# **Newlands Primary School**

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#### **Key Dates:**

#### September 2024

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

25th Family/individual school photos

30<sup>th</sup> Frogmore College Y6 open morning (whole class attends)

#### October 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> FONDS AGM, 7.30pm school hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Menu change for Census (roast beef or plant based burger)

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

4th Year 6 Open Morning - Yateley School

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

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

25th Break up for half term at 3.10pm

### November 2024

4th Children return to school

25th INSET Day - school closed to children

#### December 2024

13th Flu vaccinations

20th Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

#### January 2025

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

## February 2025

14th Break up for half term at 3.10pm

24th Children return to school

## April 2025

4th Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

## Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have certainly been taking advantage of the lovely weather this week. During my time outside at lunchtimes, it has filled me with joy to see the children developing resilience, showing kindness and caring for the fantastic grounds; demonstrating teamwork which we focused on in assembly last week. Year 6 have definitely picked the best week for their residential at Calshot Activities Centre and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures next week.

This week, whilst continuing with our assembly theme of 'Belonging', we have been reflecting on how, as a school community we work together to promote fairness, safety and inclusivity. Through pupil voice, I have had the opportunity to listen to the children's thoughts and ideas in all areas of school life.

During my class visits throughout the week, each year group were engaged with and able to inform me of their curriculum journey. Year 1 were keen to show me their place value work, Year 2 are loving their class text in English, Year 3 have been engaged with their Stone Age learning, Year 4's art work is making good progress and Year 5 have been discovering more about space.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 'meet the teacher' event next week. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be sent home.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Martin and the team at Newlands.

## **Class reading Corners**

I am hoping your child has come home this week to share their excitement about the new reading corners each class has developed. Reading is an area we are focusing on in school and my hope is that the children at Newlands will further develop a thirst for reading for pleasure, seeing reading as an exploration.

I am passionate about the importance of being able to read. There is growing evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development.

My vision for Newlands is to ensure the library is at the heart of the school, a place to allow imaginations to roam free, knowledge to grow and enjoyment of texts, empowering every child.

**Top tips** to help us in this journey in fostering a love of reading: Share some quality reading time with your child, talk with them about the meanings of unfamiliar words, play eye spy on journeys, read a page of their book with them. Thank you for supporting us to ensure your child makes good progress while at Newlands.

# **School website / Newsletters**

While, I am reviewing and updating the school website, I will be sending home a bi-weekly newsletter, which will contain information about your child's learning in school - a glimpse into the classrooms! A bulletin with key information, FONDS news and updates / reminders about trips etc., will be sent in the interim weeks.

#### Stars of the Week - 13.9.24 + 20.9.24

Willow class - George, Cameron, Amelia + Clara

Oak class –Alice, Hope, Finley + Teddy

Silver Birch class – Levi, Maks, Rose + Hideaki

Maple class – Bryn, Ella, Carmela + Harper

Beech class - Wiktoria, Isabel, Emily + Elliot

Rowan class - Alfie + Tia











Year R and Year 1



## 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 (DDSL)

They can be contacted through the school office via email enquiries@newlands.sch.uk or **telephone on 01252 871188 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.