



NJS Weekly News

"Learning to make a difference"

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Up Coming Dates:

September

Tuesday 26th – National Languages Day, Around the World themed lunch

Thursday 28th – National Poetry Day "Freedom"

October

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th – Black History Week

Monday 9th – Friday 13th – National Curry Week

Wednesday 11th – Year 3 Open Lunch from 11am

Monday 16th – Year 3&4 Parents Afternoon and Evening

Tuesday 17th – Year 5&6 Parents Afternoon and Evening

Wednesday 18th – Year 4 Open Lunch

Thursday 19th – Harvest Festival @ 1.30pm

Friday 20th – 3B Class assembly

Friday 20th – Finish for Half Term @ 3.30pm

Monday 30th – Children back to School

Tuesday 31st – All Hallows themed lunch

November

Wednesday 1st – Year 5 Open Lunch from 11am

Friday 3rd – 4S Class assembly

Friday 3rd – PTA cake stall

Wednesday 8th – Year 6 Open Lunch from 11am

Friday 10th – 6EJ Class assembly

Monday 13th – Friday 17th – Anti-Bullying Week

A Word from our Head Teacher, Mrs Moody...

Well done to the School Council members who led assembly on Monday informing the school about how the money raised from Jeans for Genes would be spent. They did a great job!

It has been great to see clubs starting in school this week especially with some new clubs that NJS children have not experienced before like DIY and Mindfulness. We must encourage you to check the newsletter each week to see which clubs are on the following week. Also if your child is unable to attend a club they must inform the adult running the club or Miss Payne.

Year 6 Arthog residential is now full – we cannot add any further places. If you have already paid a deposit and received a payment card, this is confirmation of your place. If you have requested a remissions place already, then your child also has a place.

CHANGE OF PLAN!

We apologise for a slight change but hope we are giving you plenty of notice! Our Harvest Festival will be held at St Nicholas' Church 1.30-2.15pm on Thursday 19th October. Parents are very welcome to attend. Children will ALL return to school following this service; they will be dismissed from school as usual at 3.30pm.

General Reminders

Dogs – Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on our school premises.

Uniform - Please name all items of clothing, coats, bags, water bottles, trainer, shoes etc. We can only return lost property if it is named.

School Council

Classes have elected their school council representatives for this year. These children will meet weekly to input their ideas on the running of NJS. The children elected are:

- 3K – Kieron Tonks & Poppy Berry
- 3B – Amelia Lewis & Ethan Rich
- 3J – William Gibson & Holly Appleby
- 4R – Lauren McMillan & Jacob Ellarby
- 4S – Sam Cole & Alana Delaney
- 4F – Reece Longworth & Sylvia Ody
- 5M – Toby Clegg & Cerys Williams
- 5L – Oliver Dix & Niamh Stretton
- 5H – Eva Hassall & Cameron Moore
- 6J – Zach Adams & Amelia Major
- 6S – Gracie Murphy & Daniel Spencer
- 6EJ – Jack Delaney & Rebecca Marshall

Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications open on the 12th September for children in Year 6. Applications are made online at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for applications is the 31st October '17.

Safeguarding

<http://www.newportjuniorschool.org.uk/safeguarding.php>
Have you noticed this new page on our website, pinpointing advice for keeping your children safe?

PARKING

We try to be good neighbours to those who live near our school. I have been contacted by a resident whose driveway was blocked by a parent collecting a child at the end of the school day. Please can we be considerate when dropping off and collecting from school – please try to use our town car parks to support you and to keep our children safe. Where possible we would encourage you to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

School Times

Please remember that your children are your responsibility until the doors for school open for children to go into classes at 8.50 am.

Gates are locked **promptly** at 9am.

Entrance to school for all children is through the gates via the playground.

Children should only enter through the main entrance if it is after 9am and the gates are locked. At this point they will need signing in the late book.

At the end of the school day, parents are asked to wait on the playground only when the gates are opened at 3.20pm.



Well done to all supported this great cause. We raised £254

Mrs M's Home Challenge!

Use natural things, such as sticks, leaves and rocks to make a picture.

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.

Getting to know staff at NJS

Miss Jones is a Year 6 teacher.

Did you know these 5 facts about, Miss Jones?

