



HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

September has absolutely flown by, I can't really believe we have been back for four weeks. Last week I had the privilege of looking through Maths books across the school. I was so impressed by the children's commitment to learning and understanding new concepts. I was also blown away by the quantity of the work the children have produced.

A few weeks ago I commented on how fantastic the children looked in their school uniform. I'm very thankful to you all for your commitment to ensuring the children come to school suitably dressed and ready for a day of fun and active learning. We are however starting to notice a number of children in inappropriate footwear. Our policy is clear on expectations (all black shoes (no boots of any sort)) and has been set to include for parents/children a range of styles that can be bought at various price points. If you are unsure, please do read the uniform policy www.newlandsprimary.net/uniform. We are also starting to see a large number of unnamed items around the school, please do make sure that all items are named so that they can be quickly returned to their owners.

Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables. We ask families to avoid heavily processed food and so ask children to bring raw fruit and vegetables. Children with unhealthy snacks will be asked to put them back into their bags and save them for when they get home. Infant pupils have fruit and vegetables available, provided free of charge. Within the school we do have a number of children with severe food allergies, hence our request that pupils do not bring dairy or nut based foods in, including Nutella, peanut butter and that snacks are never shared.



Key Dates

October 2023

- 2nd **Deadline for Parent Governor applications**
- 2nd Phonics Information meeting for years R, 1 and 2 at 2:30pm
- 2nd Harvest donations start for the Community Pantry at Yateley Industries
- 2nd FONDS AGM
- 5th Reception Year 2024 Open Event at 9:00am
- 16th Parents Evenings 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- 18th Parents Evenings 4:30pm to 7:30pm
- 20th Break up for half term at 3.10pm

FONDS AGM 2023 Monday 2nd October @ 3:20



This year's AGM will be held at Newlands School in the main hall. Children are welcome to come along as we will have an area with some toys to keep them occupied during the meeting

Please come join us to hear what we do and we welcome any new joiners to the PTA

Our Agenda

- Explanation of FONDS
- Evaluation of Finances and expenditure in the previous academic year
- Vote in volunteers for key roles.
- Plan Target For The Next Year
- Understand Schools needs for this academic year

Straight after school on Monday is our FONDS (PTA) AGM. FONDS do an amazing job for the school, raising valuable funds and organising events that enrich the school experience for the children. We are always looking for new members and new ideas. All are welcome. There will be no pressure to sign up to anything. Come along and discuss ways that we can make the Newlands experience even better for the children.



Year 3 - Willow Class

Wow! What a busy start to this academic year for Year 3! We have been learning so much from securing our place value knowledge in Maths using different resources, looking at two different books in English, which are Stone Age Boy- our favourite so far— and we have also looked at The Boy with the Bronze Axe. We have discovered lots about the journey in a computer without even using a laptop! We have also enjoyed doing lots of drama activities in our lessons too- they are always lots of fun!

