

Friday 8th April 2022

Newsletter

Newbold Verdon
Primary School



Dragons fly high, show respect and have fun!

A Busy Term

What a flying start to the year we have had at Newbold Verdon Primary School. I can hardly keep up with the pace of events, celebrations and successes the pupils, parents and staff have put in place. From Parents Evening on-line, Year 2 trip to Beaumanor Hall, World Book Day Hat Parade, Red Nose Day, Science Week, Eco Week, new Website Development, improvements to our Nursery and Wrap Around Care, to finishing off with a little visit from Ofsted. Phew!

In the Summer Term, we are looking forward to many more opportunities to enrich the lives of children in school and share in their success.

Welcome Back Parents

School has been a lonely place without our parents being involved and it has been lovely to have so much participation from you all. It was great to see you at the World Book Day Hat Parade. Children so enjoyed decorating their hats and the effort from everyone was incredible. Once you left us, the whole school went into the hall and we experienced performance poetry from every class. It was amazing!

In addition to World Book Day, as part of Eco Week, parents came and shared the exhibitions of work in class and took a look at their children's work. Almost every parent got into school. Parents clearly loved being able to see where their children sit and find out about their classroom. For those of you who didn't manage to see your children's work, we will be having another open session next term.

A great big thank you to all the parents who have come and helped with the improvements to the Sensory Garden. It is starting to look so beautiful. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions in the garden and these will be opened up to more children as the year progresses. Children will be able to enjoy the garden as part of their play after Easter.

Friends of Newbold Verdon – (PTA)

The Friends of Newbold Verdon met this week to consider events which can take place this term. It is the first time they have met since Covid began and it was a great success. The new chair is Becky Spilane and she will be supported by a range of parents as well as a number of previous 'Friends' who have led the team so successfully before. As part of the 'Friends' team the Easter Bunny made a visit to all children and brightened their day with a chocolate egg. The children loved this event and loved their egg even more. We have agreed a number of events and days for the Summer Term and these are attached so you can plan in advance.

Vision and Values

Thank you for all the input on what our Vision and Values should look like. The children, staff and parents have all contributed. A Governor working party has met to refine the thoughts and we now have a proposal to take to the Full Governors to be approved. We shall let you know once these have been finalized. Exciting times!

Ofsted

The Ofsted visit at the start of March went well. There were no surprises and all improvements suggested were already areas for development which we had identified. The report has not yet been released but we are hoping it will be available soon.

Parent Forum

The Parent Forum have met twice now. It is run by Mr March and has currently been taking place in an afternoon. We are aware that not all parents will be able to make this time due to work commitments and so we shall be running a few sessions over zoom very soon. Parents who have attended have had first site of changes to the end of year reports, the new school website and the proposed Vision and Values. It has been really helpful to hear the views of parents We are always happy to hear your views and would love to see more of you at the next meeting. The feedback is really welcome.

Wrap Around Care and Nursery

We are making changes to the Nursery provision within school in readiness for next year. The Nursery will be offering full time and part time places for children, those who already have a place will get preference in the new hours. In addition, we shall be offering wrap around care for both the Nursery and the Foundation Stage children. This will be run by staff in school in order to provide a sense of security to the youngest of our children. If you have any questions about the provision to be offered please feel free to call the office to talk to myself or Mrs Dewis about what will be on offer. In order to give you a chance to see the Nursery and discuss provision further, we will be holding two open sessions which will be taking place on Saturday 30th April and Friday 6th May (all timings are listed below).

Saying Goodbye

The community have said a sad good to Bev Ewen, after 39 years as a childminder to Newbold's local children. She has been an inspiration of dedication and warmth and joy which all the children have benefitted from. Luckily, Bev will still lead Chatterbox sessions in the Community Lounge and so her impact can continue to be felt. We shall miss her on the playground in the mornings and afternoons and the rattle of her badges along with the push chairs. Thank you Bev from Newbold Verdon Primary School!

Baby Joy!

We would like to congratulate Mrs Flowitt on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, Joseph Thomas. We hope she has a great Maternity Leave and look forward to her return. In the meantime, we welcome to Year 4 Mrs Dyson, who will be covering whilst Mrs Flowitt is off.

Dates for your Diary (see last page)

As you can see, the coming term looks equally as busy as the last. Occasionally dates change but we shall try to let you know as soon as this happens. More information on events will be provided as the term progresses.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 8 April	3.15pm	School closes for Easter break
Monday 25 April	8.40am	School re-opens
Tuesday 26 April	all day	Year 6 Warning Zone visit
Wednesday 27 April	7.00pm	Friends of Newbold Verdon Meeting
Thursday 28 April	all day	Bhangra Workshops (whole school)
Friday 29 April	1.30pm – 2.30pm	MLD Unit Parents' Coffee Meeting
Saturday 30 April	9.30am – 12.30pm	Pre-School Open Morning
Monday 2 May	all day	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 3 May	all day	KS1 Test period starts
Tuesday 3 May	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Caythorpe Court Parents' Meeting
Friday 6 May	3.30pm – 5.00pm	Pre-School Open Session
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May		KS 2 SATS
Tuesday 10 May	am	Years 3 and 4 visit to Shree Temple
Friday 13 May	all day	School Photographs (whole school)
Monday 16 May		Chance to Shine Cricket
Thursday 19 May	all day	Awesome Arctic Orienteering/Map Skills (whole school)
Monday 23 May		Chance to Shine Cricket
Wednesday 25 May	5.30pm – 6.30pm 6.45pm – 8.00pm	Jubilee Disco EYFS & Yrs 1 and 2 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 26 May	Timing TBC	Parents' Forum Meeting
Friday 27 May	3.15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 6 June	8.40am	School re-opens
Mon 6 – Fri 10 June		Phonics Screening
Mon 6 – Fri 24 June		Year 4 tables testing period
Monday 6 June		Chance to Shine Cricket
Tuesday 7 June	all day	Freestyle Football Workshop
Friday 10 June	2pm	Years 5 and 6 Onatti French Play
Saturday 11 June	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Jubilee Community Picnic
Monday 13 June		Chance to Shine Cricket
Weds 15 – Fri 17 June	all day	LEGO Robotics (whole school)
Mon 20 – Fri 24 June		Years 5 and 6 Trip to Caythorpe Court
Monday 20 June		Chance to Shine Cricket
Tuesday 21 June		HBSSPAN Area Athletics
Wednesday 22 June	9.30am – 2.30pm	Year 4 Leicester Make Music Events De Montfort Hall
Monday 27 June		Reports to Parents
Monday 27 June		Chance to Shine Cricket
Tuesday 28 June	1.00pm – 3.30pm	Sports Day (whole school)
Wednesday 29 June		Year 6 Induction Day Bosworth Academy
Thursday 30 June	1.00pm – 3.30pm	Sports Day (reserve date)
Thursday 30 June	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Parents' Forum Meeting
Wednesday 6 July		The Prom at the Community Centre
Thursday 7 July	Times TBC	Unit Leavers Assembly
Friday 8 July	Times TBC	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 8 July	3.15pm	School closes for the end of term
Tuesday 30 August	8.40am	School re-opens

