



Ambition, Achievement, Aspiration

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4 – a term where we think about our core value of zest and the importance of a positive mind set and a “can do” attitude. In school we are encouraging the children to always see the positive. Being optimistic is vital for good mental health and well-being but sometimes we need to learn how to think this way. This term we will be working with all children to support them to see the learning in any mistakes that they make and understand these as a vital part of learning something new.

School News

This newsletter will also be supported by “School News”. Mr Eldred has been working hard with different groups of Year 6 children to bring you each episode of “School News”. We are proud of it and I am sure that you, as our community, enjoy watching “School News” rather than reading this newsletter!

Parents Evening

school year and one that is enjoyed by school staff. You will have heard about changes to our assessment systems in school to ensure that we are giving you accurate and precise feedback about your child’s learning and progress. For any parents who could not attend, please contact your child’s teacher directly to make an appointment. The school will be following up with any families that we do not hear back from to ensure that an appointment is made.

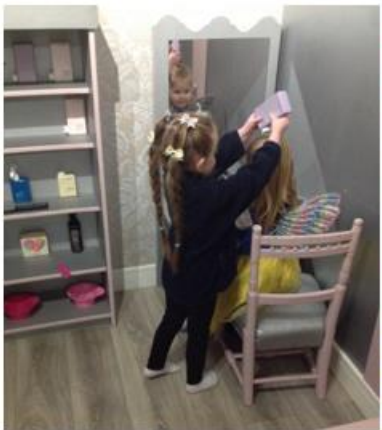
Nursery Trip to Little Seaside Town

We can all remember the excitement of a school trip and many of us will carry memories of school trips for a lifetime. They are an important part of the curriculum and of school life. Think about the excitement (and maybe a few nerves) of your very first school trip! That’s what our nursery children achieved this week when they stepped out in to the big wide world of Ramsgate and went to Little Seaside Town. Here’s what Mrs Brentnall had to tell us about the trip.

“The first exciting activity was travelling on the minibus. We stepped on, strapped in, then sang our way to town, pointing out the most important landmarks as we went; Tesco’s was a favourite!

Once we arrived at the venue, had our safety talk and removed our outer layers, it was time to explore the amazing facilities. After the initial dash to explore all areas, children soon settled into different roles. We had Fire Officers, Police Officers, Florists, Singers, Ice Cream Workers, Shop Assistants, Bakers, Vets and Hairdressers, to name a few. There were arrests, fires put out, fish caught and cakes served all in one morning. Every child explored more than one area and there was lots of discussion around what they wanted to be when they grow up, which carried on all week!

The children behaved impeccably and made us very proud with their good manners and positive attitudes. We recommend a visit to The Little Seaside Town and we can't wait for our next trip!"



PE Kit

Children coming in to school in PE Kit since the pandemic has seen huge advantages. Children get far longer PE lessons and there are fewer issues with self-confidence as children no longer have to change at school. However, it is vital that parents see PE Kit as part of the school uniform and recently we have seen children in "PE Kits" that are not "PE Kits". Our Uniform Policy (available on our website) says:

PE Kit

All pupils are required to wear:

- *A light blue t-shirt (plain or school branded)*
- *Jumpers- hoodies or jumpers (with or without a zip) either plain, navy blue, or Newington branded*
- *Tracksuit bottoms- black or navy blue, either plain, or Newington branded*
- *Trainers or plimsolls*

A further reminder; school hoodies are part of our PE uniform and should only be worn on PE Days. Thank you!

Some Important Reminders and Dates:

Key Stage 2 SATS are statutory assessments for Year 6 children. They will take place the week commencing the 13th May 2024. Year 6 parents should make a note of this week on calendars at home. No holidays or day trips should be booked during this week. We will provide further information later on in the term.

Class Photos will take place on 12th March 2024. We ask that ALL children be in school uniform on this day and alternative arrangements will be made for PE lessons for this day only.

World Book Day – one of our favourite days of the school calendar. World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. The staff have been planning costumes for ages and it's all starting to get rather competitive! We are looking forward to it and hope you are too.

If anyone has any World Book Day outfits that are too small for their own children, please consider donating them to us. We will ensure that children who may not be able to dress up next week have access to them and are given a costume to wear for the day.

Talking of books.....

Newington enjoyed a wonderful visit from Adam from The Classroom on Wednesday 28th February. He spoke to the children all about World Book Day and gave every child a book to take home. In 2022, a survey by The Literacy Trust showed that 1 in 15 children did not have access to a single book at home. Adam (and NCPS) are on a mission to ensure that this doesn't apply to any child in our school. Children were also told about the voucher that they will receive next week and how this can be exchanged for another book! Thank you to Holly and Mrs Clements for organising this and of course to Adam for joining us in school.



Term 4 Diary Dates

26 th February 2024 1 st March 2024 4 th March 2024 8 th April 2024	Early Years to Little Seaside Town (One class per date)
5 th March 2024	Year 1 to Wingham
6 th March 2024 @ 2pm	Speech and Language Workshop for Parents
7 th March 2024	WORLD BOOK DAY
12 th March 2024	Class Photographs
WC 18 th March 2024	Final week for clubs
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Term 2

	School closes at 2.15pm No Wraparound
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Goodbyes and Thank Yous!

Finally, as we approach Easter, we will be saying “Goodbye and Thank You” to some very familiar, Team Newington faces. Miss Sholl will be leaving us to take up a post of Assistant Headteacher. We know that she will be fabulous and we wish her all the very best in her new role. Well done Miss Sholl!

Mrs Darwish will be leaving the Early Years team this term. Mrs Darwish is a very much loved member of staff and we will all be very sad to see her go. We wish her all the very best for the future and look forward to her coming back to visit us soon.

Miss Merry from the school office team will be leaving us in March. She has secured a new post at another school and we wish her all the very best for her new job.

Lastly, Mr Stevens (Keith) has decided that it is time to hang up his bright orange jacket and start to enjoy some much deserved time off. Keith plans to retire at the end of this term and we think he totally deserves some time to himself and a few lay ins!

I know that you will join us all in school in thanking these staff members for their hard work and commitment to the school. We wish them all the very best.

With very best wishes

Miss Hannah Tudor

Headteacher