



# THE NJS Newsletter

“learning to make a difference”

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September <http://www.newportjuniorschool.org.uk/>

Issue 2

## Number News

Money on my mind !

Put four coins on a table, in a row, all tails up.

Turn any three coins over: this counts as one move.

You must turn three different coins to complete one move!

How many moves will it take to get all the coins on heads?

Remember: you have to turn three coins over each move.

Good luck! Mrs M x

## Super Learning Day

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Word Wizards

Did you work out the jumbled up months from last week?

They were March, May, January, October, April, December, February and July.

This week I would like you to think of the word that links the two words together; e.g. key\_\_\_lock. The connecting word was pad (keypad, padlock.)

Try these:

hat\_\_\_up  
pop\_\_\_flakes  
pen\_\_\_blade  
ear\_\_\_side  
egg\_\_\_cake

Good luck, Mr R

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm in 5M. This meeting will have a specific “reading at home with parents” focus.

## Holiday Dates for 2016/17

Autumn 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Spring 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb ‘17

2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Summer 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April ‘17

2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July ‘17

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following children who are our house captains this year:

Darwin – Sophie Phillips & Calum Haycocks (Vice - Robert Ghillieri & Emily Oakey)

Jebb – Charlotte Fletcher & Thomas Downes (Vice - Emily Fletcher & Will Roddy)

Wright – Rowan Bowsher & India Ellarby (Vice - Keira Rudrum & Jake Ingman)

Owen – Cole Plant & Rhianna Ortero (Vice – Millie Jones & George Bate)

## 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.

End of Term Worship: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Upper School Concert Practice: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 8.50am

Upper School Carol Concert: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm

## Reading Support

*Are you able to offer time to support children with their reading? We need voluntary helpers to come into school and listen to children read on a regular basis.*

*If this is something you feel like you can offer please let me know!*

*Many thanks.  
Mr Rotherham*

## National Day of Languages – French Day

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September children will be taking part in the National Day of languages. This years focus for NJS is French.

The children will visit each class teacher who will be running a French themed lesson. These will be French maths, foods, music, games, speaking and listening and many other exciting activities.

## Year 5 Trip to Enginuity

A letter for the trip will be coming home today, please complete the slip and return ASAP. If anyone has any problems about this trip please come in and speak with your child’s class teacher.

## 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.

## Up Coming Dates:

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Rugby World Cup Day and lunch.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Super Learning Day

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

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Languages Day, including National Languages Day lunch.

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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - PTA Cake Stall

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

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

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - No Pens Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - National Poetry Day

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

## HOUSE POINTS

Each week children will receive House Points for good behaviour or effort with work. These points are totalled up and a winning House Team is announced each week. The winning team will have lunch first the following Monday, and the team that wins the most over a term will be rewarded with extra play!

## NJS CLUB WEEKLY DIARY

Please read this section every week as there are occasions when we have to amend or cancel clubs.

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

- School Council - 12-12.30pm in 3R with Mr R.
- Book Club - 12-12.30pm, in the library, with Miss Branton.
- Lower School Football and Girls Football - 3.30-4.30pm on the school field with AFC Telford and Mrs Phillips.
- Homework club - 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs J in the school library.
- Non Swimmers club - 12-12.30pm with Steph in the school pool.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- Choir - 12.30-1pm in the year 5 area with Mrs Green.
- Book Club - 12-12.30pm, in the library, with Miss Branton.
- Upper School Netball Club - NOT ON THIS WEEK
- Newspaper Club - 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite with Mrs Kerr.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

- Tag Rugby Club - 3.30-4.30pm on the school field with Mr Ashton and Mr J.
- Cross Country - 3.30-4.30pm on the school field, with Mrs Moody & Mr Williams.
- Cookery Club - 3.30-5pm with Mrs Sisson selected Yr5 children only.

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

- Drama Club - 3.30-4.30pm in the school hall with Mrs Green.
- Book Club - 12-12.30pm in the library with Miss Branton.
- ICT Club - 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite with Mr Butler (lower school only this ½ term).
- Multi Sports Club - 3.30-4.30pm with Mr M on the small yard (upper school only this ½ term)

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

- Eco Club, 12.30-1pm, with Mrs Green, in the yr. 5 area.
- Netball Club, 3.30-4.30pm, on the small yard, with Mr & Mrs Johnstone
- Upper School Football Club, 3.30-4.30pm, on the school field, with Mr M and Mr Jones.

## 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.

## OPEN LUNCHES

You will be receiving a letter next week inviting you to this term's 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 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 4  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6

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

## 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 21/9 we will be on week 3 of the dinner menu.

## 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 **Fridays** and usually start at **2.50pm**. Dates for this school year are: 5M - 23<sup>rd</sup> October '15

3R - 6<sup>th</sup> November '15  
5S - 20<sup>th</sup> November '15  
4K - 26<sup>th</sup> February '16  
3S - 18<sup>th</sup> March '16  
3B - 20<sup>th</sup> May '16  
6J - 27<sup>th</sup> May '16  
4F - 10<sup>th</sup> June '16  
6M - 24<sup>th</sup> June '16