

# Newsletter – 9th September 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 ...

- Mon 12th September: Music lessons led by Hull Music Service begin
- Wed 21st September: School photo day
- Mon 26th September: Whole School Story Day (info to follow)
- Thu 29th September: Local Governing Committee Meeting (changed date)
- Tue 11th October: Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm (booking form to follow)
- Wed 12th October: Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm (booking form to follow)
- Thu 20th October: Harvest Festival in St John's Newland Church
- **Fri 21st October: School closes for half term holiday**

## Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer and that the start of getting back into the early morning routines hasn't been too hard! We have had a fantastic start to the school year and I am so proud of how children have settled into new classes and new routines.

I am excited about my new role as the Headteacher at Newland St John's – it is such a wonderful school and it is a blessing to be part of this community. I will be at one of the school gates at the start and the end of the day so I can get to know families more and also be of help if needed. You can't miss me as I will be wearing a dazzling yellow hi-vis vest!

If anyone would like to arrange a meeting rather than talk at the school gate, then please make an appointment through the main school office.

Thank you, from Mrs Devaney



## PE Timetable

Please see the table below for when your child will have their PE lessons. On these days your child will need to bring their PE kit with them to change into for the lesson.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Squirrels	Otters	Foxes	Rabbits	Hedgehogs
Deer	Owls		Badgers	Dormice

## Jewellery

Several children have worn hooped or 'dangly' earrings this week which brings a safety risk to them whilst at school. Your child must only wear simple stud earrings for school. Earrings must be removed or taped over for PE lessons. Staff cannot remove or tape over earrings so this must be done at home on the day of the PE lesson.

## Improving Attendance

Being in school means children can learn. We are working with an organisation called SOL to improve pupil attendance. We are continuing to share with children what colour they are on the 'Attendance Diamond'. They will also know if their attendance is improving or dropping. All children should aim to 'stay in the green' – at least 97% attendance. We will continue to work with parents and children to help overcome barriers that can impact attendance.



If you have any questions, speak to our Attendance Lead, Mrs Devaney.

## Website – Google Translate

Our school website now has Google Translate which will hopefully help more families within our school community access the information on there. It is at the bottom of the home page and can translate the web pages to many languages.

## Packed Lunches

This week we have noticed that a lot of children who stay packed lunch have been throwing away sandwiches and other food along with their rubbish. For this reason, starting from Monday, children who stay packed lunch will bring their rubbish home with them. This way parents will be able to see what their child is eating and change amounts of food or types of food if needed.



## Birthday Treats

We have a number of children in school who have food allergies and therefore we have to be careful with the food we have on the school site. For this reason we cannot have treats brought into school by children as treats for their birthdays. We know this is a popular thing to do, and may have happened in the past, but unfortunately it cannot happen from now. Instead of cakes and other food treats, we do enjoy celebrating birthdays in our collective worship on a Friday where we sing to the children, say a prayer and give them a birthday card.

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!

## Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



Today the children have had time in school to reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II, to learn about her service to this country and listen to prayers about her. We have talked about how people may feel following the sad news of her death.

Next week we will be placing an area of remembrance in the main entrance. This will be a place for people to write their thoughts, reflections and prayers following this sad news. We feel it is important for children to have this space, but we would also like to open this up to parents and carers. If you would like to write a short message or prayer or have a time of reflection, this will be available for parents from Tuesday morning onwards.

## Safeguarding

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

What to do if you have a concern about a child: During school hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mrs Devaney or Mr Kenningham via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access & 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).



**Dear Lord,**

We thank you for the safe return of children into school after the summer holidays.

We also thank you for the joy families have shared during their time together.

Please support those who are feeling anxious about the new school year and fill them with peace and hope, knowing you are with them.

Please open our eyes to new challenges and exciting opportunities that this school year will bring and give us strength to persevere and shine.

Amen

