



# NJS Weekly News

"Learning to make a difference"

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## Up Coming Dates:

**October**  
**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

**December**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas Fair 2-  
 3.30pm  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Senior  
 Citizens Tea Party 2pm  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4  
 Christmas Performance 2pm  
 and 6pm  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Christmas  
 Party 1.30-3.30pm  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Years 5&6  
 to Church for 8.50am  
 (Performance Practice)

**Please remember we finish at 3.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for half term. We return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

Our harvest festival will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Thursday at 1.30pm. Children will be walking with school staff and will all return to school afterwards for usual collection at 3.30pm. Parents are very welcome to meet us at church for this service. Children are invited to bring a donation on Thursday of a tin or packet for Newport Food Bank, thank you for your support.

Massive congratulations to the school choir who performed at Beowulf on Tuesday. They were a credit to school and had a unique opportunity to perform with some world class stars. Thank you to Mrs Green for organising this.

**As of today, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – old £1 coins will not be accepted for School payments or by the Schools kitchen.**

### Changes to the lunch menu

Due to All Hallows lunch 31<sup>st</sup> Oct (green worm pasta with brain bolognaise and muddy choc brownie) – Pasta day, Tuesday, will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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.

### Mrs M's Home Challenge!

**Write a thank you note to someone that has helped you! Share it with me and I will publish it.**

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

### Parents Evenings

Just a quick reminder that parents evenings are Monday 16<sup>th</sup> for years 3 and 4 & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> for years 5 and 6, both 1.30-6pm. All teacher and parent meetings will take place in the school hall. Children will not be allowed to leave NJS until 3pm.

### PTA Disco

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
3.30-5pm  
£1 entry.  
Please bring a change of clothes to change into for the disco. Parents are asked to collect their children from the hall at 5pm.

### 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.

### NJS' Guardians Of Safety

NJS has recently built a new safeguarding team. As part of this group there are children, who have been specifically selected to represent children at NJS as Guardians of Safety. This week they went along to a safe guarding conference where they all had an amazing time.

"When we went to the conference we learnt about all the different types of bullying, such as physical, cyber and emotional. It was a super day!"  
Alyssa HF 6S

### Getting to know staff at NJS

Which member of staff is this...

1. I love walking my dog.
2. I have lived in Spain.
3. I do lots of charity work for "Help the Heroes" outside of school.
4. I enjoy going on holiday and travelling in general.
5. I hate tartan.

Please find or email Mr M with your answers. There is a prize for the first person from each year group with the correct answer. 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 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. 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> Jebb**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wright**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Owen**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**6J** who achieved

**100%**

attendance.

They will receive an extra ten minutes next week.

### 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.

### 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

### 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)

This weeks successful students are:

Well done to Faye B in 3J who walked a mile for Macmillan with Newport 2nd Brownies last weekend.

Super job Faye, from all at NJS x

Newport Rugby Club Under 9s won at last weeks Stafford Rugby Festival. Out of all the teams they won the 'Fair Play Award'. Well done to Harrison and the rest of the team from everyone at NJS.

### Clubs List for the week commencing; Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct:

#### Monday 16<sup>th</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 17<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

- NO CLUBS THIS WEEK DUE TO DISCO

#### Thursday 19<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 20<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

### Handwriting Support

A parent suggested this website – its quite useful if you want to create your own handwriting resources. Mrs M <https://handwritingpractice.net/>

### Head-teacher Awards

Well done to all the following children, who received head teacher's awards last week.

These children get to sit on the top table on Monday lunchtime and have lunch with Mrs M.

Congratulations to:

Harry Sargent, Ruby Coombes, Jay Downes, Aileen Lynch, William Gibson, Jack Shaw, Brianna Duff, Alex Tomkinson, Kayleigh Smith, Bailey Montegue, Rebecca Dixon, Nolan Hull, Freya Artless, Rowan Peate, Kyle Morgan, Aleks Klos, Ceasey Squires, Natan Hruszoweic, Daniel Spencer, Rueben Taylor, Ethan Smith, Abi Thompson, Ella Burton & James Frost

### 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.