

Newton Regis Primary and Nursery School

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Design A School Prayer

Many Church of England schools have a school prayer that is sometimes read out in collective worship or at the end of a school day. However, at Newton Regis we don't currently have one. So we want our pupils to design one of their own. The winning design will be used throughout school, put up permanently in the school hall, and there will also be a small prize for our winner.

To give the children some pointers ideally the prayer should...

- Reflect our school values (being the best that we can be)
- Give thanks
- Be thoughtful and reflective
- Not be too long
- Appeal to all ages

Mr Kilkenny will launch the competition after half term and we hope as many pupils as possible will enter.

Spring term 2 newsletter 2017

It has been a really busy term and all classes have been involved in lots of things, both in and out of school. Our netball team performed really well at a recent tournament at Polesworth School and their effort and enthusiasm could not be faulted. We also wish Tilli-Beau good luck as she will soon be representing school in the North Warwickshire cross country finals.

We continue to develop teaching and learning and Miss Kirkby our literacy lead has purchased new resources for spelling and handwriting that will be used to compliment and improve our current practice. With literacy in mind we will also be launching some exciting reading competitions shortly such as an extreme reading challenge and a whole school readathon. Look out for details coming out soon.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny and Miss Meg Griffiths

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

Ducklings

Growing

Harlequin

Bright Lights, Big City / How does that building stay up?

King Eider

Heroes and Villains

Mandarin

Blood Heart

Parking

Just our usual reminder about parking considerately around school, so that our local residents are as inconvenienced as possible at the beginning and end of the school day. Whilst on the subject of parking can we remind parents that unless you have permission from school, you should not be driving onto the staff car park at the start or end of the day, or parking in front of the gates.

Absence From School

If for any reason your child/ren is absent from school, could you please let school know by phone call no later than 9.30 on the first day of absence. You could alternatively pop into the office and let Mrs Pick know in person.

Additional Uniform Provider

We are always trying to improve our service to you as a school, and as such we have added another uniform provider that you can use as well as our existing ones. They are clothing4schools, a local company based at 11 Lower Gungate, Tamworth Staffordshire. You can visit their shop or go online at <http://clothing4schools.com/252-newton-regis-c-of-e-primary> for more details and prices.

Holiday Dates 2016/17

Half Term—Monday 20th—Friday 24th February

School starts—Monday 27th February

School ends—Friday 7th April

Easter Holidays—Monday 10th—Friday 21st April

Inset Day—Monday 24th April

School starts—Tuesday 25th April

Bank Holiday—Monday 1st May

School ends—Friday 26th May

Half Term—Monday 29th—Friday 2nd June

School starts—Monday 5th June

School ends - Friday 21st July.

Some other key dates for the diary

World Book Day: Dress up Thursday 2nd March - Stay and Read in the hall.

Cross Country Y5/6 at Warton: Thursday 2nd March

FPTA Pamper Evening: Thursday 16th March, 7 o'clock start

Non uniform day: Friday 17th March, donation of chocolate

Book Fair Week: Between Monday 20th March-Friday 24th March

Mother's Day Lunch Wednesday 22nd March 12 o'clock

Mother's Day assembly: Thursday 23rd March

Mother's day wrap: Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day: Friday 24th March, wear red for a donation

Dental screening 5 year olds only: Monday 27th March

Maths parent workshop: Tuesday 28th March 2:45pm—More information to follow

FPTA Bags2School: Friday 31st March

Easter Church service: Wednesday 5th April, 2.30 start

FPTA Easter bingo night: Thursday 6th April, 6.30 start

Good behaviour celebration: Friday 7th April

Break up for Easter: Friday 7th April

SATs Revision—Year 6—Tuesday 11th April 10am—2pm.



This Half Term's Stars

Cody, Henry, Hannah, Lydia-Mae, Lily, Thomas C, Louisa, Max, Jessica O, Ashlee, Amelia M, Jai, Harry G, Joel, Lucy, Holly A, Amelia H, Mollie, Vinnie, Tess, Declan, Emily R, Jessica A, Tilli-Beau, Lottie-Rae, Jem, Harry T, Frankie, Rosalie, Rosie, Megan, Patrick, Toby, Isabelle, Theo, Martin, Kit, Austin, Fred, Heidi, Jess, Roma, Emelia, Scarlet, Lydia, Layla, Albie, and Evie.



SATs Revision

Miss Griffiths will be holding a revision session for our Year 6 pupils in the Easter holiday. The date for this is Tuesday 11th April from 10-2. We hope your child/ren will be able to attend. Please bring a packed lunch.



Safer Internet Day

All the children had a fun filled day talking about and doing lots of activities to raise awareness of internet safety. This is something we are always doing as a school and we hope you found the information letter we sent home useful. As we said keep your eyes open for parent workshops coming shortly.

Charges For Swimming

Swimming charges to parents are currently £4 per week, this covers the cost of coach, lesson and instructor. If parents do not pay the voluntary contribution requested school have to make up the difference which we are finding more and more difficult to find each year. Swimming lessons are mandatory until a child can swim 25 metres, this is a condition laid down by the Government, not the school. We hope as many parents will continue to pay for their child's swimming lessons as possible.

Jewellery In School

We seem to be having an increasing number of children wearing jewellery to school, such as rings and necklaces. Also we are seeing wrist bands and other such items being worn. It is school policy that jewellery should not be worn, both for health and safety reasons and to avoid them being stolen.



Changes To The Environment

We have begun to make some small changes to the entrance area of school. We want to reflect both our Christian values and school values, and as such we will be putting up new displays, photos and pupils work shortly to showcase this. We are sure you will approve.

