



Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 29.01.21

Dear Parents/Carers

A huge thank you for all your hard work and perseverance with home schooling your children for another week – you have been doing a fantastic job! We appreciate it is not easy and the longer this goes on the more difficult things may seem, but I want to reassure you all, that you are doing amazingly with juggling so many other pressures as well as home schooling. Please do what you can on Google Classroom then try to ensure your children are reading as often as possible and that they are getting as much exercise in the fresh air as this will support their mental health. Your children are doing so well with handing in work and their teachers are really enjoying marking this work, giving feedback and seeing them on the daily assembly.

You will have seen the information/flyer that Miss Green sent out regarding the walking competition that the Local Authority has organised. It would be great if Newtons could win this by walking the most miles of any school in the borough. I know the weather is not the best at the moment but try to get out with your children and clock up as many miles as possible over the next few weeks and we look forward to seeing how many miles Newtons families have covered.

We are also encouraging you take part in this weekend's RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch and while this can be done from your window, it would be great to get outdoors and see what you can spot in your garden or local park.

We believe it is really important for the children to keep up a good level of physical activity in the outdoors as this can be hugely beneficial for their all-round physical and mental wellbeing during this period of lockdown. Next week is Children's Mental Health and Well-being week and the teachers will be doing a lot of work around this theme in their lessons and daily assemblies

We are looking at introducing a system whereby you can come to the school and change your child's reading book on a weekly basis so that they have the opportunity to read a book at the correct level for them. We will keep you informed on this but in the meantime, I know you have been given many links to online reading books.

I am aware that we have a lot of children on the waiting list for laptops and I have some good news on this. After speaking with Jon Cruddas, MP, we have secured a £1000 donation from Rainham Steel to buy some devices, the Rotary Club is currently collecting unused laptops from local businesses to donate to us, and Clarion Housing is looking at helping us. While we are waiting for all this support to materialise into devices, Crowlands (our Federated school) is loaning us 30 Chromebooks and we will have these ready to give out, hopefully, by the middle of next week. If your child is on the waiting list for a device, we will be in touch and let you know when they are ready for collection. If you feel that you would benefit from a laptop and are not currently on the waiting list please contact the school to request a laptop.

Can I please ask that you let the school know if your child has Covid symptoms and tests positive. This is really important if your child is attending school but we also have to report to the DfE the number of positive cases across our school population.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan



Stars of the week



Class	Star	Class	Star
Squirrels	George	Crocodiles	David
Mice	Skye B & Kyle	Penguins	Shaira
Hedgehogs	Mikayla-Rose	Canaries	Sinead
Foxes	Vinnie	Dolphins	Ethan & Larissa
Newts	Ameyaa	Pandas	Austeja & Tyeomie
Woodpeckers	Aaban	Geckos	Shaun
Meerkats	Rachel	Ducklings	Oliver F



Headteacher award

These children have been nominated by their teachers for a Headteacher award and will receive their certificate, pencil and sticker through their letterbox.

Navroz – (Hedgehog class)
Ellie - (Gecko class)
Wania – (Crocodile Class)
Sonny – (Meerkat Class)
Aditi – (Newt Class)
Farren – (Squirrel Class)
Oscar – (Fox class)
Ellie – (Penguin class)
Gladness – (Panda class)
Bianca – (Panda class)
Lacey-Jade – (Canary class)
Oscar N - (Canary class)
Rayyan - (Canary class)
Abraz – (Woodpecker Class)
Oliver F – (Ducklings Class)

Well done to everyone for their hard work on Google classroom, you are all doing an amazing job! We are very proud of you and look forward to the day we can all be together in school, celebrating your achievements each week in assembly.