

Date: 1st February 2018



# 'Newsham News'

**Quote of the Week:** "Safety doesn't happen by accident"

**A Reynolds**

Dinner Menu	Week 2
Day	What is happening
Monday 5th February	10.00am - Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 6th February	9am - 2.45pm Y2 visiting Iskon Temple 9am - 3.15pm Y3 Lady from the Past visiting 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Reading Club Mrs Finnigan 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Charlton
Wednesday 7th February	9am - 2.45pm Y1 visiting Iskon Temple 2.30pm - Star Tea with Mr Jones 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Maths Club Mrs Finnigan 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Mrs Atkinson
Thursday 8th February	12.30pm - 3pm Y6 Netball 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Reading Club Mrs Ross 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.30pm Y2/Y3 Athletics
Friday 9th February	1.00pm onwards - Whales swimming <b>School Closes for half term holiday 3.15pm</b>

## Star Pupils of the Week

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Starfish - Leo

Seahorses - Libby

Puffins - Emily

Penguins - Lillie-Grace

Lifeboats - Tia

Coastguards - Zak

Kittiwakes - Tiaami

Oystercatchers - Kia

Whales - Layton

Dolphins - Darcy

Galleons - Ethan

Submarines - Layla

Neptune - Melissa

Atlantis - James

## Our School Library

Thanks to all parents and carers who have visited our school library since we've started opening it after school each Monday and Tuesday. It's been a really successful initiative so far and if you haven't already made use of this new facility, please come along! Reading is one of the greatest pleasures in life and we are keen to do everything possible to inspire our children at the earliest possible age!

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **95%** - we didn't achieve our target of 96%. There were no winners in EYFS, KS1 attendance winners last week were **Penguins** with **98%** attendance, Lower KS2 attendance winners last week were **Dolphins** with **98%** attendance and Upper KS2 attendance winners last week were **Atlantis** with **96%** attendance.

## Half Term

Just a quick announcement to remind our families once more about the half term break and teacher training day that is approaching. School will close at **3.15pm on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February** and will reopen to children on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**. School is only open to staff on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks.

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## Word of the Week

**Resourceful** and was awarded to Charlotte in Year 6. Charlotte receives a pack of gel pens for being resourceful and coming up with a system for returning Library books. Well done Charlotte.

## Team Points

Our weekly team points are:

**Red = 947, Green = 857 and Yellow = 932.**

Winners for last week were Red Team (Warkworth), well done!

## Uniform Reminder

We are seeing an increasing number of children wearing the wrong footwear for school, could we please remind you that only black shoes are permitted and that trainers must only be worn on PE days, thank you.

## Lost property

Could we please ask that you ensure that **all** of your children's belongings are labelled or have their name written somewhere on the item, our lost property is overflowing with items that cannot be returned as they aren't named.

## Times Tables

Some of our KS2 pupils are currently trialling an exciting new web-based maths program, TimesTableRockstars, to help them learn and practise times tables, as well as promoting a more rapid recall for multiplication and division facts.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun, engaging sequenced programme of daily times tables practice, where children are motivated to compete in order to earn rock coins!

We know that when a child isn't secure with their times tables, it can obstruct progress as they can't draw on this knowledge to solve other mathematical problems. Several pupils understand some of the more difficult mathematical concepts they have been taught, yet they struggle to develop or practise their new learning because of insecure number skills; with lack of times table knowledge being a key issue.

Research indicates that children who have a strong grasp of their times tables are more confident when learning new mathematical concepts and, more importantly, they enjoy the subject more! Therefore, since we all want the best for our children, it is really important that children at Newsham are given every opportunity to have the tools of arithmetic secure and at their fingertips.

Please keep an eye out for your child bringing home a letter with login details for this fun and exciting opportunity as it rolls out across KS2.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs AM Armstrong  
Headteacher