



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates for Term 4:

5/3/19
Y1 Phonics meeting 2.45pm

7/3/19
World Book Day
Book at Bedtime 5.20pm

w/c 18/3/19
Y6 Residential

27/3/19
Y2 SATs meeting 2.45pm

28/3/19
Parents' Evening – all years

w/c 1/4/19
Arts Week

1/4/19
Dance Umbrella (for those involved)

3/4/19
Parents' Evening – all years

4/4/19
Y5 Residential Meeting
3.30pm

5/4/19
End of Term 4

Inset days agreed so far
for 2019/20:

2nd September, 2019
3rd September, 2019
and Monday 20th July,
2020.

Parents' Evening

As usual the Parents' Evenings will be booked via the online link. This will become live on Thursday 14th March at 7pm. Please remember that there is only one appointment available per pupil.

<https://newbridge.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 4; it's hard to believe we are now more than half way through the school year.

Paint Force Day: You may have heard that the lower school hall had a face lift in the half term holiday. Very ably Katy Hancock led a team of willing volunteers to paint the entire hall along with toilet areas. Hours of time and hard work were put into this, all to help improve the learning environment for everyone. These tasks are above and beyond parent duties I know, but with limited financial maintenance resources, I am extremely grateful for all of the support and help. The children were wowed when they came in for lunch on Monday and were very keen to tell me how much they liked the red wall.

Our pupils are recognised: I received a message on the last day of term from someone who is not associated with the school. She wanted me to know that she had observed courteous, sensible and well-behaved Newbridge children using the crossing on Newbridge Hill. She said that she had noticed the children for all of the right reasons. Thank you everyone – more great ambassadors for our school.

World Book Day and Book at Bedtime: Details have been made available this week for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. On the day, the children can bring a wooden spoon dressed as a book character. If you are not able to source a spoon, then please collect one from the office from Monday. Other book based activities will happen throughout the day to promote a love of books and reading. In the evening, all children are invited to attend Book at Bedtime. There is no charge for this activity, but spaces, with book and drink choices, need to be selected online at:

www.buytickets.at/newbridgeprimarieschoolassociation Many thanks to Eli Roberts and Katya Wainright for organising this event.

Everyone Active: Thank you to everyone who came along on Thursday morning for our first outdoor session of the year. As the weather has improved, we are now back to running laps of the school field. Again this is all about having fun whilst exercising and of course it's absolutely free. Please just turn up on a Thursday morning at 8.10am in sports clothes and with a water bottle. We didn't have any grandparents running this week, but we did have some parents and toddlers. Eddie, Hattie's brother who is 4, completed twelve laps! Go Eddie!

#TeamNewbridge for the Bath Half Marathon: As you may know a good number of our parents have been pounding the pavements in training for the Bath Half. This year the NPSA reserved places in the event and incredibly kindly, parents stepped up to run for the NPSA charity. The target set was to each run for an iPad. It would be amazing if we could secure this funding, as the ones we have are on their last legs. Thank you so much to those who have committed a great deal of time to this challenge. If you would like to sponsor the runners please see: www.wonderful.org/charity/newbridgeprimarieschoolassociation There is also going to be a tombola and #TeamNewbridge t-shirt sale after school on Friday 8th March. Please come along and support our runners.

Dogs at the school gate: Again, please can we ask that all dogs are held/tied securely in areas away from the pavements and paths as children and parents leave and enter school. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school premises.

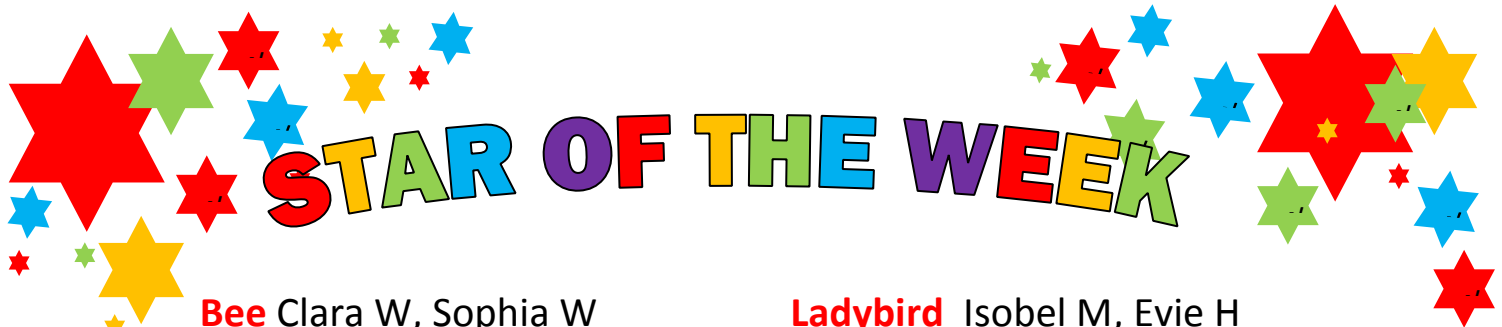
Code of Dress: Please can I remind parents that all hair longer than collar length needs to be tied back – thank you.

Term dates: As we are a maintained Bath and North East Somerset school, we follow their term dates – this has always been the case. Within the terms set, we also have to set five training (INSET) days a year. Our professional development is timed to support new members of staff, new initiatives, the school development plan and planning. Three training days have been set for next year – 2nd and 3rd September 2019 and 20th July, 2020. Two further dates need to be agreed and these will be shared with you as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh



STAR OF THE WEEK

Bee Clara W, Sophia W	Ladybird Isobel M, Evie H
IDE Bertie O, Seb S	IR Daniel P, Bea V
2EO Javari F, Joshua B	2G Millie S, Mina M
3OG Bee P, Rafaela V	3KC Ethan P, Rufus K
4C Layla H, Sam S	4H Lewis T, Robbie F
5B Henry D, Maia H	5H Charlotte I, Hector S
6A George R, Toby O	6B Emily G, Charlotte P

Online Safety Message

We have become increasingly aware of the appearance of unsuitable videos circulating online which can be accessed by children. These video clips are appearing on many social media sites and YouTube (including Kids YouTube) as well as via messaging apps such as Whatsapp. Often the videos starts innocently, like the start of a Peppa Pig episode for example, but quickly turn into an altered version with violence and offensive language.

Our attention has been drawn to the distressing nature of the themes communicated via these clips, particularly those going by the name of 'MoMo' (which is promoting children to do dangerous tasks without telling their parents).

[National Online Safety](#) have published an excellent guide and information sheet which we would encourage all parents and carers to view.

Please continue to be vigilant when your child is using any device or watching any clips.

You are more than welcome to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Year 6 Tag Rugby Coaching

As an exciting culmination of 6 weeks coaching in the fine arts of Tag Rugby by the excellent Lewis from Bath Rugby community team, the two Year 6 classes played an "8 Nations Tournament" on a sunny afternoon just before half term. It was a feast of running rugby and a delight to see with skill, effort, determination and teamwork in abundance. Many excellent tries were scored as all teams



worked tirelessly to overcome their opponents' high defensive work rate. Core rugby values of respect for officials and decisions were also highly evident as children also took on the roles of Referees and Touch Judges. The coach rightly commended the children on their excellent teamplay, sporting behaviour and ability to organise themselves. I was very proud of them indeed!

(What brilliant ambassadors – truly representing our school values too – Ms Kennaugh)

Mr Seaborn

Curriculum Corner - Super Spellings!



Every week in the newsletter we will have a Super Spellings section, giving families a fun activity to help learn spellings.

Tongue Twister

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

Can you make up your own tongue twister for each of your spelling words?