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A word from Mrs Moody...

On Wednesday we held our first church service of this new academic year. The children's ability to reflect and share in worship in such a calm and considerate manner is a real strength of this school. The Rector focused upon the children's hopes for this school year as well as how they may overcome potential worries. I reminded the children about the phrase used in the Channel 4 Paralympic advert – 'Yes I can!' to offer themselves encouragement when faced with a new challenge.

Paralympic Week has been successful. Classes have had a go at several Paralympic sports and we are grateful to Mr Thomas who has shared his experiences with our pupils.

I hope the children are continuing to settle well into their new classes. Remember you can speak to any of the school team anytime if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Mrs M

Thank-you Mrs Ecclestone!

Mrs Ecclestone, who is one of our Teaching Assistants has decided to end her time working at NJS. During her time employed here she has contributed to pupil attainment and well being and we are all sincerely grateful to her. We will miss her and wish her well for the future.

You are welcome to come

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.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

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

Darwin – Alexandra Lynas & Kartik Wadodkar Jebb – Archie Parton & Caitlyn Disley

Wright - Grace Bartlet & Cameron Tyson

Owen - Sandra Zazacka & Noah Gilbert

Do we have any budding Skiers?

Children have been given the opportunity to represent NJS in a Ski Race Competition on Sunday 16th October. If you would like to be considered for entry please come and speak with either Mr M or Mrs Follos where you will receive more details.

Mrs M's Home Challenge 2!

Go to the supermarket with your parents and find out where the fruit and vegetables are grown.

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.

Up Coming Dates:

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

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. From 1.30pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 19th October - PTA School Disco 3.30-5pm

Thursday 20th October - Harvest Festival 2.45pm

Friday 21st October - Finish for half term.

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - HALF TERM

Monday 31st October - Children return to school.

Wednesday 2nd November-Yr 5 Open Lunch- Lesson 11am, Lunch 12pm.

Friday 4th November - Bonfire Bonanza Lunch

Friday 4th November - PTA Cake Stall

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.

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 35 - 05/05/17 5M - 26/05/17 6J - 09/06/17 6S - 30/06/17

School Council

Classes have elected their school council representatives for this half term. These children will meet weekly to input their ideas on the running of NJS! The children will change each half term. Congratulations to:

3K- Erin Bates & Nolan Hull 3S- Danielle Prince & Ben Cutler 3B- Blaine Turner-Moore & Elsa Pilgrim 4F- Macauley Ellen & Amelia Jarrett 4J- Coby Brotherton & Lily Wright 4R- Jake Williams & Erin Stretton 5M- Dominic Black & Sophie Bowen Thomas.

5H- George Howells & Isabelle Shaw 6J- Alex Lynas & Seb Amanowicz 6S- Alfie Haycox & Caitlyn Disley

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!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to all the following children, who received head teacher's awards last week. Email's about having lunch with Mrs. Moody will be sent home to the parents of the

Congratulations to: Ella Ridley, Zac Downes, Maddison Davies, George Howells, Jake Williams, Kieran Pitchford, Nathan Evans, Amelia Jarrett, Cameron Ashley, Ellie Gibson, Seb Amanowicz, Alexandra Lynas, Jess Hill, Tyler Scott, Jacob Harrington, Annie Murphy, Ruby Amos, Aleksander Kolmer, Alfie Fenton & Erin Bates.

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 14th December

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

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

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.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

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.

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.

Year 5 Trip to Enginuity

A letter for the trip should have come home last week, 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.

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.