



Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to see so many children in school every day during this period of lockdown and as you can see from the attendance table below, we have several classes who achieved over 95% attendance. Each week the class with the highest attendance will receive a couple of packs of cookies for them to share in recognition of this achievement. We are also planning some exciting rewards for those individual children who attain 100% attendance for the whole year as this is an amazing achievement, particularly in these strange times.

On the subject of food our Bagel Breakfast initiative is going really well and the children are enjoying filling up with this healthy snack first thing in the morning when they arrive, or giving their energy levels a boost, nibbling on half a bagel at convenient times throughout the day.

We had a small film crew in school all day Thursday, recording a typical day in our EYFS and Year 1 classes. They captured the full range of teaching, learning and play that takes place in our Early Years setting as well as talking to the children and adults about what it is like to be a pupil at Newtons, which will be edited into a virtual tour for prospective new families to watch. This virtual tour will be posted on our website and social media, so please do look out for it and share with your families and friends, as we want to promote Newtons as widely as possible.

Next week, is Road Safety Week with a focus on speed, which contributes to more than one in five road crashes. We want everyone to learn that there is NO NEED TO SPEED and to find out just why speed matters for safe and healthy journeys. During the week, the children will learn about key road safety messages, including to look and listen carefully before crossing roads in safe places.

If you would like to find out more about how to make safe and healthy journeys when travelling with children then please visit: <https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

With road safety in mind we would like to remind children in Year 5 and Year 6 we have only 10 places left on the Bikeability course taking place week beginning Monday 7th December.

Thank you for your contributions to Children in Need today, we will let you know the total raised when we have counted all the money in next week's newsletter.

Your child is now bringing home a reading book and reading record. Can you please sign this record every time you hear your child read, which should be at least 3 times (this is only the minimum requirement). Book bags will now be permitted to bring this reading book to and from school and please be assured that when books are returned on Friday, they will be quarantined over the weekend before they are given out to other children on Mondays. **Children only need their book bags in school on Mondays and Fridays.**

Google classroom is up and running and I know many children have already started using this platform to submit homework. Mr Whiteley has made a handy video tutorial that takes you systematically through the logging on process, which you can find the link to, on the home page of our website. We would like to know from you, if home learning is a problem for you, due to the lack of technology and devices available to your children at home. If this is an issue for you, please email your child's year group mailbox and we may be able to overcome this through the loaning of suitable equipment.

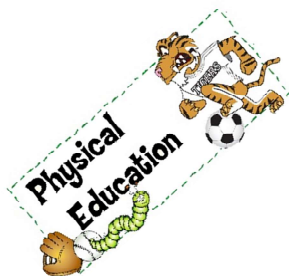
Despite the Covid 19 situation and the restrictions this brings, we intend to put on a range of fun Christmas events for the children and we are currently planning dates for discos, entertainers, pantomimes etc. and will have this finalised for next week's newsletter.

Our drop off and collection times are working really well and I thank you for adhering to our one-way systems at both gates. The gates open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am. Please remember to wear a mask or face covering when entering the premises and do not gather in groups outside the school gates for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan

We still ask that you send your child in on their PE day dressed in their PE kit (see below for your child's PE day) not normal uniform. Please ensure that as the weather becomes colder they wear black joggers, bottle green sweatshirt and dark trainers, as they will continue to do PE outside, unless it is wet. Please do not drop their kit off at the office if they have forgotten to come dressed in sportswear, the office staff cannot cross bubbles to deliver it to your child's class.



	Year Group PE	
TUES	Year 2	Year 4
WEDS	Year 3	Year 5
THURS	N//R/Y1	Year 6

Sport's News



Over the past week or so 4961 children across the borough took part in a Virtual Cross Country event. In total across all schools 3,700 miles were travelled, which is equivalent to the distance between London and Washington DC!

Every child in our school from Reception to Year 6 took part during Miss Green's PE lesson. The infants individually ran 500metres, with Y3 & Y4 children running 1000 metres and Year 5 and Year 6 children running 1600 metres.

The children had a great time and their fitness levels and stamina are increasing day on day. Well done everyone who took part.



Mon 16th-Fri 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week & Road Safety Week

Friday 20th November – Odd Socks Day

Friday 4th December – Reindeer Run

Monday 7th December - Bikeability

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner Day

Attendance is very important in ensuring that children maximise their learning and prevent gaps in their knowledge from happening. Our whole school attendance this week is 93.3%. Well done Woodpecker Class for achieving the highest attendance this week. You will receive the delicious cookies to share with your class.



Red Zone = below 90%
Amber Zone = below 95%
Green Zone = above 95%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Squirrels	93.9	Crocodiles	93.2
Mice	92	Penguins	95.8
Hedgehogs	86.2	Canaries	95.7
Foxes	91.4	Dolphins	97
Newts	95.7	Pandas	93.8
Woodpeckers	97.7	Geckos	86.5
Meerkats	95		

Every Day Counts!



Stars of the week



Week 1

Class	Star	Class	Star
Squirrels	Anais	Crocodiles	Naya
Mice	Frankie	Penguins	Ellie W
Hedgehogs	Lilibelle G	Canaries	James E
Foxes	Leona	Dolphins	Chloe
Newts	Wasila T	Pandas	Ayaan S
Woodpeckers	Rishith	Geckos	Ruby-Mai
Meerkats	Naomi		

