

Date: 4th April 2019



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week: "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn".

Benjamin Franklin

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Star Pupils</u> <u>of the Week</u> <u>W/B 1st April 2019</u> Starfish - Ashton Seahorses - Trey-Jaymi Puffins - Lacey Penguins - Jess Lifeboats - Evie Coastguards - Megan Kittiwakes - Aleisha Oystercatchers - Alisha Whales - Faith Dolphins - Riley Galleons - Rio Submarines - William Neptune - Travis Atlantis - James</p>

Dinner Menu	See Live Kitchen
Day	What is happening
Monday 22nd April	Bank Holiday Monday - School closed
Tuesday 23rd April	3.15pm - 4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club
Wednesday 24th April	
Thursday 25th April	8.05am - Rockstars Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm KS2 Choir Club 3.15pm - 4.30pm Y6 Art Club 3.15pm - 4.30pm Maths Club Y2/6
Friday 26th April	8.05am - Rockstars Club 1pm onwards - Oystercatchers 1st swimming lesson

N.B Pupils invited to clubs/boosters will have individual letters sent home. Thank you.

A reminder that school closes tomorrow at 2pm and it also is non-uniform day with a £1 donation please.

Newsham News

From next term we are going to pilot a project in **which Newsham News is only provided by email or accessed on our school website.** This will really help us to cut down the amount of paper used in school every week. Some of our families already receive Newsham News by email. If you would like to be added to our list, please give your email address to staff in our School Office as soon as possible. We are also happy to receive your feedback next term about this pilot initiative.

Gates to be locked at 3.30pm

Could all parents and carers please be aware that as soon as we come back to school after the Easter holidays, we will need to return to our arrangement of **locking the school gates at 3.30pm.** We need to do this to remove incidents of secondary aged pupils using the site as a short cut and to maximise the safety of our pupils attending our after school clubs. They will be using our outdoor space far more frequently in the Summer term. As you already know, the **school gates are not opened until 3pm each day** as pupils are using the outdoor space until that time.

Families collecting children from school at 3.15pm must have left the school premises before 3.30pm. The park opposite our school is available for families wanting their children to enjoy play facilities after school hours. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Boundary Wall near the Trim Trail

During a recent site inspection, two vertical cracks were discovered in the brick wall that separates part of our school site from the newly constructed bungalows. It is also beginning to lean slightly and we need to resolve this problem as soon as possible. We are in the process of arranging for the wall to be demolished and replaced with wooden fencing.

While this work is ongoing, **please ensure the children stay off the grass on the upper yard before and after the school day.** Thank-you for your support.

Hockey

Well done to our Y6 pupils who represented our school so wonderfully at a hockey tournament last week. As usual the children were brilliant ambassadors for our school. Well done everyone!

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School Lunches

Could parents and carers please make sure that school lunches are paid for before lunch is served on any given day. We will contact parents and carers to ask them to bring a packed lunch straight to school if payment has not been received on the day a lunch has been ordered. Thank-you.

The Woodland Walk

We have been really grateful for all the help we have received in cleaning replanting and extending areas of the Woodland Walk at the bottom of the school field. This work has made the whole area far more accessible for Forest School lessons. We have so many other exciting plans for our outdoor environment and will keep you up to date with developments as they progress! **Meanwhile, please help us to ensure that children don't touch the newly planted trees on the way to and from school.** Thank-you

Easter Holidays

Please remember that school closes for **Easter at 2pm, tomorrow April 5th**. We reopen on **Tuesday, April 23rd** and I hope everyone enjoys a very safe and happy break from school.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **96%**, which means we met our school target of 96%. **Full pebbles** were the winners in **EYFS** with **100%**, **KS1** attendance winners last week were **Puffins** with **98%** attendance, **Dolphins** were the winners in **Lower KS2** with **98%** and **Galleons** were the winners in **Upper KS2** with **99%**.

Word of the Week

Reflective and was awarded to Brooklyn in Year 4. Brooklyn receives a pack of gel pens for being very reflective with all of the changes in his routine. Well done Brooklyn.

Persistently perfect Spring 2

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Persistently Perfect for the second part of spring term: Ardenis, Lyra, Amaya, Faith, Sophie, Skyla, Libby, Ellie, Ethan, Nyle, Grace, Keely, Kady-Lee and Joe. Each one receives a certificate and a gold or silver pen.

Star of the Month March

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Month, Jasmine, Ava, Henry, Maddison, Olly, Callum, Faith, Molly, Kallie-Jade, Joe, Beth, David, Ryan and Libby.

In it to Win it.

Our winners for Spring term attendance of 96-100% attendance are Jorgie Rec, Lucas Y5 and Rhys Y5. Pupils receive a £5 Book token. Well done everyone! Fantastic attendance.

Pupil Success

Well done to Joe and Jake who have passed their level one Swimming!

Team Points

Our weekly team points are: **Red = 1573, Green = 1562 and Yellow = 1245**. Winners for last week were Red Team (Warkworth), well done!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A-M Armstrong

Headteacher