



22nd September 2017 Newsletter

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

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

Diary Dates

Friday 29th September	Prayer meeting
Friday 30th September	Farmers Market (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Wednesday 4th October	Harvest – Foxes class
Wednesday 11th October	EYFS Parents phonics evening
Friday 13th October	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 18th October 2017	Parents' evening
Wednesday 25th October	EYFS Stay and Play
Friday 27th October	Children break up for Half term
Monday 6th October	Children return to school
Friday 10th November	Remembrance service
Friday 10th November	Prayer meeting
Wednesday 15th November	EYFS Tapestry workshop
Friday 24th November	Prayer meeting
Wednesday 29th November	EYFS maths workshop
W/C Monday 4th December	Advent Journey
Monday 4th December	Dormice, Robins + Hedgehogs class worship
Tuesday 5th December PM	Squirrels class worship



Stars of the week



Dormice Nigena
 Robins Corey
 Hedgehogs. Fabian
 Squirrels. Lilliana
 Badgers. Sarah
 Rabbits Ritaj
 Foxes Amy
 Otters Alyssa
 Owls. Ashir
 Deer Dylan

Traffic Outside School

We have had several complaints from people in the local area about traffic around school. I myself have observed several parents parking on double yellow lines meaning that children struggle to see in order to cross the road. Unless this situation is addressed, the safety of children is at genuine risk. Please can I therefore ask that no cars are parked on double yellow lines, children walk to school wherever it is feasible in order to reduce the amount of traffic and consideration is shown to children crossing, to local residents and to other drivers. We will continue to work with PCSOs and traffic wardens on this matter and they will continue to patrol.

Attendance



This week our attendance has been 96.2%. The best attendance was 100 % from both Rabbits and Foxes classes.
Well done to them!

Late

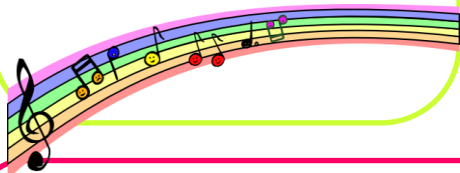
If your child is late to school, please bring them in through the office entrance to get their mark.

Home time pick-ups

If your child is being collected by someone else, please contact the school office before 12:00 pm so that we can notify the class teachers.

Pre-school musical group

If anyone is interested in a pre-school musical group, there are spaces available in the mini music group from 9:30 am – 10:30 am on a Monday at the Newland Christian Centre on Beverley Road. There will be singing, musical instruments and musical games followed by refreshments and free play. If you're interested in the group, please contact Hannah on 01482 492109.



Pyjama Day

In order to start our fundraising efforts for Guide Dogs for the blind, we are having a pyjama day next on Thursday 28th September. Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas in exchange for a donation of £1.00 for the charity.



FARMERS MARKET

Our next farmers market will be held in the school hall on Saturday 30th September. We will have a wide range of stalls for families to enjoy- we hope to see you there!

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival will be held on 4th October at 9:15 am in St John's Church. It will be led by Foxes class, and as usual, parents are warmly welcome to attend.



Tesco tokens

When shopping at Tescos look out for the charity token boxes. You should receive 1 token per shop from the cashier which you can then put into one of the charity boxes on your way out. We are currently one of their chosen charities and if we get enough tokens we could win up to £4000 for the school allotment which will develop the pond and wildlife area to support the children's learning.

Holidays in term time

We have had an unprecedented number of requests for holidays during term time. This is very disappointing after the children have had 6 weeks off over the summer and any such holiday requests will generally be unauthorised. If children take time off during term time, they miss valuable learning and teachers then have to repeat these lessons when children return. This impacts not just on the child who has returned from holiday, but also on the other children in the class. When it happens on multiple occasions as is frequently the case, it can have a detrimental impact on the whole class. We would therefore ask that holidays are only taken during the 13 weeks children have off during the year and not during term time.



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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