1. She loves Harry Potter.
2. She has ran 3 half marathons.
3. She loves reading and reads everyday.
4. She goes to the cinema every week.
5. She doesn't drink hot drinks!

Watch this space to find out more about our staff here at NJS.

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.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Reminder that the cost of school dinners is £2.10 per pupil per day. (Cheques to be made payable to Telford & Wrekin Council). Please send lunch money into class in a separate, named envelope as this is dealt with by the school cook, and it should be placed in the class dinner basket in the morning before the register. For the week beginning 11/9 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 first meeting is on Thursday 2nd November at 3.30pm in the library.**

HOUSE POINTS

For last week:
1st Darwin
2nd Wright
3rd Jebb
4th Owen
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.

Attendance

Well done to class
4F who achieved
100%
attendance.
They will receive an extra ten minutes next week.

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 13th September
End of Term Worship: Thursday 14th December
Upper School Concert Practice: Monday 11th December at 8.50am
Upper School Carol Concert: Monday 11th December @ 7pm

Clubs

Please be aware we have many club changes – both which days they are happening and who they are being run by. Some clubs are new and some aren't being run this term. Please look out for other exciting club changes during this school year!.

Clubs List for the week commencing; Mon 25th Sept:

Monday 25th

- Yr 3/4 Football – 3.30-4.30pm on the school field with AFC Telford.
- Netball – 3.30-4.30pm on the small yard with Miss Payne & the Sports Apprentices

Tuesday 26th

- Microsoft – 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite with Mr Parker
- Yr 5/6 Netball Team – 3.30-4.30pm on the small yard with Miss Payne
- Girls Football – 3.30-4.30pm on the school field with Mrs Wood and Mrs Willets.

Wednesday 27th

- Yr 6 Maths – 3.30-4.30pm in 6J with Mr J (invited children only)
- Cooking – 3.30-5pm in the children's kitchen with Mrs Sisson and Mrs Jukes (signed up children only)
- Yr 5/6 Mindfulness – 3.30-4.30pm in the hall with Miss Hardy
- Yr 5/6 DIY – 3.30-4.30pm in 5L with Mr Lawson

Thursday 28th

- Drama – 3.30-4.30pm in the hall with Mrs Green
- Girls Coding – 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite with Mr Butler
- Tag Rugby – 3.30-4.30pm on the field with Mr Parker & Mr Lawson

Friday 29th

- Yr 5/6 Football – 3.30-4.30pm on the field with Mr M and Mr J
- Dance – 3.30-4.30pm in the hall with Miss Payne
- Safeguarding – 12.30-1pm in Mrs M's Office with Mr R

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 11th October – Year 3
Wednesday 18th October – Year 4
Wednesday 1st November – Year 5
Wednesday 8th November – Year 6

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

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

This weeks successful students are:

- Faye Bradley who was star gymnast of the week this week at Airborne gymnastics.

Well done to all the children on their success.

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 AT THE 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 there 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. If they need the toilets please come across to the main block.** Thank you for your support in keeping our children and school site safe.

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:

Autumn

20/10/17 – 3B
04/11/17 – 4S
10/11/17 – 6EJ
17/11/17 – 5L

Spring

02/02/18 – 4R
09/02/18 – 6J
02/03/18 – 3J
16/03/18 – 5H

Summer

4F – 24/05/18 3K – 08/06/18
6S – 06/07/18 5M – 20/07/18

PTA

PTA cake stall on Friday 29th September at 3.30pm on the yard. Please can cake donation be bought into class that morning. Profits will be shared with Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please be aware that due to large numbers, some clubs have had to adjust. Children have been / will be notified of these changes.

Head-teacher Awards

Well done to all the following children, who received head teacher's awards last week. These children got to sit on the top table on Monday lunchtime and have lunch with Mrs M. Congratulations to: Harrison Stewart Reid, Caitlin Atkinson, Rocco Broome, Faye Bradley, Aimee Bickley, Caden Trower, Jamie Spencer, Scarlett Foster, Alex Cutler, Alanna Delaney, Elsa Pilgrim, Alfie Fenton, Ellie Gibson, Poppy Sullivan, Nathan Garmson, Niamh Stretton, Wei Chen, Ewan Woodhouse, Reece Amos, Zac Downes, Iona Richardson, Freya Jungmayr, Isabel Pessoa & Georgia Abboh.

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.