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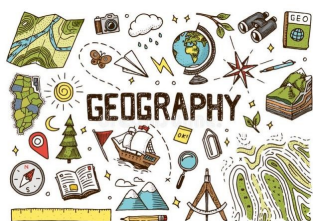
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Dear Children & Parents,

Last Thursday (26th January), the county's geography leader, who is also a secondary school advisor, and thirty geography leaders from schools near and far came to Newlands for their termly meeting. Mrs Sealey and Mr Gray spent about an hour and a half presenting the school's geographical journey, curriculum and Ofsted experience to the group. The group also had a time to tour the school and saw a whole variety of lessons including clay work in Yr5, PE in Yr6 and children from Yr1 in various locations mapping the school. One visitor commented to Miss Thompson that, 'we'd put it on' for them and she informed them that this was just a 'normal Newlands day!' Another visitor comments that the school was, 'amazing,' and that it was, 'great to see all the children engaged and working so hard.' 'Your children are fabulous!' was her final point. The county advisor was also delighted and has informed the county's education manager about the afternoon, as well as our own LLP, and has already requested to return to us for another meeting in May. The reputation of our wonderful school, our amazing children and staff and our broad and balanced curriculum continue to spread!

Just a quick reminder that children aren't allowed to wear scarfs or snoods when they are in school. Children who wear these items for their commute to school will be politely asked to put them in their bags when they arrive and will not be allowed to wear them at break or lunch time. We had relaxed our approach recently, due to the extremely cold weather and with some mitigations in place to ensure the children's safety but now things are back to 'normal', we will be enforcing this policy from Monday (6th February).



Parent Governor vacancy – you will have seen a letter regarding a vacancy for parent governors. If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the school office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by **12.00 noon on Thursday 9th February 2023.**



Key Dates

February 2023

- 10th Break up for half term
- 20th Children Start Back
- 20th FONDS funded chicks arrive in school

March 2023

- 2nd World Book Day
- 6th Parent's Evening 3:30pm—6:30pm
- 7th FONDS funded poetry workshops with James Carter
Book Fair arrives - more details to follow
- 8th Parent's Evening 4:30pm—7:30pm
- 17th Sport Relief (Provisional date)
- 31st Colour Team Morning (with parents)
- 31st Break up for Easter at 1:30pm

April 2023

- 17th INSET—School closed to children
- 18th Children Start Back

May 2023

- 8th School closed for Bank Holiday
- 9th KS2 SATs Starts
- 26th Break up for half term

June 2023

- 5th Children Start Back
- 16th Den Building afternoon with parents
- 30th INSET—School closed to children

July 2023

- 10th Y6 Production Filming
- 11th Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal
- 12th Y6 Production Evening
- 13th Y6 Production Evening
- 14th Annual Reports to Parents
- 17th Newlands' Got Talent Festival
- 18th Sports Day
- 20th Y6 Leavers' Service
- 21st Break up for Summer at 1.30pm

PTO for class photos.



Silver Birch Class, January 2023

This term we are reading 'The Enchanted Wood'. Our class are creating our own worlds, for the children to go into, at the top of the Enchanted Tree. We have been learning to write a setting of a story, ready to write our own chapter of 'The Enchanted Wood'. Last term we went to Butser Farm as part of our topic Stone Age to Iron Age. We had a look at things that were made in the Stone Age and how it was different to what we have now. For example the Stone Age people had stone weapons and the Iron Age had iron objects such as shields. We had fun learning about how the Stone Age and Iron Age people lived differently to how we do today. The Iron Age people had houses made of wood and animal dung, with straw rooves. In the Iron Age they also had fences around their villages with one door, so that people could only go in and out through one gate. We had chance to be archaeologists and found different things like cow bells and other metal objects. Anything made of wood did not survive as it rotted away. Metal and bone objects were left in the ground and people today still find them. (Written by Ivy and Mia)

In Year 3 we went to Butser in November last year. It was a really great trip. Our class would like to share the photographs of what we did.

