



THE TJS News

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Mrs Moody's Message!

I hope your children have enjoyed their first couple of days back at school and are settling well into their new classes. On a Thursday we hold our Celebration Assembly during which we acknowledge children's achievements. I present Head Teachers Awards at this time to children who have been nominated by their class teacher for excelling in one of the learning tree roots. During the assembly children will receive a Head Teachers Award sticker. You will then receive an email notifying you that your child has an award and inviting your child to lunch at the 'Top Table' with me the following week. This week I have been working with the lunchtime team to make some small changes that will hopefully enhance the healthy living experience for the children. Some of the changes have included; reorganisation of tables in the hall, children being allowed to choose where they sit and music being played during lunch. The Well Being Group and School Council will continue to investigate potential further changes that may enhance the play experience.

Mrs Moody x

Up Coming Dates:

- Wednesday 7th September - Children back to school
- Friday 9th September - House Team Meetings 2.30pm
Year 6 children elections for House Captains
- Wednesday 14th September - Church Service
Children to go directly to church for 8.50am
- Friday 16th September - Paralympics PE - All classes
- Wednesday 21st September - Yr 4 Open Lunch - Lesson 11am, Lunch 12pm.
- Wednesday 21st September - Yr 5 Boys to AGS for the afternoon.
- Wednesday 21st September - PTA AGM at 7.30pm
- Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes Day - £1
- Monday 26th September - Languages Afternoon, including National Languages lunch.
- Tuesday 27th September - Yr 3 Open Lunch- Lesson 11am, Lunch 12pm.
- Friday 30th September - PTA Cake Stall
- Tuesday 4th October - Parent Action Group (PAG) in 5M at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 5th October - Grandparents Lunch.
- Thursday 6th October - National Poetry Day
- Monday 10th - Friday 14th October - Yr 6 Arthog Residential
- Monday 17th October - Yr 3 and Yr 4 Parents Evening.
From 1.30pm in the school hall.
- Tuesday 18th October - Yr 5 and Yr 6 Parents Evening.
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- Wednesday 19th October - PTA School Disco 3.30-5pm
- Thursday 20th October - Harvest Festival 2.45pm
- Friday 21st October - Finish for half term.

Holiday Dates for 2016/17

Autumn 2016

1st Half

Wednesday 7th 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 May 2017

2nd Half

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2017

Mrs M's Home Challenge 1!

Find out about a local charity and what they do – we may use this for our harvest festival!

Take a photo of you completing the challenge and email it to Mrs Moody! nicola.moody@taw.org.uk or just pass her any information you may find!

Photos will be displayed in school and on the website for children who have permission to do so.

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.

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 26th September.**

September Teaching Staff

3 K – Mrs Kerr (SENCO)
3 B – Mr Butler
3 S – Mrs Sisson (Wed/Thurs/Fri) & Mrs Kuczynska (Mrs K) (Mon/Tues)

4 R – Mr Rotherham (Deputy Head)
4 F – Mrs Folloos (Mon-Thurs) & Mrs Gilmour (Fri)
4 J – Mrs Jukes

5 H – Miss Hardy
5 M – Mr Moody (SLT)

6 J – Mr Jones
6 S – Miss Sherry

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

Mrs Cummings has finished in her role as a lunchtime supervisor. We would like to thank her for her commitment to school.

If anyone is interested in the role of a lunchtime supervisor please can they put an application in writing to Mrs Moody by Monday 12th September.

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 14th September

End of Term Worship: Wednesday 14th December

Upper School Concert Practice: Monday 12th December at 8.50am

Upper School Carol Concert: Monday 12th December @ 7pm

NJS Sharing Success!

Throughout the year if your child has an achievement that you would like to share with the school community on the weekly newsletter please email me with the brief details ben.moody@taw.org.uk e.g. Joe Bloggs ran the 4k Smithy Fun Run, Betty Jones has achieved a black belt in Karate at the Kicking Karate Club. We look forward to finding out about your success!

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.

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.

“Over the past five years this forum has NJS improve communications, had a say on school policies, offered opinions on school arrangements and strategies including Numeracy, Literacy, Homework, Home School Agreement, have the opportunity to views plans and be involved in developing school initiatives and had “our” say and questions answered. This is a strong median for constructive criticism which enables school to resolve issues across its school community, in partnership with parents and teachers, improving the school, so that together we can make a difference!”
Mrs Mellings, Mrs Storey, Mrs Ingman and Mrs Stacey 2016.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 3.30pm in 5M.

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.

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 Thursday afternoon.

On Friday at 2.45pm 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!

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:

4F – 11/11/16
3B – 18/11/16
4J – 10/02/17
4R – 17/02/17
3K – 10/03/17
5H – 31/03/17
3S – 05/05/17
5M – 26/05/17
6J – 09/06/17
6S – 30/06/17

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 21st September – Year 4
Tuesday 27th September – Year 3
Wednesday 2nd November – Year 5
Wednesday 9th November – Year 6

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