



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates for Terms 1 and 2

### Tuesday 10/9/19

- Year 3 Back to School Meetings: 2.15pm.
- Year 6 Back to School Meetings: 2.45pm

### Wednesday 11/9/19

- Year 1 Back to School Meetings: 2.15pm.
- Year 2 Back to School Meetings: 2.45pm

### Thursday 12/9/19

- Year 5 Back to School Meetings: 2.15pm.
- Year 4 Back to School Meetings: 2.45pm

### Friday 20/9/19

- Drop In session for Reception

### Monday 23/9/19

- Clubs start

### Tuesday 24/9/19

- Y6 Residential Meeting: 3.30pm

### Friday 27/09/19

- Macmillan Coffee Morning

### Monday 30/09/19

- Maths meeting for parents: 2.30pm
- NPSA Welcome back meeting 7.30pm

### Thursday 03/10/19

Meeting for parents – The year ahead

### Tuesday 08/10/19

- Reception Early Reading/Transition Meeting

### Wednesday 16/10/19

- Parents' Evening

### Tuesday 22/10/18

- Parents' Evening

### Friday 25/10/19

- Y2 and 6B Cake Sale
- End of Term 1

### Monday 04/11/19

- Start of Term 2

### Tuesday 05/11/19

- Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 1.30pm

### Tuesday 06/11/19

- NPSA fireworks

### Friday 08/11/19

- Bags2School

### Monday 11/11/19

- Reception Cursive Handwriting Workshop: 2.30pm

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a brand new year at Newbridge. We offer a very special welcome to all of the new children and families who have joined Ladybird and Bee Class this week and also to those who have joined in other year groups. I also want to welcome Miss Mylan, who is teaching Ladybird Class.

On Wednesday there was an air of excitement; the staff had been in school on training for two days and were waiting for the children to arrive. We always say the school never feels right without the children and so we were eager to open the doors and get started on another great year. We were impressed with how calmly and confidently our early years children came to school – they were beautifully behaved and looked fantastic. I know some of the parents were a little wobbly, but our four year olds took it in their stride. We enjoy seeing how each year group moves on and rises to the challenges presented to them. Our Year 6 children, now the oldest year group, looked perfect on the benches in assembly – all of the younger children look up to them and I know they are going to be super role models. The Year 2 children from last year have moved to the upper school building, which we recognise is a big step, but again they demonstrated that they too are ready for more independence and new challenges. Well done to all of the year groups; it has been a pleasure to see you all and thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring the children were ready, prepared and looking smart.

**Premises updates:** Another reason for feeling so positive about the start of term is due to the work that has been carried out across the school during the holidays. The lower school fire safety system has been extensively upgraded, with this work continuing in October for the upper school. Class 2EO have had their toilet area completely refurbished, and some new doors have been fitted in the upper school. However, the most impressive improvement has to be the new windows in the upper school. We are more than delighted with these – I cannot tell you the difference they make to the look and feel of the classrooms and all other areas. The five weeks of continuous hard work by Novus Property Development Services has ensured that we have a building that looks fit for purpose. With a workforce that cared about delivering the best possible service, over two thousand glass blocks and over a hundred windows were removed and refitted. The windows and glass blocks were original and dated back to 1953 when the upper school was built as Newbridge Junior School. All in all, it was an ambitious schedule, but just after 5pm on Sunday evening the work was completed. I cannot thank the team enough for the incredible work and their commitment to improving the learning environment for our children and staff. When the work was finished the classrooms had to be put back together and this work was made easier by the generous help of the Stacey, Brownell and Lees families – thank you.

**Contacting teachers:** I recognise that some children may be feeling anxious about the start of term, or circumstances may have changed for families over the summer, so please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if there is a concern you would like to share. For lower school classes, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet as you will see them regularly at drop-off and pick-up. Upper school teachers bring their classes out at the end of school, so again, please see teachers at this time to make an appointment. Alternatively, if you are not around at these times, please contact the school office via email, and the office staff will arrange an appointment for you.

