Your child must be able to remove their own earrings for PE or plasters must be worn over the top. Plasters must be provided from home. Children can wear a watch.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL DINNERS?

The government provides extra funding to schools for each child who qualifies for free school meals. If your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Willow and Elm Classes) this DOES NOT automatically trigger this funding it needs to be applied for. This is simply done, over the phone, on the following number (0300 500 80 80) if you receive one of the following benefits. Parents of children in Oak, Maple and Pine class can also apply for free school meals using the same number.

Benefits:

- Income support
- Jobseekers allowance
- Employment support allowance
- Child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state pension credit.
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year.



SCHOOL DINNERS - Pine, Maple and Oak Class

School dinners cost £2.70 a day (£13.50a week) and MUST be paid for in advance or on the days itself.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

All children in Willow and Elm Class are entitled to a FREE school lunch under the governments Universal Free School Meal Scheme.

MILK

You must register online at www.coolmilk.com for your child to receive milk. If your child is under 5 they will receive free milk but you must still register them.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please feel free to contact school with any queries or questions and we will be happy to help.

Telephone - 01623 753681

Email - office@newstead.notts.sch.uk

