

Newsletter – 11th March 2022



**Newland
St John's**
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

*Living Together,
Learning Together
and Shining Together
in the Love of God.*

What is coming up ...

- Tuesday 29th March – Class Photographs
- Week beginning 4th April – Experience Easter Events
- Wednesday 6th April – Bike Library – More information to follow
- Thursday 7th April – Easter Fair – after school (information below)

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents and to have the opportunity to talk about learning. If you could not attend a meeting on Wednesday, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the class teacher at another time suitable. The school office number is 01482 305740.



Easter Fair



We will be having an Easter Fair on **Thursday 7th April**. We are planning to have stalls selling buns and cakes, and a range of products made by our children on offer for you to view and purchase. More information to follow soon. In the meantime, we are collecting raffle and Easter hamper prizes – any donations welcome.

Easter Garden

We would like to create an Easter Garden in our outdoor reflective area. If you have any flowering plants/shrubs you can donate for this, please drop them into school before **Thursday 31st March**. The planted garden will be available for you to view during the **Easter Fair on Thursday 7th April**. Donations of plants that are in flower during spring would be appreciated, e.g. daffodils, pansies, violas etc – the brighter the better!



Easter Events

Easter is a very important Christian festival and to help us mark this we will be doing lots of things in school to help us understand this.

We will be working with St John's Newland to create a reflection journey in the church building; the children will visit this and take part in different activities. Our RE lessons and Collective Worship will help us understand the Biblical events of Easter week and also how Easter is celebrated by Christians around the world.



World Book Day



Thank you to everyone for their support of World Book Day. The costumes were amazing and the day really helped the children enjoy a celebration of stories, poems, non-fiction books, story illustration and reading!

Green Fingers

Over half term we had a team from Patt Foundation in school to plant some hedgerows. This is part of an exciting wider planting project which will develop our school site for future generations. Over the next few months, the team will be back to plant native trees with some children in school. This will provide interesting areas for us to have quiet reflection time and we can also use the trees in our learning too.

We have also recently started a Gardening Club in school and they have started to develop new areas for planting fruit and vegetables on the school site. The food grown by the school will be used in the school kitchen, in cookery lessons and potentially sold to raise funds for future planting.



Covid changes

As many of you will have realised, there have been some changes in school following the new covid guidelines. Staff no longer wear face masks in school and we are all able to come together for Collective Worship rather than them being online. We are still ventilating classrooms though and ensuring school is cleaned thoroughly every day. If staff or children show symptoms then we are following the government guidelines to keep the school as safe as possible.

We are gradually starting to introduce clubs and events that have had to stop for the last two years – so this is an exciting time for us! We are really looking forward to having our full timetable of after school clubs, school trips and whole school events up and running as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone for their support over this difficult pandemic period and we hope to see more of you in school very soon!

Free School Meals

Since September 2014, all children who are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in a state-funded school are offered a free, healthy school lunch. Although they receive a free school meal, this does not automatically qualify them for pupil premium funding. Children will qualify for pupil premium funding, including a free school meal in other year groups, if their parent is in receipt of eligible benefits. If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, you can apply via the Hull City Council website and it only takes a couple of minutes:

[Free school meals | Hull City Council](#)



The cost of a school meal for children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 who are not entitled to free school meals is £1.50 a day.

Please speak to a member of the Admin team if you need any support with making an application.

Book fair

We are excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair at school arriving on Tuesday 5th April. This book fair sells a wide-range of books for all ages and interests. They also regularly have book packs which are excellent value for your avid readers. We receive a commission for the books sold so we can purchase books for school. The fair will be on the playground all week and also on during the Easter Fair.



Spring Craft Fair – St John's Newland Church

Saturday 12th March 11am to 3pm (free entry)

St John's Church Newland, Clough Road, Hull, HU6 7PA

The Spring Craft Fair will have lots of Mother's Day and Easter gifts. This includes personalised gifts, ceramics, soft furnishings, candles and scents, dog accessories and treats, felt figures, Usborne books, jewellery, loose tea, sweets and much more!



Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Leader is **Mr Neil Kenningham**. The Deputy Safeguarding & Child Protection Leader is **Mrs Amanda Devaney**.

What to do if you have a concern about a child: During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mr Kenningham or Mrs Devaney via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

Out of school hours and during school holidays:

- If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact Children's Social Care, Access and assessment team on 01482 448879 (Weekdays 8.30am–5pm) or the Immediate Help Team on 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends).



Cashless School

We have changed payment systems and we are making the move to be a cashless school. We are now using Parentmail and there are many benefits to this, including making this easier for parents to pay for school lunches, visits and music lessons. If you have any questions or need assistance with the changeover, please contact the school office.



ParentMail

A Prayer for Peace

Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace.

Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another.

Help us to spread peace by listening to one another, even when we don't agree.

Help us to spread peace by sharing our time with those who are lonely and who need a friend.

Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food or who are frightened and live in fear.

Let us pray every day for peace for our families, for our friends and for ourselves.



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