



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week:

"Give today all you have, tomorrow will take care of itself." **Unknown**

Star Pupils of the Week

W/B 24th September 2018

Starfish - Sofia
 Seahorses - Jackson
 Puffins - Yusra
 Penguins - Kenzie
 Lifeboats - Mason
 Coastguards - Willow
 Kittiwakes - Max
 Oystercatchers - Ebony
 Whales - Bradley
 Dolphins - Leah
 Galleons - Katie
 Submarines - Megan
 Neptune - Brandon
 Atlantis - Nathan

| Dinner Menu | See Live Kitchen |
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| Day | What is happening |
| Monday 1st October | Whole School Assembly 3.30pm - Parents' Evening in the Hall |
| Tuesday 2nd October | |
| Wednesday 3rd October | The Big Bang STEM Event - 30 pupils 7.35am-3.50pm 3.30pm - Parents' Evening in the Hall |
| Thursday 4th October | School Census Day |
| Friday 5th October | 1pm - Galleons swimming lesson 2.30pm - Star Tea with Mr Jones |

Ship Shape

Whales won our tidy classroom award 'Ship Shape'. Well done Whales.

Contacting Parents and Carers

I am really concerned that there are occasionally times when we try to contact parents and carers during the school day and do not receive an answer on any of the contact numbers. If a child was poorly or had an accident, it would be vital that we could contact somebody from the family. I'm going to have to ask one of our Senior Leaders to go to homes where no contact has been possible and this is using time in a way that should not be necessary. Please work with us in partnership by answering the phone on the rare occasion when we may need to make contact. Thank-you.

Free School Meals

This is a plea for any parents and carers who think there is the slightest possibility that they may be eligible for free school meals (and have not yet applied) to contact us at school as soon as possible. Please note the following points carefully and if in doubt, phone us to check eligibility.

- Thanks to a nationally funded initiative, children in school are all entitled to a free school meal until the end of Year 2 **BUT** it is still vital to apply for free school meal funding. It is also extremely important to apply in Y3 to Y6 and as soon as financial circumstances in the family change.
- Our children are not made aware of whether or not they receive funding (Pupil Premium funding) but it brings so many benefits to both the family and our school. Families eligible for Pupil Premium funding are supported with financial costs relating to meals, milk, educational visits etc. and school also receives a significant amount of funding for each child to help with provision in school.
- Our school budget is currently predicted to receive £25,000 less Pupil Premium funding and this is largely because so many of our families are failing to apply for free school meals. It is a confidential process that we can help you with.
- We are required to complete a census three times each year and the number of children having a school meal on Census Day also attracts additional funding for our school budget. **Our next Census Day is Thursday, October 4th so we'd love as many parents and carers as possible to order a school lunch for their child on that day!**

All these efforts around funding will support **EVERY** child in school, through the provision we will be able to maintain and hopefully develop. If you have any questions at all about this important area of school life, please contact staff in the School Office and they will be more than happy to help. Thanks so much!

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Parking

This week we have received a complaint from a member of the local community. A report was made of parents and carers driving erratically to compete for parking spaces and blocking access to local homes and properties. I fully appreciate the difficulties in parking near our school and it is an issue that I have raised repeatedly over recent years. That said, I remain highly concerned for both pupil safety and also our reputation in our local community. Please drive and park carefully and considerately. Thank-you.

After School Activity Club Reminder

Could we please remind all parents and carers that you **MUST** book and pay for After School Activity Club in **ADVANCE**, failure to do this may lead to your booking being refused. Thank you.

Live Kitchen

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of school meals being ordered and then going to waste as pupils are bringing in packed lunches, in the last 3 weeks alone a total of 28 meals have been wasted at a cost of **£64.40!!** This is money the school can **NOT** afford to waste and could be better spent elsewhere. Could we please ask that if you do decide to send your child to school with a packed lunch you then cancel any meals ordered via Live Kitchen. Thank you.

Dentist, medical and holiday forms

As parents and carers are aware, we don't authorise holidays in term times and time away from school can only be granted by myself as Headteacher in exceptional circumstances. In addition, doctors and dentist appointments should be made outside school hours and we are currently working in partnership with local medical and dental practices to support these arrangements. If an emergency appointment during school time is unavoidable, a copy of the appointment card or letter is required and this is really helpful to support our conversations when we meet with the school's Education Welfare Officer. Thank-you for your support in this matter.

Flu Vaccine

It has come to our attention that the information about the porcine gelatine may have not reached all parents as there have been insufficient leaflets to go round everyone.

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). There is no suitable alternative flu immunisation available for otherwise healthy children.

For further information go to: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccines/pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx>

If you feel that you have completed consent for your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine and now feel that you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact the immunisation team: 01916432865 or 01916432870

Summer Reading and Maths Challenges

Well done to the following children who won the Summer Reading challenge and were awarded a £5 Book voucher, Liam in Kittiwakes, Libby in Atlantis and Freya in Atlantis. The following children won the Summer Maths challenge, Francesca in Coastguards, Denujaa in Dolphins and Ryan in Neptune and were awarded a £5 WHSmith voucher. Well done everyone!

Pupil Success

Well done to Megan in Year 5 who was awarded Mathlete of the Month for July and August! Well done also to Lucas and Corey who have graduated to red belt in Karate!

Word of the Week

Respectful and was awarded to Melissa in Year 6. Melissa receives a pack of gel pens for always being respectful in all areas of school life. Well done Melissa.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **93%**, which means we didn't meet our school target of 96%. EYFS winners last week were **Full Pebbles** with **100%** attendance, KS1 attendance winners last week were **Lifeboats** with **100%** attendance, Lower KS2 attendance winners last week were **Dolphins** with **99%** attendance and Upper KS2 attendance winners last week were **Neptune** with **98%** attendance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs AM Armstrong

Headteacher