



THE NJS Newsletter

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Issue 1

Welcome Back to School!

We hope you had a fantastic Summer Holiday? It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school. Special mentions to our new Year 3 children who we hope are settling into NJS well. Remember the NJS Newsletter is sent out every Thursday. You will receive it via email and it will be on the school website. If you do not have internet access please inform your child's class teacher so they can make arrangements for you. We would like to emphasise that email and the website is our most efficient form of communication and we would request that as many of you as possible inform us of your email address and mobile telephone numbers. It is important that you read the NJS News so that you know what is happening in school each week. You will be receiving dates for your diaries this week also, this gives you dates and provisional dates for the school year. Any amendments will be explained on the weekly NJS News. You will also be receiving a Clubs Newsletter which details our exciting range of FREE clubs, you will need to select which clubs you'd like your child to join and the sign up sheet for the term.

Holiday Dates for 2016/17

Autumn 2016

1st Half

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 21st October

2nd Half

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December

Spring 2017

1st Half

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 17th February 2017

2nd Half

Monday 27th February – Friday 7th April 2017

Summer 2017

1st Half

Monday April 24th – Friday 26th April 2017

2nd Half

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2017

You are welcome to come in!

Year 3 parents: Please remember that you are welcome to come into school with your child in the morning during this transition period.

ALL parents are reminded that class teachers are available in their rooms in the morning and on the yard at the end of the day. You can also contact us via the home link book.

2015/2016 Teaching Staff

3 R – Mr Rotherham (Deputy Head)

3 B – Mr Butler

3 S – Mrs Sisson (Wed/Thurs/Fri) & Mrs Kuczynska (Mrs K – Mon/Tues)

4 K – Mrs Kerr

4 F – Mrs Follos (Mon-Thurs) & Mrs Jukes (Fri)

5 S – Miss Sherry

5 M – Mr Moody (SLT)

6 J – Mr Jones

6 M – Mrs Moody (Assistant Head)

House Meetings

All Newport Junior School children are split into four house teams. Over the school year the house teams compete against each other in various events. All children receive house points for excellent work, effort or behaviour; each week these are added up and the winning house is announced in an assembly on a Friday afternoon.

Next Thursday at 10am House Meetings will take place. The purpose of these meetings is to elect Year 6 House Captains to lead their teams.

Year 6 children are reminded that if they would like to put themselves forward for this role they need to prepare a short speech to present to their team.

Look out for news of our new House Captains in next weeks NJS News!

Church Services at St.Nicholas'

Church

Parents are reminded that for church services children are to go directly to church on the given dates. Children are to arrive at church, no earlier than 8.50am, where they will be met by their class teacher. Children will then be walked back to school by school staff.

Beginning of Year Worship: Wednesday 16th September

End of Term Worship: Wednesday 16th December

Upper School Concert Practice: Monday 14th December at 8.50am

Upper School Carol Concert: Monday 15th December @ 7pm

Class Assemblies

A class assembly is time for children to share with family and friends some of the experiences they have had during their time in the classroom. Class assemblies are on **Friday's** and usually start at **2.50pm**. Dates for this school year are:

5M – 23rd October '15

3R – 6th November '15

5S – 20th November '15

4K – 26th February '16

3S – 18th March '16

3B – 20th May '16

6J – 27th May '16

4F – 10th June '16

6M – 24th June '16

Super Learning Day

Monday 21st September

On Super Learning Day children move around the school and have the opportunity to work with all class teachers. The theme this year is Global Learning.

NJS CLUB WEEKLY DIARY

Please read this section every week as there are occasions when we have to amend or cancel clubs. All clubs are due to start week commencing: **Monday 21st September.**

Up Coming Dates:

Monday 7th September - P.D. Day

Tuesday 8th September - P.D. Day

Wednesday 9th September - Children back to school

Wednesday 16th September - Church Service
Children to go directly to church for 8.50am

Wednesday 16th September - PTA AGM at 7.30pm

Thursday 17th September - House Team Meetings 10am
Year 6 children elections for House Captains

Friday 18th September - Rugby World Cup Day and lunch.

Monday 21st September - Super Learning Day

Thursday 24th September - Parent Action Group (PAG) in 5M at 3.30pm

Friday 25th September - Languages Day, including National Languages Day lunch.

Thursday 1st October - Assessment without levels Parents meeting at NIS 2.30pm and 6pm.

Friday 2nd October - PTA Cake Stall

Monday 5th October - Yr 3 and Yr 4 Parents Evening.
From 1.30pm in the school hall.

Tuesday 6th October - Yr 5 and Yr 6 Parents Evening.
From 1.30pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 7th October - No Pens Day

Thursday 8th October - National Poetry Day

Wednesday 14th October - Yr 3 Open Lunch- Lesson 11am, Lunch 12pm.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Reminder that the cost of school dinners is £2.00. Children should bring their money to school in a labelled envelope (name, class, school) and it should be placed in the class dinner basket in the morning before the register. For the week beginning 14/9 we will be on week 2 of the dinner menu.

Word Wizards

Welcome back Word Wizards! To inform all new children and families that each week I will set a word or sentence based challenge for you to have a go at.

This week can you spot the jumbled up months of the year. In each word there is a missing letter. Which letter is missing?

cham

ya

nujayr

boctor

lirp

cedmeer

yebfrra

luj

Good luck.

Mr Rotherham

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

ALL parents are reminded that children are to enter and leave school through the 'Parent and Child Entrance' by the conservatory. Children/parents should not use the entrance through the Visitors Car Park unless collecting children during the school day.

Parent Action Group

NJS has an active Parent Group who meet half termly to discuss school strengths and next steps.

They are friendly informal meetings with effective discussions over a cup of tea! All parents are very welcome.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th September at 3.30pm in 5M. This meeting will have a specific reading at home with parents focus.

Number News

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Summer and are ready for some challenging Number News this term!

What number am I?

1. I am a three digit number.

2. I am an odd number.

3. I am divisible by 5.

4. Each of my digits is different.

5. My digits add up to 8.

6. The tens digit is smaller than the hundreds digit.

7. I am less than 300.

8. I have only one even digit.

Mrs Moody xx

OPEN LUNCHES

You will be receiving a letter next week inviting you to this terms open lunch. Parents are invited into class at 11am for a workshop with the children, which is then followed by lunch at 12pm. The dates are:

Wednesday 14th October – Year 3

Wednesday 21st October – Year 4

Wednesday 4th November – Year 5

Wednesday 11th November – Year 6

Please return your attendance slip as soon as possible to support the kitchen.