

Date: 15th October 2015



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week: "What you do every day matters more than what you do once in a while". **Gretchen Rubin**

★ <u>Announcements</u> ★	Day	What is happening
Star Pupil of the Week W/B 12.10.15 Seahorses - Eymen Starfish - Jasmine Puffins - Kallie Jade Penguins - Reid Lifeboats - Jack Michael Coastguards - Layla Grace Kittiwakes - Kanushanth Oystercatchers - Libby Whales - Eleanor Dolphins - Kai Galleons - Josh Submarines - Grace Neptune - Jake Atlantis - Jake	Lunch Menu of the Week	Week 2
	Monday 19th October	Whole School Assembly
	Tuesday 20th October	
	Wednesday 21st October	2.00pm Star Tea with Mr Jones
	Thursday 22nd October	9.30am - 12.00noon - Y5 New Age Bowling Halloween Lunch 2.00pm - KS1 Medieval Market 3.15pm - 4.30pm Athletics Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm Reading Club for Y4 in our Lighthouse (adult must attend) Last day of half term - break up 3.15pm
	Friday 23rd October	School closed to pupils - training day

Celebrating Success:

Whole school attendance for last week was 95.29%. Unfortunately we didn't reach our target.

Our attendance winners for last week were Seahorses with 98.8%. Excellent!

Team points for this week were, Red = 678, Green = 630 and Yellow 583.

Word of the Week was Reflective and was awarded to Jay from Y4.

Shipshape was awarded to Foundation Stage Unit. Well done.

Our school football team, Newsham Mariners, played their first two matches on Monday, they won both 7 - nil verses Morpeth Road and 4 - nil verses St. Benedict's. Well done!

Joe was awarded his yellow belt in kick boxing. Well done Joe.

Jack scored a goal for his team at the weekend. Well done Jack.

Thompson was 'Man of the Match' for his team last Sunday. It was the first time he has achieved this. Well done Thompson.

Halloween Lunch: (Thursday 22nd October)

Chicken Ghosts with Spider Web Potato Waffles followed by Jelly with Eye Balls and Spooky Sweet. This costs £2.10 for pupils in Y3 to Y6. Money must be in a sealed container or envelope explaining what it is for, and be with office staff by Monday 19th October. Thank you.

Important Information:

Y3 visit to Blyth beach

Last Thursday, Y3 visited Blyth beach as part of their Autumn term curriculum investigations. We were very grateful that Thursday brought such beautiful weather after experiencing a number of rainy days! The children's wonderful behaviour matched the wonderful weather and they had a great day! Well done everyone!

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Important Information (cont.):

Y5 Tall Ships Workshops

Both Y5 classes have now taken part in a Tall Ships Workshop at Blyth Harbour and everybody has loved the experience. Although the Tall Ships Race won't be arriving in Blyth until August 2016, we are trying to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen the children's learning in this area and we are excited by the number of further curriculum activities that will be available during the course of this academic year.

Working in partnership with parents and carers

Thanks very much to all the parents and carers from Y3, Y4 and Y5 who attended our curriculum meeting yesterday morning. We hope you found the information helpful and that the examples of questions that you can use at home to help deepen your child's learning will be useful. Many thanks also to those of you who completed "post it" notes to tell us about the aspects of the curriculum that you would like to explore in further detail. We can organise workshops, guidance notes or anything else that you think would further develop our partnership work. We really appreciate your constant support so please keep telling us about your suggestions and ideas to make our school even better!

Halloween

As you will all know, Halloween is on October 31st and this falls within the half term holiday. We realise Halloween is a special time for children and whilst we don't hold our school discos at this time of year (it is dark when they would finish and experience has proved that this makes safe collection arrangements much more difficult to organise), we do want to mark the occasion in some way. After consideration, we have decided to let the children (not those in KS1, as they will already be dressed as knights and princesses) come to school in non-uniform on Thursday, October 22nd. This can include Halloween costumes but please don't let your children bring scary masks or props such as tridents, broomsticks etc! Don't forget you can also order Halloween lunch for October 22nd (please see front of this newsletter).

KS1 Medieval Market

At 2pm on Thursday 22nd October, the parents of children in Key Stage One (Years One and Two) are invited to a Medieval Market in the school hall. This is part of our enterprise work and the children have created medieval crafts to sell in order to raise money for an educational visit. On this day the children can come dressed as somebody who might have lived in a castle.

Personally Designed Christmas Cards

Hopefully your child will be bringing home their personally designed Christmas card tomorrow for you to order in time for Christmas. A letter explaining what to do will accompany the design along with the order form. All money for orders needs to be handed in, in a labelled sealed envelope/container and be with admin staff by Thursday 22nd October. Please accept my apology for the very tight time scale but this is due to circumstances beyond my control. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A-M Armstrong
Headteacher