



HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

Wow! Where did this heat come from, it makes a change to rain we are used to seeing in the first few days of September. It feels strange to be thinking about sun safety as opposed to testing our wet break procedures. The children have settled back into school remarkably quickly. The school feels very calm and purposeful. The children look fantastic in their uniforms and a big thank you to parents for really embracing the uniform policy. It makes a big difference when the children look smart and are comfortable, and able to focus on learning and friendships rather than worry about what they or others are wearing.

It has been lovely to welcome our new Chestnut class. Whenever I get bit bored of being in my office, I like to take a walk to reception. The children have been very proudly writing their names for me, drawing rainbow dinosaurs, preparing snacks and playing in the mud. My particular favourite was hearing about the jobs they want to do when they grow up with budding doctors and palaeontologists.

The highlight of my week has definitely been being back at Newlands on a full-time basis. I love being out on the gate each morning, seeing the children excitedly coming into school. It also given me chance to talk to parents without the need for organising meetings through the office.

In addition to welcoming Chestnut class we have a number of new starters across the year groups. The children have been extremely welcoming and have helped our starters immediately feel part of the Newlands family. I'm also very excited to announce that Miss Nicholas has joined us as an LSA, primarily working in Y6. Unfortunately next week we say goodbye to Miss Creswell and give her our best wishes as she heads off to University.

William Neighbour
Headteacher



We have some tables and chairs that we no longer need if anyone would like them? They are free of charge but a donation to the school is always welcome!

They are available on a first come first served basis (sorry we cannot reserve); They can be collected from the school car park at any time.

- x 2 square tables (1.10 x 1.10m)
- x 4 rectangular tables (1.10 x 0.55m)
- x 16 brown junior chairs
- x 6 orange junior chairs
- x 5 brown infant chairs



Key Dates

September 2023

20th Curriculum Afternoons

27th Family photographs

October 2023

5th Reception Year 2024 Open Event at 9:00am

16th & 18th Parents Evenings

20th Break up for half term at 3.10pm

30th Children Start Back

November 2023

6th Reception Year 2024 Open Event at 9:00am

14th Flu Immunisation (whole school)

23rd Reception Year 2024 Open Event at 7:00pm

24th INSET - School closed to children

30th Reception Year 2024 Open Event at 9:00am



YEAR R - CHESTNUT CLASS

Chestnut Class have had their first two mornings at Newlands this week. They have all been incredible at coming into school smiling and filling their buckets with positive behaviour! Everyone has made new friends and enjoyed spending time with the friends that they already had. Mr Neighbour popped in to visit the children this morning to see how well they are settling in to their new routine. The digging area has been super busy with lots of treasure being discovered and there have been many mud delicacies made in our mud kitchen. Some of the children even helped to plant some bulbs, so that we will have a colourful garden area in the Spring! We are very much looking forward to starting our phonics learning this coming week.

Well done Chestnut Class for such a brilliant start!