**Volunteers in school:** We always welcome volunteers into school as your support is invaluable. All volunteers, in whatever capacity they support, will need to have a DBS check, to support safeguarding throughout the school. If you would like to volunteer or think you may at some point this year, please see Mrs Hill in the school office for further details of completing this check.

**Tuesday 12/11/19**

- Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 1.30pm

**Friday 15/11/19**

- NPSA Ceilidh

**Tuesday 19/11/19**

- Y5 Kilve Court Meeting: 3.30pm

**Monday 25/11/19**

- NPSA Meeting: 7.30pm

**Friday 29/11/19**

- Mufti Day for Christmas Fair

**Saturday 30/11/19**

- Christmas Decorations Up

**Sunday 01/12/19**

- Christmas Fair and Grotto

**Friday 06/12/19**

- Clubs Finish

**Monday 09/12/18**

- Lower School Nativity Pre School Siblings: 9.30am

**Wednesday 11/12/19**

- Lower School Nativity Pre School Siblings: 9.30am

**Thursday 12/12/19**

- Lower School Nativity: 9.30am

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- Christmas Lunch

**Friday 13/12/19**

- Lower School Nativity: 9.30am

**Monday 16/12/19**

- Choir Tour

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- Volunteers' Thank You Tea

**Wednesday 18/12/19**

- Lower School Nativity Emmanuel Church: 9.30am

**Wednesday 18/12/19**

- Upper School Concert: 7.00pm

**Thursday 19/12/19**

- Upper School Concert: 7.00pm

**Friday 20/12/19**

- Christmas Decorations Down

**Friday 20/12/19**

- End of Term 2

**Parking: and travel to school:** Please can I ask that all parents who have to drive to school and park on neighbouring roads, show consideration for everyone's safety. This includes not parking or waiting on the road at the school gates. Please can I also remind you that there is an unofficial one way system at busy times which helps the traffic to run more smoothly - this means coming up Charmouth Road and down Lyme Road and Lyme Gardens. Thank you for your help and assistance in this matter.

Some families committed to cycling to school regularly last year. More bikes means less congestion and pollution, so please can I ask that you also consider walking, cycling or scooting to school each day or for part of the week. 23rd – 27th September is national Bike to School Week to help highlight the benefits of cycling to school. Perhaps you could gear yourselves up for this date, if you haven't already done so.

**Naming property:** Finally; please, please can I request that all uniform and bags are named – this will ensure that all property can be returned as quickly as possible and there is not a mountain of belongings left at the end of term. Already I have picked up items that are not named and therefore we have not been able to return them.

Have a lovely weekend; I expect a rest is needed already, for everyone.

With kind regards,

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## The School Code of Dress

### Winter

Red sweatshirt or sweatshirt style cardigan with school logo

White polo shirt with optional logo Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress

Grey or white socks, Grey or red tights, Black shoes (no boots)

### Summer

As above, plus -

Red and white school dress (striped or checked), Navy or black closed-toe sandals

### PE Kit

House t-shirt (as advised by class teacher)

Lower school – black shorts, black daps (Velcro if possible)

Upper school - black shorts, white socks, trainers

If required a tracksuit in plain dark colour (navy or black)

### Other

- Reversible red waterproof fleecy jacket with logo, optional (outdoors only – not to be worn instead of a sweatshirt or cardigan)
- Hair should be kept tidy and off the face. Hair longer than collar length should be tied back for both boys and girls
- All watches must be removed for all P.E. sessions
- No jewellery should be worn; only watches (Key Stage 2) and stud earrings are allowed
- Nail varnish and cosmetics are not allowed in school
- Temporary tattoos or markings of any kind on arms, etc, are not allowed
- Suitable shoes only are to be worn
- Trainers, apart from PE or as an option for playing on the field or playground, are not allowed to be worn in school
- Sweatshirts and cardigans should not be tied around the waist
- **Please can all parents and carers ensure that all clothing and belongings are clearly named**

## NPSA NEWS

From now on messages from the NPSA will be here, in the school newsletter. This is so you can catch all the school's news in one place.

The first NPSA meeting of the year will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Blue Room.