



NJS Weekly News

"Learning to make a difference"

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Up Coming Dates:

October
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
Friday 17th – Children in Need
Friday 17th – 5L Class
 assembly
Monday 20th – Friday 24th –
 Road Safety Week
Friday 24th – Mufti for a jar

December
Friday 1st – Christmas Fair
 2-3.30pm
Wednesday 6th – Senior
Citizens Tea Party 2pm
Thursday 7th – Year 4
Christmas Performance
 2pm and 6pm
Friday 8th – Year 6
Christmas Party 1.30-3.30pm

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

Rector Steve Mitchell has announced his retirement to the community. He will finish at St Nicholas' Church on the 3rd December at the Civic Service which I am delighted the choir will have the opportunity to perform at. Steve has been a very important part of our school community for many years and the school will notify you with how we will be marking this. Congratulations to the boys football team on behalf of the school for their success in the Telford and Wrekin Championship; they are through to the next round in the Spring Term. Good luck to choir members who are performing at Beowulf on Tuesday at Oakengates Theatre; this is a fabulous opportunity that I hope you enjoy.

Message from the PTA

Xmas Card Order Forms: Coming home this week in your children's school bag will be the order forms with their mock xmas card. Please return completed form & monies by Fri 13th Oct (there will not be any late orders this year). Any cheques please make payable to: NJS PTA

2nd hand Uniform Sale: There will be another uniform sale on Thurs 12th 3:30pm-4pm in the bungalow (near the hall)

Cake Stall: Thank you for all your cakes we raised £92 of which £46 will be given to MacMillan

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.

Mrs M's Home Challenge!

Learn a Maths fact that you can share. Make it into a poster if you think it will help others.

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.

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

Lost Property

Parents please check the names in your child's uniforms. Some children have lost their uniform and have checked lost property and their classrooms, but we have no signs of it, even though it is named. Lost property is located in the Yr3 Victorian Block.

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 Lawson is a Year 5 teacher.

Did you know these 5 facts about, Mr Lawson?

1. He taught for 12months in Cornwall.
2. He goes up the Wrekin 3 times a week.
3. He has completed the 3 Peaks challenge.
4. He is a keen surfer and mountain biker.
5. He once got caught out by the tide, resulting in a 6hour wait to be rescued, on the side of a cliff with 7 friends.

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 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.

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:

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

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

3J who achieved

99.57%

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

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

This weeks successful students are:

Hannah Anslow for a successful PGL residential. Hannah Anslow (again!) for being part of the 2nd Church Aston Cubs Swimming Team, who came 2nd out of 121 Cub packs. Well done to these children on their success.

Clubs List for the week commencing; Mon 9th Oct:

Monday 9th

- 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 10th

- 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 11th

- 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 – CANCELLED THIS WEEK DUE TO TAG RUGBY COMPETITION

Thursday 12th

- 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 13th

- 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: Harry Lough, Maria Zasacka, Connor Smith, Ethan Crombie, Kezia Keating, Alex Talbot, Jacob Harrington, Tyler Plant, Isobel Nelson, Rebecca Dixon, Kaci Gilbertson, Sylvia Ody, Ethan Garvey, Eva Hassall, Lewis Ingman, Lacey Stevenson, Faith Smith, Amelie Clarke, Ella Ridley, Lucas Meadows, Jack Delaney, Kathryn Ellams, Scarlet Brailsford & Mabel Bowen. 5H & 5L – from last week – Jenson Howard, Vincenzo Balsamo, Ryley Pressland-Brown & Ella Black

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>