Newlands Primary School

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Key Dates: (New dates in red)

December 2024

20th Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

January 2025

6th Children return to school

13th Judo session start

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

June 2025

2nd Children return to school

Attendance

Each week in celebration assembly, the attendance trophy is awarded to the class with the highest attendance for the previous week. Congratulations Year 3 - 94.3%

Today in celebration assembly, we celebrated all of those children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. Congratulations to Mirabella and Liam for being chosen at random to win a prize.

Year 4 were the class with the highest attendance throughout the whole term and have been awarded with extra break time today to celebrate their achievement.

Government target is 95% or better.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of the longest autumn term ever and what a fantastic term it has been! The Christmas lunch yesterday was a highlight of the term, seeing all the children together enjoying the music and chatting about their hopes for the Christmas holidays (including Santa!).

The children at Newlands have had an amazing start to their new classes and all have been excited about their learning and eager to share their successes with me and their classmates. It has been wonderful to come together as a school community every Friday, in celebration assembly as well as during my walks around school when I pop into lessons. A highlight of mine has been the Head teacher 'Tea Party' where children have been able to share their thoughts and feelings about different aspects of school life, whilst giving me a chance to get to know the children better.

Throughout the term, the team here at Newlands have worked tirelessly to ensure the very best opportunities for all children to grow that lifelong love of learning. Working together with you, the parents, ensures we continue to build on those relationships enabling us to learn how best to support your child. I have been delighted to welcome you into the school this year to share your child's learning and celebrate with us their achievements along the way.

Watching the school develop, change and grow has been wonderful. I am pleased to have achieved so many things in such a short space of time to ensure your child and the staff team here, continue to develop and know that the school and its surroundings are valued and cared about. As a school community you all pull together to ensure the children in this school have the very best opportunities.

To continue ensuring the children benefit from new and exciting adventures, I am pleased that I have been able to secure Premier Education to provide PE CPD for staff, enriching the provision at lunchtimes - a great way to keep kids active, after school clubs by qualified coaches and Wraparound provision starting after February half term. I also look forward to seeing the new website design and improvements in the outdoor spaces, which will help to continue to build social skills, whilst fostering friendships and social interactions through playing games, communicating and collaborating. We will also be welcoming a new staff member to support the children in Year 1.

Finally, I personally want to thank all of you and the staff team for your support and kind words, this term and wish you all the best for the rest of the school year and beyond.

Enjoy the time with your families, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of happiness.

Mrs Martín and the team at Newlands.

FONDS

I hope you will all join with me, to thank the wonderful FONDS team for all the time and effort they give, to fundraise and support the children at Newlands. Without their time, effort and commitment, the collaborative projects that bring the whole school community together raising vital funds for the children would not happen.

I am delighted to announce that the Christmas Fayre raised an astonishing £1,600! We know times are hard for families so this is an incredible effort!

Additionally, the ASDA pot scheme has raised a further £118.

All of this money will ensure the FONDS projects in the pipeline will continue to happen to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all pupils.

Stars of the Week

Chestnut class - Hayley, William, Harry and George.

Willow class – Wyatt, Olivia, Jessica, Mirabella, George and Wesley.

Oak class - Holly, Alana, Enya and George

Silver Birch class – Rose, Edie, Amber, Sophie, whole class.

Maple class - Christopher, Oliver, Faye and Ella

Beech class – Lulu, Sienna, Hughie, John, Daisy and Wiktoria.

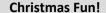
Rowan class - Eoin, Sam, Willis, Alfie, Toby and Adam.



















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)

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