



THE NJS News

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Friday 4th
February '17

Issue 60!

A Word from Mrs M....

Next week is National Mental Health Week and at NJS we will be referring to the quality of resilience with the children in assembly. We will discuss the ability to 'bounce back' from tricky situations.

Tuesday is National Safer Internet Day and in classes children will be developing knowledge and discussion around safe use of the internet. If parents would like to reflect on their internet safety these websites are particularly useful:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.html/guides.html>

[Inspirational Wax Work Museum!](#)

Preparations are underway for our wax work museum! Please ensure you have returned your child's slip to confirm the character they will be working on next week.

Up Coming Dates:

Monday 6th – Friday 10th
February Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February – E-Safety

Tuesday 7th February – Yr2/3 Residential Meeting at Newport Infant School, 6pm

Wednesday 8th February – PTA Disco

Choir at Young Voices

The choir were amazing at Young Voices on Tuesday, they sang extremely well and were very well behaved. We have a number of offers of concerts coming up and as soon as I get more information I will let you know. Newport Junior School choir has an amazing reputation for their commitment and their standard of singing. They are always willing and very supportive with whatever we are asked to do.

Now we have done Young Voices it is a little sad that one or two have dropped out of choir because they only want to do the big concerts, the smaller ones are just as special as the bigger concerts we have been offered. Many thanks for the continued support of all the parents.

Following a couple of queries presented to me by local residents please can we be aware of safe and courteous parking in the local area when dropping off and collecting children. It would be appreciated by residents if cars were not blocking driveways for example.

The Police are aware of the concerns presented by residents and will continue to be vigilant in the area.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Healthy Eating

We encourage children to make healthy eating choices during the school day. Please support us by ensuring your children have healthy options for break time snacks and lunchboxes. If you need healthy eating ideas this website is useful: <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Please note that it is school policy that children who have packed lunches bring home their rubbish and any uneaten food. The reason for this is so that you can see how much of what you have packed your child has eaten. We have always had positive feedback on this from parents who may have anxious eaters. Obviously if your child had a leaky yoghurt etc. we would ensure this is disposed of!

PTA DISCO
Wednesday 8th February
3.30-5pm
Open to all year groups.
£1 entry.

Don't forget money for treats and your disco clothes!

School Uniform

Please can we politely remind you that head bands worn to school should be black, brown, white or green.

Please can we also emphasise the importance of labelling all uniform items with your child's name. It can be frustrating when children loose items however they are generally easily returned when named.

Thursday 9th February – Yr 3 Open Lunch; Lesson at 11am and Lunch at 12pm

Friday 10th February – 4J Class Assembly; Parents from 2.50pm.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February - Raising Aspirations Week

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NJS are pleased to announce that they are yet again teaming up with Activ8 to provide your children with a half term holiday club, ran here at NJS.

For more information about this please visit our school office. Fliers for the half term week should be coming home soon.

YEAR 6 PARENTS
Thursday 9th February
6pm
SAT Workshop

ALL parents are encouraged to come along to receive important information about the SAT tests that ALL Year 6 children will take in May.

Tuesday 14th February - Valentine's Themed Lunch

Thursday 16th February – PAG in the NJS Library at 9am

Thursday 16th February – Inspirational Wax Work Museum Tour for Parents at 2.45pm

Friday 17th February – 4R Class Assembly; Parents from 2.50pm.

Mrs M's Home Challenge 18!

Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you!

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.

Sponsored Reading

We are asking the children to take part in a sponsored read in celebration of World Book Day. A letter was sent home yesterday giving all the details. The children will receive a voucher for half the money they raise for reading as much as possible until 12 February. These vouchers can then be spent at our annual book fair on 28 February, 1 and 2 March after school.

There will be a prize for the most money raised and for the child who reads the most. Please could you encourage your children to take part.

Mrs Stanley

Friday 17th February – End of Half Term

Monday 27th – Friday 3rd March – Book Week (Tues/Wed/Thurs – Book Fair in School)

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day; Dress up as a favourite book character

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day Themed Lunch

NJS CLUB WEEKLY DIARY

Please read this section every week as there are occasions when we have to amend or cancel clubs. Club lists have been sent home this week

Monday 6th February -

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr3 Multi-Sports Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the School hall, **SIGNED UP Ch ONLY.**

Girls Football, 3.30-4.30pm, on the School field.

