



NJS Weekly News

"Learning to make a difference"

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Up Coming Dates:

January

Friday 26th – National Paws, Claws and Whiskers Day.

Friday 26th – Choir at LG Arena

Monday 29th – Yr 5 Arthog residential meeting for parents.

February

Friday 2nd – 4R Class assembly

Friday 2nd – PTA cake stall

Monday 5th – Friday 9th – Money Week

Tuesday 6th – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th – PTA Disco

Friday 9th – 6J Class assembly

Monday 12th – Friday 16th – Raising Aspirations Week

Wednesday 14th – Valentines themed lunch

Friday 16th – Raising Aspirations Spring Fair, Chinese New Year themed lunch, Finish for half term @ 3.30pm

A Word from GoS

Remember this simple poem – it will help you to remember to wear our school uniform well.

B-UNIFIED!

U – united to always look our best
N – no "Jo-Jo" bows.

I – in class always wear uniform

F – footwear needs to be correct

O – only smart shoes

R – remember your PE kit

M – make our school great.

Try not to post the school uniform on the internet!

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

I hope everyone has had a good week and that the children enjoy Paws, Claws and Whiskers! Thank you to Mr Rotherham for organising our celebration for National Take your Pet to School Day! Good luck to the choir performing at the LG Arena tonight; I know they will have a fabulous time and am especially pleased to see they are performing a Robbie Williams song ☺

Please can I remind you to regularly check the newsfeed on our school website <http://www.newportjuniorschool.org.uk/> password 'threefishes'. Lots of useful messages, reminders and events are posted here.

On Wednesday we held an assembly to reminisce and celebrate the fact that this month Mr Rotherham has worked in school for 25 years! Congratulations to Mr Rotherham.

Dinner Arrears Reminder

Please be reminded that once you are £6.30 (3 meals) in arrears you will be contacted. If you do not clear the arrears then your child will receive an emergency meal until we have communication from you. If you have any concerns that balances are not accurate please do inform us immediately. If you require support for payment for school meals please look into applying for Free School Meals.

Getting to know staff at NJS

The correct answer to last week's was Mr Jones, a Year 6 teacher, who has taught at NJS for 4 years and even come to NJS as a child (he liked it that much he came back!!)

Which member of staff is this...

1. I once knocked a door off a car.
2. I play golf with a handicap of 13.
3. I swam 3 times for team GB, beating an older Mark Foster each time.
4. I have a business management degree.
5. I used to be sous chef at a friends pub.

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.

Safeguarding

<http://www.newportjuniorschool.org.uk/safeguarding.php>

Have you noticed this new page on our website, pinpointing advice for keeping your children safe?

Yr 5 Residential - Arthog

Parents meeting 3.30-4pm in the school hall on Monday 29th January.

At this meeting you will receive timings, kit lists and information about our residential.

OPEN LUNCHES

You will be receiving a letter next week inviting you to this term's 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:

Tuesday 27th February – Year 5

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

There will be NO GRAB and GOs on these days.

Thank you to all that have attended open lunches so far this term.

The percentage of children who had an adult for open lunch are:

Yr 3 – 70%

Yr 4 – 69%

Yr 6 – 41%

SENDCo Surgery

Was due on Wednesday 24th January is now cancelled and is rearranged for Friday 2nd February at 3.30pm in 6S.

Mrs M's Home Challenge!

Brain Break – Make a word with scrabble tiles.

Writing Prompt – Advice I'd like to give my parents...

Earth Help – Plant a bee friendly plant – the bee population needs us!

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.

We have been alerted that there is an app called 'IMVU' which is a social media app that allows the user to create an 'avatar' and speak to strangers. It also pinpoints your location so that whoever you are speaking to can see where you are. This is what the app looks like:



We would recommend that your children do not use this app.

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/sno/wline>

Please do not ring school, keep this line clear for emergency use only.

Healthy Lunchboxes and Break-time Snacks

Please can we remind you that we promote healthy eating at NJS. Please encourage healthy eating options for both break times and lunchtimes.

Please avoid fizzy drinks and sweets.

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.

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

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.

HOUSE POINTS

For last week:

- 1st Darwin
- 2nd Owen
- 3rd Jebb
- 4th 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 FRIDAYS and usually start at 2.50pm. Dates for this school year are:

Spring

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

Summer

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

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.

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.

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.

Attendance

Well done to class

4F who achieved **98.47%** attendance.

They will receive an extra ten minutes next week.

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:

Jake Garrett - He has taken part in the 5k Telford Park Run four times since November 17 and improved his personal time by 5minutes since he started.

He would have ran more if it wasn't for the weather or illnesses. He's done very well and we are proud of him.

Jack Appleby - Jack got awarded star player this week at his Activ8 football training session.

James Frost - James has had a very successful fortnight swimming in the Shropshire Counties and after making several finals & achieving many Pb's made 10th best U11 boy in Shropshire which should qualify him for the county team.

Jake Yates – Also swam in the Shropshire Counties. Well done to all the children involved.

Clubs List for the week commencing; Mon 29th Jan 2018

- **Monday 29th** – Worship Club; 12.30-1pm in the School library with Mrs M.
 - Yr 6 Reading Club; 12.30-1pm in 6EJ with Miss Jones.
 - Non-Swimmers; 12-12.30pm in the pool with Steph.
 - Fitness Club; 3.30-4.15pm on the small yard with the apprentices.
 - Dance Club; 3.30-4.30pm in the school hall with Miss Payne
- **Tuesday 30th** – Yr 6 Writing; 3.30-4.30pm in 6S with Miss Sherry
 - Choir; 12.30-1pm in the library with Mrs Green
 - Girls Football; 3.30-4.15pm on the field with Mrs Wood.
 - Musical Theatre; 3.30-4.30pm in the school hall with Miss J and Miss P
- **Wednesday 24th** – NO CLUBS ON TONIGHT DUE TO STAFF MEETING
- **Thursday 25th** – School Council; in 4F, 10.30-10.50am with Mrs Follis.
 - Drama; in the hall, 3.30 – 4.30pm with Mrs Green
 - Boys Coding Club; 3.30-4.30pm with Mr B – children have been selected and told individually.
 - Tag Rugby; 3.30-4.15pm on the school field with Mr Parker and Miss P
- **Friday 26th** – Guardians of Safety; in Mr R's office, 12.30-1pm with Mr R.
 - Eco; 12.30-1pm in the Yr 5 outside area with Mrs Green.
 - Mindfulness; 3.30 – 4.30pm in the hall with Miss Hardy.
 - Yr 5/6Football Club; 3.30-4.15pm on the school field with Mr M and Mr J
- **Tuesday – Friday Lunchtime**; Miss Payne will be running a Yr 5/6 Cricket Club; anybody interested, please bring along trainers and meet her on the small yard, after lunch, at 12.30pm.
- **Watch this space for clubs over the next few weeks.**