



# Newton's Weekly Newsletter



## Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday with your children and are happy to be back on the school run. It has been wonderful to see all the children back, looking happy and excited being with their friends and getting to know their new teachers. We are looking forward to a more normal year and have already planned in lots of exciting events and hope to welcome you back into school as well.

We have been very busy making improvements to the school environment over the holidays that will benefit the children and enrich their learning. Joni's Army, the charity that pledged £20,000 support to Newtons, have worked tirelessly over the holiday to transform the overgrown area at the front of the school into the most amazing sensory garden that the children are already making full use of. We are so grateful to this group of volunteers for providing the money and manpower to complete this mammoth task in their own time and for no payment over the summer holidays. This resource will allow us to increase the amount of learning outside the classroom we can provide.

In addition to creating this wonderful outdoor learning environment, they have also kitted out our sensory room with a range of sensory resources such as soft play equipment, special mood lighting, projector/screen and other sensory equipment that will support our children who have a range of special needs.

The teachers have planned lots of exciting lessons in all subjects, as well as focussed interventions in English and Maths to ensure all children catch up on learning time that was lost due to Covid lockdowns. We are determined in our efforts to increase rates of progress, while ensuring lessons are fun, interactive and take account of all individual needs. All school staff are committed to providing children with as wide and varied experiences as possible now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, allowing us greater opportunity to take trips out of school as well as welcoming visitors in. More information on this will be sent out soon.

Thank you to all parents for sending your children back in correct school uniform, they look so smart and it really helps in maintaining the high expectations Newtons lives by. If you have difficulty sourcing correct uniform, please come and talk to one of the members of the senior leadership team, we will be happy to help. Also, just to clarify, girls are allowed to wear black **or** grey skirts and trousers. Attendance is another aspect of the school that we are striving for the highest possible standards. Please ensure you contact the school if your child is absent for any reason and while we do not authorise holidays in term time (unless in exceptional circumstances) please do let us know, as we have a legal duty to ensure we know all our children are safe. By keeping us informed of any absence, particularly a longer-term one, will ensure we do not need to make a home visit to establish your child's safety and whereabouts. Good attendance (98% and above) supports your child's progress and social and emotional development, so do please contact us if you have difficulties getting your child in school every day.

A separate letter will be coming out today asking for nominations from parents to sit on a Parent Forum. We are very aware that over the past two years we have not been able to welcome you into the school in person, to see and hear of all the exciting changes we have already made and our future plans for driving Newtons to outstanding. This Parent Forum will be an opportunity for you, as parents, to hear what plans we have for the future and to have a platform to raise suggestions and ideas that you have for improving the school. Please look out for this letter and if you would like to get involved please put in your nomination.

Please keep up to date with all the fantastic things your children are doing by visiting our Facebook page and our website, as we regularly post photos, videos and information for you to enjoy.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan

# Every Day Counts!

**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 95.89 .Well done Gardenia 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 %
Daisy	98.86	Sunflower	98.25
Holly	92.12	Gardenia	100
Nigella	95.05	Cassia	89.81
Marigold	96.08	Carnation	99.07
Fuchsia	98.15	Cosmos	95.63
Willow	94.74	Rose	95.47
Angelica	93.33		



## Stars of the week

Class	Star	Class	Star
Daisy	The whole class	Sunflower	
Holly	The whole class	Gardenia	Aaban
Nigella	Harry	Cassia	Aviel/Rayyan
Marigold	Zayn	Carnation	Temitayo
Fuchsia	Davey-Aron	Cosmos	Jason
Willow	Aditi	Rose	Amaya
Angelica	Jayden	Tulips	Evan