



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates for Terms 1 and 2

Monday 23/09/19

- Clubs start

Tuesday 24/09/19

- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Windsor

Tuesday 24/9/19

- Y6 Residential Meeting: 3.30pm

Wednesday 25/09/19

- Forest School for 2G

Friday 27/09/19

- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: 2pm

Monday 30/09/19

- Maths meeting for parents:

2.30pm

- NPSA Welcome back meeting:

7.30pm

Tuesday 01/10/19

- Y4 Forest School for Cleveland and Churchill

Wednesday 02/10/19

- Forest School for 2EO

Thursday 03/10/19

Meeting for parents – The year ahead: 6.00pm

Tuesday 08/10/19

- Reception Early

Reading/Transition Meeting:

9.00am

Tuesday 08/10/19

- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Windsor

Wednesday 09/10/19

- Forest School for 2G

Tuesday 15/10/19

- Y4 Forest School for Cleveland and Churchill

Wednesday 16/10/19

- Forest School for 2EO

Wednesday 16/10/19

- Parents' Evening

Thursday 17/10/19

- Yr 6 to Lifeskills

Monday 21/10/19

- Yr 6 Trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Tuesday 22/10/19

- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Windsor

Tuesday 22/10/18

- Parents' Evening

Wednesday 23/10/19

- Forest School for 2G

Friday 25/10/19

- Y2 and 6B Cake Sale

- End of Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week. Life is in full swing at Newbridge with all of the children demonstrating just how brilliant they are. Our new reception children have nearly completed their induction period and it was great to see each class this week, with all of the children attending for mornings and lunch. The new starters have coped remarkably well with the induction process and we thank all of the parents and carers who have supported this transition to Newbridge.

Year 3 radio stars: This afternoon some of the Year 3 children were recorded by BBC Radio Bristol. The children were asked to discuss 'what's in the news'. How exciting! It will be broadcast at 10am tomorrow morning.

'Everyone Active': Thank you to everyone who made it to our running session on Thursday. It was a beautiful morning and to have such a great turn out promoted a positive start to everyone's day. Many adults commented on how lovely the atmosphere was and how good it was to have the sessions available again. We had quite a number of parents participating, along with some pre-schoolers, though no grandparents this week. This activity is all about promoting health and well-being – it's not competitive, however I know that some like to set their own personal goals and are delighted with the number of laps they are able to complete. Please come along next week, if you have not already been. There is no charge and no need to sign-up beforehand. Lower school children must be accompanied by an adult and upper school children can come unaccompanied, though must be responsible.

National Cycle to School Week: This is taking place from 23rd to 27th September. More bikes means less congestion and pollution, so please consider walking, cycling or scooting to school each day or for part of the week. We are promoting this in school with the children and already some children who don't usually cycle have done so. If your children would like to share their stories of taking this message on board, please send in any photographs and text, so that we can celebrate them in the newsletter.

Parent Questionnaire Results 2019: Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire last term. I had already shared the results with you but wish to further update you on some key themes that came through in the questionnaire and our response to these.

Communication: As a school we too recognise that this can be improved. We are aware that sometimes short notice is given for events or dates are changed due to clashes in the timetable. All of the dates, that we are currently aware of, have been set for the year and Term 1 and 2 dates have been published on the weekly newsletter. All dates will soon be on the school website. I understand that a great deal of communication is sent via parentmail. I have asked staff to consider if fewer messages can be sent, with parentmail messages containing a number of items for the week.

Meetings for parents: Over the years we have held parent meetings in the day time and in the evenings. We had noted that attendance either in the school day or after school were rarely different. Due to teacher workload and well-being, whenever possible, meetings will continue to be held in the day time and no later than 6pm.

Information on learning: Parents asked if they could receive daily and weekly updates on their child's learning. Again I have to consider teacher workload and know that such regular information would not be manageable or sustainable. The curriculum overview for each year group, each term, is published on the school website, along with a yearly curriculum overview. Parents will also find other useful resources to support learning here. We continue to promote an open door policy and welcome parents to contact teachers with any concerns.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: Parents told us that they were like more information around their child's needs, when identified as SEND. Mr Bacon, our SEND coordinator, has invited parents to discuss best practice when working with parents in this area.