Worship and Values, 12.30-1pm, in the School Library.

Non-Swimmers, 12-12.30pm in the School pool.

Tuesday 7th February -

Art of Science Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the Kids Kitchen - **SIGNED UP Ch ONLY.**

Choir, 12.30-1pm, in the music room.

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr6 Writing, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6S, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Yr3/4 Microsoft Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite - **NOW FULL**

Wednesday 8th February -

Cooking Club,

Yr5/6 Tag Rugby,

Yr3/4 Cross Country,

Yr6 Maths,

ALL NOT ON THIS WEEEEK
DUE TO THE DISCO!!!

Thursday 9th February -

Yr 3/4 Computing Club, in the ICT suite, 3.30-4.30pm,
NOW FULL SIGNED UP Ch ONLY.

Drama Club - in the school hall, 3.30-4.30pm.

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr6 Writing, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6S, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Friday 10th February -

Yr5/6 Football - 3.30-4.30pm on the School field.

Eco-Club, 12.30-1pm outside the Yr5 area.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE PARKING

It is not safe for any parents to park in the car park at the front of the Year 3 Victorian block at any time. Children regularly enter and leave through these gates and parking here is a risk to the safety of our children.

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!

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.

Please can we politely remind you that if you wish to speak to any member of staff at the start of the school day please do so through the school office.

Uniform clarity

We have been asked to clarify a couple of issues regarding uniform:

Footwear

In the winter months we are happy for children to wear smart, leather ankle or knee high boots. No snow boots in school.

Earrings

Please can we ensure children wear only small stud earrings to school, covering or removing for PE.

Head lice

Please be aware that we have had a few messages from parents whose children have head lice.

Please all check your child's hair and treat appropriately. Whilst it is not school policy, we recommend that all girls try to have their hair tied up.

PAG Meeting

The next Parent Action Group meeting will be held on Thursday 16th February - PAG in the NJS Library at 9am

Any new parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

If you have an agenda item please let Mr Moody have it by Friday 10th February.

We hope for new members due to PAG's new time.

ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school please report this to the school office on 01952 386600. Thank you.

BEFORE AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we politely remind you that children are not supervised before 8.50am when the school bell rings. If you wish to see a member of staff please do so via the school office, even if they are Year 3 staff in the Victorian block.

If younger, or older, children are waiting on the school yard at the end of the school day please can you ensure that they wait on the yard not on the field. Thank you for your support in keeping our children and school site safe.

WOODWIND TUITION

Mr Gray has vacancies for pupils wishing to learn the clarinet, saxophone, flute or recorder.

If you don't have your own instrument you may be able to use a school instrument subject to availability.

For further information please contact Mr Gray on 01952 255205 or 0777 391 4065

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:

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

This term's Workshops and Open Lunches will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 9th February 2017 - Year 3
Wednesday 15th February 2017 - Year 6

All parents are welcome to attend the workshop (in classrooms) at 11am and/or lunch at 12pm.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN THE REPLY SLIP SO WE CAN CATER FOR THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF ADULTS.

Severe Weather

As Winter is upon us a reminder about who to contact in the event of severe weather. To find out about school closures:

- Listen to BBC Radio Shropshire.
- Visit the school website
- **Or access this website:**
<http://apps.telford.gov.uk/snowline>

Attendance

Well done to class

5M

who achieved
99.31% attendance.

They will receive
an extra ten
minutes next year.

Year 5/6 Hockey Competition

Children who asked to be involved in this competition should have received a letter today. If you can send the replies back to me ASAP I can assist with arranging transport. Many thanks.
Mr M

HOUSE POINTS

For last week:

1st Wright
2nd Darwin
3rd Owen
4th Jebb

The winners will have lunch first on the following Monday and they will also have access to the team games and activity area on the small yard.

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 winners.

Congratulations to: Richie Campbell, Jacob Hill, Ruby Clews, Willow Cowap-Cerrone, Angel Renhard, Alfie Fenton, Christopher Ross, Nathan Garmson, Macauley Ellen, Evie Meredith, Lily Wright, Samuel Bowen-Thomas, Harry James, Alfie Hodson, Alyssa Hoof-Fowler, Callum Nelson, Gergia Bartlett, Faith Hull, Jamie Morris & Charlotte Mee.