

Newlands Primary School

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Key Dates:

September 2024

2nd INSET Day - school closed to children

3rd Children return to school 8.30am (Y1-6)

24th Yateley School Y6 taster day (whole class attends)

25th Family/individual school photos

October 2024

3rd Year 6 Open Morning - Yateley School

4th Year 6 Open Morning - Yateley School

7th INSET Day - school closed to children

8th 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

6th 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,

What a fantastic first week back the children at Newlands have had. They have been amazing, settling back into the school routines quickly as well as making me feel so welcome. It has been an absolute delight to see the children's enthusiasm for learning when visiting their classrooms throughout the week.

Our assembly theme for this half term is 'Belonging'. We began the week thinking about how we are all part of one big school community and we can demonstrate togetherness throughout the school day. The children shared their thoughts about what I would see as a new person in the school and the areas they might want to focus on for their own development as they start a new school year. During celebration assembly today, we reflected on what we have done to make ourselves feel proud. I have shared with the children that I have been impressed with the kindness and thoughtfulness modelled around the school, which has made me feel proud to be a part of the Newlands school community. Everyone working together to ensure they can 'be the best they can be'.

As we approach the end of the first week back at school, I am delighted to welcome all the new children into Chestnut class and many other children in all the other year groups. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you all, to ensure your child flourishes; taking every opportunity to be happy, healthy, joyful and curious.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Martin and the team at Newlands.

School drop off and collection - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

From Monday 9th September we will be trialling a new system for the pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to enter school. After witnessing two near misses in the car park this week, I am concerned around the safety of the pupils waiting at the front of school. Therefore, from Monday you will be able to walk your child through the blue gate at the end of the car park and around the path, to the green gates where a member of staff will be waiting to welcome your child into school. Once there, your child can walk through the playground and into school through the doors nearest to their classrooms. These doors will also have a member of the team waiting to welcome your child in the morning.

At the end of the day, you will be able to enter the playground and collect your child from their class teacher, giving both you and the class teacher, an opportunity to have a quick chat if needed.

If your child has permission to walk home independently then please ask them to stick to the path in order to stay safe.



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

Willow class – Mirabella + Ilias

Oak class – Lex and Ben J

Silver Birch class – Louie + Cameron

Maple class – Penny + Finley

Beech class – Emily + Elliot

Rowan class – Charlie F + Tatiana



Self-Care September

This month, we invite you to join us for the next Action for Happiness calendar, 'Self-Care September'. With over 30 activities that encourage us to find ways to be kinder to ourselves and others.

Self-Care September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential.	2 Notice the things you do well, however small.	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly.	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it.	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes.	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time.	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'.
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed.	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect.	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok.	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy.	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost.	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one.	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break.
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low.	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly.	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself.	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you.	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement.	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories.	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside.
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still.	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you.	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love.	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing.	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents.	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans.	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn.
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself.	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are.					

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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 01252871188

Safeguarding Governor: Mr Rob Sales

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