Monday 04/11/19

- Start of Term 2

Tuesday 05/11/19

- Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 1.30pm

Tuesday 05/11/19

- Forest School for Cleveland and Churchill

Wednesday 06/11/19

- NPSA fireworks

Wednesday 06/11/19

- Forest School for 2EO

Thursday 07/11/19

- National Outdoor Learning Day

Friday 08/11/19

- Bags2School

Monday 11/11/19

- Reception Cursive Handwriting Workshop: 2.30pm

Tuesday 12/11/19

- am – Yr 6 Bath Blitz Walk

Tuesday 12/11/19

- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Windsor

Tuesday 12/11/19

- Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 1.30pm

Wednesday 13/11/19

- am – Yr 6 Bath Blitz Walk

Wednesday 13/11/19

- Forest School for 2G

Friday 15/11/19

- NPSA Ceildah

Tuesday 19/11/19

- Y4 Forest School for Cleveland and Churchill

Tuesday 19/11/19

- Y5 Kilve Court Meeting: 3.30pm

Wednesday 20/11/19

- Forest School for 2EO

Monday 25/11/19

- NPSA Meeting: 7.30pm

Wednesday 27/11/19

- Yr 4 trip to Stonehenge

Friday 29/11/19

- Mufti Day for Christmas Fair

Saturday 30/11/19

- Christmas Decorations Up

Sunday 01/12/19

- Christmas Fair and Grotto

Tuesday 03/12/19

- School photos

Friday 06/12/19

- Clubs Finish

Monday 09/12/18

- Lower School Nativity Pre School Siblings: 9.30am

Wednesday 11/12/19

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Reading Logs: We appreciate that the format for recording reading over the past two years was not ideal, but at the time we had to save funds. We have this year invested in a new design, which is also filled with tips and statutory word lists.

Reading scheme: The current books are not as exciting as we would like. Through investment of £5,000 we have very recently purchased a new early reading scheme for Foundation Stage, Year One and Year Two. The scheme links directly to the teaching of phonics across the Key Stages. More details to follow.

Healthy Food: Some parents commented that if children are at school for breakfast club, school dinner and after school club, the options are not always healthy. School food has been considered and each part of the day does offer healthy options, but it may be that the bread option is being chosen at each. We are producing a school food policy and this year want to achieve the Food for Life award. We also want to promote a healthy lunch box and build this into our policy.

School site development: Some parents made reference to our aging buildings. We acknowledge they need improving, but of course the barrier is access to funds. Many of you will know from my earlier newsletter that the upper school had new windows fitted in the summer holiday and they have made an incredible improvement to the classrooms and spaces. We also had new toilets fitted in Class 2EO and the early years teachers took it upon themselves to paint their classrooms. We currently have a strategic fundraising committee who are investing many hours of their skilled time in the hope of accessing grants to develop identified areas of our site. These include the courtyard by the upper school foyer, the grass area outside Year 4 and Year 6 classrooms, the upper school playground and a surface to accommodate a running/walking path around the outside edge of the field.

We are very excited to have agreed a new structure for our Forest School area. The former outdoor classroom collapsed, but now a seven metre hexagonal learning space will be built. There is a site meeting next week and we hope that construction will start soon afterwards. The NPSA has funded this – and as always we are most grateful for everyone’s work and support. In addition, following the very successful working relationship we had with Novus Property Solutions, who fitted the new windows, they have confirmed that they too would like to help and therefore will paint the spare classroom in the upper school, at no cost to the school. This is incredibly generous and I am again most grateful.

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of developing our wonderful site, please do get in touch with me. I am excited about what can be achieved, together.

I hope you find this information helpful, thank you again for your responses.

