



# NJS Weekly News

"Learning to make a difference"

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## Up Coming Dates:

### October

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> –**

Black History Week

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> –**

National Curry Week

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3**

Open Lunch from 11am

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 3&4**

Parents Afternoon and

Evening

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 5&6**

Parents Afternoon and

Evening

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 4**

Open Lunch

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Harvest**

Festival @ 1.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – 3B Class**

assembly

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Finish for Half**

Term @ 3.30pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Children**

back to School

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – All Hallows**

themed lunch

### November

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 5**

Open Lunch from 11am

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4S Class**

assembly

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – PTA cake stall**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 6**

Open Lunch from 11am

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – 6EJ Class**

assembly

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> –**

Anti-Bullying Week

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in**

Need

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – 5L Class**

assembly

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> –**

Road Safety Week

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Mufti for a jar**

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

It is a priority to keep children safe and I have spoken to the children about procedures before and after school. Children are not supervised until the start of the school day at 8.50am. We recommend that children do not arrive before 8.40am.

If children bring a scooter or bike to school they are not to ride it once they enter the school gates as the yard is too congested and it poses a hazard. We ask that the children push their bike or scooter straight to the shelter and leave it there. Mobile phones are not to be used inside the school gates for safeguarding reasons.

We ask that the children follow the same procedures at the end of the day; not riding bikes or scooters until they are out of the gates and not using phones until they are off school site.

We would be very grateful for your support with this.

## 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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Newport Guides currently meet at 7pm on Thursdays at the Newport Scout Hut

Come join us for a wide variety of fun activities, both in and out our meeting place, such as:

- science activities at Harper Adams University
- visits from local beekeepers
- local hikes, orienteering, campfires and outdoor cooking
- Christmas shoebox appeal, food bank evening, Oxfam shop visit
- climbing wall, cycling, and county-wide activity days
- local radio station visit, cinema morning
- overnight camp

For further information, email  
1stnewportguides@gmail.com

## Mrs M's Home Challenge!

**Write to someone famous, tell them what you like about them!**

Take a photo of you completing the challenge and email it to Mrs Moody!  
[nicola.moody@taw.org.uk](mailto: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.

## Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September for children in Year 6. Applications are made online at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October '17.

## Safeguarding

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

## Woodwind Lessons

Ever thought about playing the Saxophone, the clarinet, the recorder or the flute?

Now is your chance.

Mr Gray, our woodwind teacher, has vacancies for pupils wishing to learn.

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 0777391065

## Message from the kitchen and our school cook, Mrs Hodson:

After speaking with staff, the children and stakeholders of NJS we will be offering:

### Week 2's Tuesday Meal

Chicken and sauces will be separate from now on.

### Week 2's Thursday Meal

Meat or Quorn Tortillas with an extra option of bolognaise on

this day – from now on

### Week 3's Friday Meal

Panna Cotta pudding will be rice pudding – from now on.

## Getting to know staff at NJS

**Mr Parker is a Year 3 teacher.**

Did you know these 5 facts about, Mr Parker?

1. He is passionate about rugby and football, supporting Burnley.
2. He has completed two half marathons and will be running Birmingham in October.
3. He loves to cook, but is better at the eating part!
4. He is part Greek...Oppa!
5. He would love to do the Lord of the Rings trail in New Zealand and whilst there watch the All Blacks to see the Haka.

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

### 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.**

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Year 5  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6**

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

### 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.

### 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.

### HOUSE POINTS

For last week:

**1<sup>st</sup> Owen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jebb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Darwin  
4<sup>th</sup> Wright**

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.

### 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

### Attendance

Well done to class

**3K** 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 13<sup>th</sup> September

End of Term Worship: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Upper School Concert Practice: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8.50am

Upper School Carol Concert: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm

### Year 3 Nature Days

Please watch this space for more detail about the Year 3 nature days at Chetwynd Deer Park.

Children will be going to the Deer Park on Wednesday 1st Nov 9.30am – 11.30am for 2 classes and on

Thursday 2nd Nov 9.30am – 11.30am for 1 class.

Children will need appropriate warm outdoor clothing as all activities will take place outside.

Look out for a letter which will be coming home!

### 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](mailto:ben.moody@taw.org.uk)

### Clubs List for the week commencing; Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 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 4<sup>th</sup>

- 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)
- 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 5<sup>th</sup>

- 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 6<sup>th</sup>

- 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

Please be aware that due to large numbers, some clubs have had to adjust. Children have been 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:  
Ryan Brain, Nia Williams, Holly Appleby, Leo Thompson, Sophie Woodman, Jack Lloyd, Jack Hudson-Owen, Darcy Roper, Tarik El-Gizawy, Sam Cole, Abigail Hendy, William Knox, Iestyn Jones, Jack Sargent, Kelsey Prince, Alyssa Hoof-Fowler, Evie Spicer, Dominic Ody, Olivia Buckland & Zach Adams.  
5H & 5L – Roll over until next week due to Yr 5 trip.

### Mathletics

Following a review of the level of usage of Mathletics over the last twelve months we have decided not to renew our subscription. If you are interested this is something that you can pursue independently;

<http://uk.mathletics.com/home>