



**NEWLAND
ST JOHN'S**
C OF E ACADEMY

9th February 2018 Newsletter

'With God's help we work together to help each child fulfil their potential.'

Diary Dates

Friday 9th February	School closes for half term (3:15 pm)
Monday 19th February	Children return to school (8:50 am)
Wednesday 28th February	Hedgehogs class worship
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day!
Wednesday 14th March	Parents' evening
Wednesday 14th March	Robins class worship
Wednesday 21st March	Easter Service
Friday 23rd March	Termly reports out to parents
Friday 23rd March	School closes for Easter (3:15 pm)
Monday 9th April	INSET Day – School closed
Tuesday 10th April	Children return to school (8:50 am)



Stars of the week



Dormice	Devon
Robins	Isaac
Hedgehogs	Tharuk
Squirrels.	Eliza
Badgers	Olivia
Rabbits	Melody
Foxes.	Fatuma
Otters	Leon
Owls.	Amelia A-S
Deer	Frankie

Reminder

Following a complaint, please can we remind parents/carers to abide by the Highway Code by not parking on double yellow lines or zigzags when picking up and dropping off from school. This causes risks for our children and local residents.

Bikes and scooters

To keep everyone safe, scooters, bikes and skateboards MUST NOT be ridden on the playground before or after school. Please walk them along and park them in the bike sheds.

Attendance

This week our attendance has been 93.1%. The best attendance was 95.8% from Rabbits class. Well done to them!



Late to school

If children are coming into school late, a parent/carer must bring them to the office to sign them in and get their mark.

Valentines gifts

We had a lot of upset over Valentines gifts last year. Please can Valentines gifts not be brought into school this year.

After School Clubs

In future children who are attending after school activities will be dismissed via the Key Stage 2 entrance. Please collect them from there. Thank you.

Sports competitions

When taking part in school sports competitions, children are usually transported in staff cars, where staff have appropriate insurance cover. However, regulations for children now state that all children shorter than 135 centimetres in height and younger than 12 years old should have booster seats when travelling by car. As such, in line with other local schools, we will be asking parents to transport children themselves, or provide an appropriate booster seat.

Special menu

Keep an eye out for a special Chinese New Year dinner menu which may happen after half term.



London Trip

Otters and Owls classes have enjoyed fantastic trips to London this week, organised for us by Hull and East Riding Children's University. They have seen some of the great sights of the capital city, and have learned about parliament and democracy, seeing it in action in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. One group even saw our local MP asking a question in the House of Commons. Deer class are in for a treat on 19th when it's their turn. If you get a chance, ask them about it and I am sure they would love to tell you more.



World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. To celebrate, your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This year, we are also having a 'word' theme running through the day and would really like children to come to school with an interesting word that they can share with other children, to expand their vocabulary. The word can form part of the costume or simply be brought into school on a piece of card - be as creative as you want with how you display the chosen word. Please note that brand names of clothing, e.g. NIKE, GAP, etc, are not acceptable - it should be a word that your child can talk about and share its meaning with others. Please start looking for good words to choose, especially when reading favourite books at home. We are looking forward to a great day, exploring our favourite books and learning new words together.



Please remember we are always keen to hear of your concerns as well as your positive feedback. If you would like to discuss any issues with Mrs Wilson or your child's teacher, please make an appointment at the school office.

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