Have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards

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Thursday 12/12/19

- Christmas Lunch

Friday 13/12/19

- Lower School Nativity: 9.30am

Monday 16/12/19

- Choir Tour

Monday 16/12/19

- Volunteers’ Thank You Tea: 2.15pm

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: 10am

Friday 20/12/19

- Christmas Decorations Down

Friday 20/12/19

- End of Term 2

Job Opportunity

We are looking to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant

Monday-Friday
11.45am -1.15pm

Pay scale LW11 – term time only

If you are interested in becoming part of the Newbridge Primary Staff, please contact Mrs Hill in the office

Curriculum Corner

Super Spellings

This week, raid all the containers and cupboards in your house and spell out your words with any objects you can find.

See these examples by James W in Year 3...



Stars of the Week

Bee Whole Class

IDE Thomas C , Dylan B

2EO Reece W, Mason N-J

3OG Charlie B, Macie S

4C Charlie M-C, Eva S

5B Albie F, Humphrey O

6A Betty C-H, George W

Ladybird Whole class

IR Edward S, Olivia S

2G Ettie P, Chloe W

3KC Amity C, Macey H

4H Rose K, Sophie P

5H Fin D, Robyn W

6B Dylan B, Ella G



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Please, please come and join Year 5, next Friday 27th September, from 2pm in the Blue Room and support this very worthy cause.

The children are very excited, as they are going to bake lovely cakes to sell and also decorate the Blue Room, so that you can relax and enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) with your friends.
We would really appreciate seeing lots of parents and hope to raise funds to help this amazing charity.

Remember to put the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you! Information for Y5 parents to follow

Can you help?

If you can help with the following please email npsabath@gmail.com

We need a few people to do a couple of small regular jobs:

- Admin for event licences
- Creating simple posters for some events

The school is also in need of some help with the five year plan:

If you work for a building company or can source some low cost/free gravel please get in touch.

Equally, if your company has funding for outdoor environmental projects we would love to hear from you.

The exciting 5 year plan projects will be discussed in the Welcome Meeting on Monday 30th September.



Music

Blues Band Club

Mrs Houston is attending a Young Voices workshop on Wednesday 23rd September, Blues Band Club therefore, will start on Wednesday 3rd October.

Young Voices

Everyone involved in Young Voices 2020 will bring home a letter today. Please complete the doublesided order form for T-shirts, caps etc and return by Monday 2nd October

Choir

This week's songs to learn are **Queen Medley** and **Larger Than Life**

Maths with Parents information and login

We are going to continue using Maths with Parents this year to support the children's maths learning at home. Please sign up to your class using the code for your class below.

If you are a new parent, please go to:

www.mathswithparents.com

click on log on, then New Parent

Enter your child's class code

Alternatively if you were registered last year, please go to

www.mathswithparents.com

log in using the username and password from last year

You will see your child's mathscot, click on this and you will see the classes available in that year group. (NB: you may see a survey first but if you do not wish to complete this, please close and the page will then show the mathscot.)

Select the correct class by clicking on it.


We really hope that as many children as possible sign up and complete the homework to support their learning in class. Certificates will be awarded to children who complete maths homework regularly at the end of term 2.

1DE	984925	1R	444860
2G	633030	2EO	717743
3KC	935144	3OG	833823
4C	742786	4H	996247
5B	427824	5H	785054
6B	892456	6A	624778


Amazing home learning!

Ellie in 4C made this
Piñata for her birthday
celebrations at a
Mexican Night Dinner
Party





Fight the Flu!


virginicare 

Protect your children and family against Flu!

FREE annual nasal Flu spray!!

All years included: Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6!

For further information and to complete a consent form please access:



<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/banes>



Prior Park Landscape Garden
Heritage Open Day - Sat 21 Sept



Visit the garden for free on Saturday 21 September.

Enjoy a stroll around the garden, family fun on the new natural play area or lunch at the Tea Shed.

There will be short talks throughout the day about different aspects of the garden and the opportunity to learn more about volunteering with us.

The garden is open from 10am until 5.30pm, with last entry one hour before closing. Prior Park is on Ralph Allen Drive, BA2 5AH, the number two bus stops right outside the main entrance. For more information please see our website nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park or call 01225 8333977

www.heritageopendays.org.uk