

Newlands Primary School

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Key Dates: (New dates in red)

December 2024

- 6th Xmas Fayre 5-7pm
- 10th + 11th Infant Nativity
- 13th Flu spray vaccinations
- 16th Juniors Christmas Service 10am @ St Peter's Church
- 19th Xmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- 20th Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

January 2025

- 6th Children return to school

February 2025

- 14th INSET Day
- 24th Children return to school

April 2025

- 4th Break up for Easter at 1:30pm
- 22nd Children return to school

May 2025

- 5th May Bank Holiday – school closed
- 23rd INSET Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of November and the last few weeks of term, I wanted to share how proud I am, of the children at Newlands for their effort and commitment to their learning. The children are so keen to share their learning and tell me how proud they are of their work, I hope that for those of you who were able to join us at Parent Drop-in this week you discovered more about your child's learning journeys and the opportunity for your child to share their work with you.

Despite the weather last week, Year 2 enjoyed their trip to The Sustainability Centre where they discovered more about how animals and plants are suited to their environments. Their display in school demonstrates how they explored habitats in different ways using their senses to discover colour, scent, sound and texture. Scientists in training!

These last two weeks the children have been thinking about how to 'Be Kind', one of our school behaviour for learning values. It has been a delight to watch the children at play, engaging with their new equipment and sharing them with the other children. During assembly, the children were able to share their experiences about how they can 'Be Kind' to the global environment and what they could do to support the local community. A shining example of empathy and commitment the children at Newlands model.

Sadly, today we say goodbye to our school cook, Mrs Phillips-Stafford who is leaving us to start a new job. She has been at Newlands for 11 years and we are so grateful for the lovely meals she cooked for all of us and wish her well. Thankyou!

Lastly, the children in KS1 are busy practising their Nativity and working really hard to learn their songs. We look forward to welcoming you to their performance.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Martin and the team at Newlands.



This half term, KS2 have been introduced to TTRS and have been enjoying using this platform to improve their recall speed and accuracy. It has been great to see the children comparing their scores on the leader board and working to improve their recall speed with some healthy competition. Thank you for supporting us to develop a strong foundation for your children's mathematical learning.

Do Good December – small acts of kindness.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December Kindness 2024	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
	15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025				

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Christmas Fayre – 5-7pm Friday 6th December

We are looking forward to welcoming you next Friday, to the Christmas Fayre. The children are definitely getting excited about the upcoming Christmas activities. Thank you so much for all the donations we have received today for the TOMBOLA. The PTA work tirelessly to ensure they raise as much money as possible for the children in school. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community and share some joy.

Stars of the Week – 22.11.24 + 29.11.24

Chestnut class – Owen, Willow, Harley and Tilly.

Willow class – Jessica, Olivia, Wyatt and Ava.

Oak class – Veronica, Faith, Taryn and Elizabeth.

Silver Birch class – Gabrael, Emily, Liam and Abel.

Maple class – Brooke, Finley, Bryn and Penny.

Beech class – Isabelle, Mia, Jimmy-James and Harrison.

Rowan class – Bella, Maya, Tony-James and Erin.



Year 2 and Year 5



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.hants.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.