

# Newlands Primary School

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## Key Dates:

### September 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day - school closed to children

3<sup>rd</sup> Children return to school 8.30am (Y1-6)

24<sup>th</sup> Yateley School Y6 taster day (whole class attends)

25<sup>th</sup> Family/individual school photos

### October 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Open Morning - Yateley School

4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Open Morning - Yateley School

7<sup>th</sup> INSET Day - school closed to children

8<sup>th</sup> Bikeability, Y6

25<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term at 3.10pm

### November 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

25<sup>th</sup> INSET Day - school closed to children

### December 2024

13<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations

20<sup>th</sup> Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

### January 2025

6<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

### February 2025

14<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term at 3.10pm

24<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

### April 2025

4<sup>th</sup> Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Newlands team, we would like to welcome you back to the new school year and especially welcome our new families. We hope to meet you and say hello over the next couple of weeks. I will be on the gate tomorrow during drop off and collection, whilst Mrs Owens will be around at collection time. Please do come and say hello! We are very much looking forward to seeing the children's smiles and shiny new shoes (always my favourite thing when I was a child at school) and hearing all about their summer holidays.

We must pass on our thanks to our business manager, Mrs Jackie Moore for her hard work over the summer, organising and supervising site visits. Our thanks also to the teaching team, who have spent time preparing their classrooms, ready to welcome their new children. Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Diane Martin and I will be working as Head of School, 4 days a week, for the autumn term. I am currently deputy head at a school in Farnborough and I am very excited to have been given this opportunity to take care of Newlands School for this term.

Mrs Danielle Owens will also be supporting the school as Executive Headteacher, 2 days a week, for the autumn term. She is currently Headteacher of a Primary School in Basingstoke and has been a Headteacher for 11 years, so will be bringing lots of experience with her.

Mrs Diane Martin and Mrs Danielle Owens.

## Staff News

### Welcome

We are pleased to be welcoming five new members of staff to the Newlands team. Mr Francis Donegan, Mrs Sushma Masangari and Mr Jacob Sealey, are joining our LSA team. Miss Olivia Till is our new teacher in Rowan Class, Year 6 and Mrs Rebecca Ware is our new teacher in Willow Class, Year 1. They are very much looking forward to getting to know the children.

### New SENCo

Alongside teaching in lower school for part of the week, Mrs Sam Da Silva will be taking on the role of SENCo this year. Mrs Da Silva has spent some time working alongside our previous SENCo, during the summer term and is looking forward to meeting the families of the children she will be supporting. She will be in contact soon. If you would like to make an appointment, please do so through the school office.

## Be School Ready

If your little one is gearing up to start primary school this September, **Be School Ready** is here to help you and make this exciting journey smooth, fun, and full of learning. Or, if your child is starting secondary or post-primary school, check out our Be School Ready guide for secondary school starters below.



This guide is packed with information, tips and advice for parents whose children are starting school this September.

### Starting primary school – Read the guide online

<https://beschoolready.parentkind.org/>

### Starting primary school – Download the guide (PDF)

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/membership-assets/Be-School-Ready-2024-guide-primary-school.pdf>

### Starting secondary school – Download the guide (PDF)

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/resources/BSR-Secondary-V11-KF.pdf>



## WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Newlands Primary School:

- \*Mrs Diane Martin
- \*Mrs Danielle Owens
- \*Mrs Laura Harris

They can be contacted through the school office via email [enquiries@newlands.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newlands.sch.uk) or telephone on **01252871188**

**Safeguarding Governor: Mr Rob Sales**

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For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit our school website or ask at the school office.