Newsletter - Monday 18th March 2024



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

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they might see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5v16



Although this has been a short term, we want to thank you for all you have done to support our school and, above all, for sending such wonderful children who all come together to make up our diverse school community. It is a privilege to serve you, your children and their wider families. As a school, we are committed to ensuring that all are welcome and that all shine.

As Easter approaches we have had the opportunity to reflect on what the season means for Christians. We have been thinking about waiting and looking forward to the new life that spring brings. We are looking forward to the Easter Service by Year 3 at St. John's Newland church and our Salvation Day, both of which take place on Thursday and we want to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Easter.

At Newland St. John's Academy, we are committed to being a safe and



welcoming school for all. We believe in equality and celebrate diversity. We are fully committed to not discriminating against any staff, pupils, family or visitors in line with the Equality Act 2010 Protected Characteristics. This is a key area that we will continue to work on with our children as part of their ongoing personal development to ensure that they are fully prepared for the next stage of their education and life in modern Britain.

World Book Day

It was a joy to see the children's love for reading on world book day. The

celebrations began on Wednesday for our Key Stage One children who had a virtual meeting with the wonderful author Suzy Senior (writer of Octopants). Our whole school theme, based on her latest book, was inclusion. In the story, there are questions over whether a slug is welcome at a hotel for bugs. Soon all the other bugs recognise their differences and make space for him. Just as all are

welcome in the Hotel for Bugs, all are welcome and valued at Newland St. John's. All the children looked fabulous in their pyjamas and loungewear and it was a joy to see the children read together. Above all, we want to thank you for your amazing potato characters. You have been so creative. Here are just a few of them. Can you spot your child's?



Thank you so much for your endeavours.

Parents and Friends Association - Upcoming Events

We are very fortunate to have an active and enthusiastic PFA. On Thursday 21st March, they will be holding an Easter cake and bun sale on the playground, at the end of the school day. There will also be some fun quizzes for families to take part in. We hope you can join us remember to bring some coins!





We are delighted to announce that our summer fair will be on <u>Saturday</u> 13th July, 11am - 2pm. Our PFA are busy planning for a wide range of fun games and activities; delicious foods and treats, and interesting stalls. We want this to be a true community event - everyone is welcome to join us. More details to follow so watch this space. If you are interested in having a stall at the summer fair, please speak to us in school. Bring on the sunshine!

What is coming up?		
Thursday 21st March	Easter Service led by Y3	
Thursday 21st March	Whole School Salvation Day	
Friday 22nd March	School Closes for Easter	
Monday 8th April	School Reopens for the Children	
Tuesday 16th April	Badgers' Class school trip: Experience Day: 'Trawling' Hull KCOM Learning Zone	
Thursday 18th April	Foxes' Class school trip: Experience Day Trawling' Hull KCOM Learning Zone	
Monday 6th May	School closed- bank holiday	
Monday 13th May- Thursday 17th May	Year 6 SATS Week	

Attendance

Every day in school matters. We know that it makes a huge difference to how well your children do in school. We are aiming for a target of 97% attendance throughout school. These were our percentages for last week.

Dormice	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Foxes	Owls	Otters	Deer
94.0%	95.4%	97.0%	97.9%	84.8%	94.3%	96.3%	94.0%	99.0%

Applying for Free School Meals

Applying for free school meals (regardless of whether your child has free meals in KS1) can significantly help the school as it generates funding that can be used for tutoring, to support learning and out of school clubs. Currently, it means that you will receive vouchers to help with shopping over holidays.

Please remember that you can apply at any time if your circumstances change. The quickest and easiest way to apply is to click on the link below:

To apply for Free School Meals click here: My School Portal - Sign in

Sporting Updates

Our Spring sport clubs have had a great interest and it is lovely to see the enthusiasm and joy of children while engaging in different sport activities. As the weather gets warmer, we are hoping to have more PE lessons as well as sports clubs outside in the fresh air.

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit with them ready for their PE lesson. This is a black top and shorts. Children can also have black joggers and hoodies. PF timetable is attached below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Foxes and	Otters (Y6)	Deer (Y6)	Hedgehogs (Y1)	Dormice
Badgers (Y4)	Owls (Y5)	Squirrels (Y2)		Rabbits (Y3)

We are working closely with coaches from The North Hull Sports Network and we have some exciting ideas for the summer term involving intra school competitions and more.

Children in Year 5 will have a very exciting opportunity to be involved in our play leaders programme. The programme helps children improve their well-being, skills, socialising, and teamwork. It also encourages older children to lead games for younger ones, fostering their organisational, communication, and responsibility skills. But most importantly, everyone has fun!

Stay tuned for more information! Miss Dulian:)

Clubs on Offer

We are working hard to develop the number of clubs that are on offer at school. We will let you know if more clubs become available.

Club	Year Group	Day and Time	Led by
Multisports club	KS1	Monday (3:30-4:30)	Coach
Уода	All	Friday Breakfast Club	Coach
Multi sports club	All	Friday lunch time	Coach
Playground leader programme	Year 5	Friday (3:30-4:30)	Coach
Choral Choir * By invitation	Year 4/5	Thursday (3:15-4:00)	Mr. Keith

SENCo Spotlight - Miss Jones

Pupil Passports and Learning Plans:

We have updated our Pupil Passports. We hope the pupil passports are helping you understand the support your child receives if they are on the SEND register.

- Pen Picture of your child.
- A list of adjustments to the classroom environment
- A list of interventions that they are receiving during the school day
- A review of their previous targets (if applicable)
- 3 Targets they will be working on over the next 2 terms

If you did not receive a copy of your child's current Learning Plan and Passport, please contact Miss Jones: hello@nsj.hslt.academy

April is.... Autism Awareness Month

World Autism Month, begins with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. This year marks the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day.



What is Autism? Watch <u>An introduction to Autism</u> and the ways it might affect people. A great video to explain autism to your child.

Useful contacts:

- Hull Local Offer. The Hull Local Offer website is where parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.
- SENDIAS (Special Educational needs Independent Advice Service)
 Telephone: 01482 467 541
 Email: hullsendiass@kids.org.uk



Hull SENDIAS deliver training for parents and carers within the Hull City Council Boundary.

SENDIAS summer term 2024 training offer includes:

- Welcome to Hull SENDIASS Monday 15th April 2024 at 930am, online
- Annual Reviews
 Thursday 16th May 2024 at 930am, at Kids
- SEN Support in School Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 930am, online
- Draft to Final EHC Plans
 Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 930am, at Kids

Please click on the QR code opposite for more information and to book your place.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

This is our safeguarding team:

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Leader is currently Mrs Brett. Our Deputy Safeguarding & Child Protection Leaders are Mrs Williams and Ms Briggs.

What to do if you have a concern about a child:

During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mrs Brett or another member of the safeguarding team, 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 the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub on 01482 448879 or the Emergency Duty Team 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends)

For more information, click on the link: Worried about a child | Hull



Please remember that if a child discloses anything that is worrying them, we may need to speak to parents and carers. This is part of our duty of care.

Help for Families - a reminder

The cost of living crisis is having an impact on all families in our community. We would like to signpost some sources of support that may help.

Food Banks: <u>Hull Foodbank</u> <u>Food Bank - Hull Vineyard Church</u>

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this day that we call Easter.

Thank you that we can celebrate that Jesus is alive.

Thank you for people who make celebrations special.

Please help us to remember the real meaning of Easter.

Amen.



Contact us: 01482 305740 or hello@nsj.hslt.academy