

Newton Regis Primary and Nursery School

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Welcome Newsletter 2017

As a school we would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays. It was lovely to see everyone so bright and breezy this morning on the playground. All our pupils from the youngest to the oldest have settled really well, and long may that continue. We hope that you approve of the changes that have taken place over the summer break. The outdoor area looks much better and the pupils in Ducklings and Harlequin now have a great learning space. The new classroom for Harlequin is looking great and the pupils love their new space. As this class hasn't been used for a while there might be a few teething problems initially, but these will soon be ironed out. Despite our constant nagging, the company who are fixing the play equipment didn't come out in the summer holiday. They are due out on Friday 15th September to replace the damaged equipment.

These first few weeks in school are all about settling in and getting to know each other. We know that all of the staff at Newton will do their utmost to ensure that your children are happy and safe. If you do have any issues then please speak to the class teacher in the first instance as most of the time they can be quickly resolved. Clearly if you feel that you need to speak to the Head or Deputy, please make an appointment at the office. We are very much looking forward to working with all pupils, parents and carers (old and new) over the year.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths Deputy Headteacher

Here are our new topics for this half term...

<i>Ducklings</i>	<i>All about me/Family</i>
<i>Harlequin</i>	<i>Marvelous Me</i>
<i>King Eider</i>	<i>Predators</i>
<i>Mandarin</i>	<i>World War 1</i>

Attendance

Please can we remind you that school starts at 9:00am and that children should be on the playground just before this time so that they are ready for the day to begin. For those parents new to school, the classes gather in circles with their teacher and then enter school. We have decided this year to gather in four circles; Ducklings, Harlequin, King Eider and Mandarin.

If you are arriving at school later than this then please sign in with Mrs Pick at the school office. If your child has a medical appointment first thing in the morning please let Mrs Pick know.

Monies To School

If you are sending in money to the office, could you please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This will help Mrs Pick out in the office and save her many hours of unnecessary work.

With regards to money in school the old £1 coin goes out of circulation from 15th October 2017. We will not accept them in school from this date.

School Dinners

School dinners are available each day at a cost of £2.20. This year a new jacket potato option will also be available, in addition to current choices. Those pupils in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal. Finally if you are in receipt of certain benefits your child might be able to access extra funding known as Pupil Premium. This extra money can be used to support a range of educational resources. If you think you might qualify please come and speak to Mrs Pick.

Linking Schools

We have been looking at linking up with a school which is very different and diverse to our own. We can now officially announce that Acocks Green School in Birmingham will be our link school. A member of staff is being trained up before the half term so that we can develop a long lasting partnership with Acocks Green. One which we know will benefit both schools.

Library Visits

We are very keen this year to link up with local libraries and give pupils the chance to visit the local library in school time. If anyone is available to transport pupils to the library it would very much be appreciated. Please let us know if you could support this so we can get a DBS check completed, and start booking some dates.

Breakfast Club And After School Clubs

We offer a breakfast club, which starts at 7.45 for anyone who is interested. The price of this is £2.50 a day with breakfast and £2 a day without. We also offer a number of after school clubs at both Newton and Austrey, which are £3.50 per session.

Just a reminder that all after school clubs at Austrey will now exit from the small gate at the front of school- Please do not drive onto the school carpark.

Parking

Could we just remind parents and carers that they should not be parking on school grounds. This is a potential health and safety risk. There is plenty of parking at the village hall and at the church end of school. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Volunteers In School

If you feel that you can volunteer a few hours of your time to support pupils in the school, then please let us know. We would need to carry out a DBS check prior to you starting. If you are interested please let Mrs Pick know.

