



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

6th September 2017

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Welcome back! How we have missed our little robins. We would like to welcome our new families to Newchurch and also the newly married staff. It has been a magical summer for them! The atmosphere around school is wonderful and all the children (and staff) seem to have settled in to their new classes. Mr. Owen has waved his magic brush and decorated the entrance and school hall. Along with our new floor it looks amazing! I have been particularly impressed with the smartness of the children and their exceptional behaviour. Here are our first impressions:

Mrs Sizer: Our new Reception children have been amazing. They have all come in with a beautiful smile and have settled into our Newchurch family. I am sure we will have a fabulous year.

Miss Sullivan: The children have joined us full of beans and settled in really well.

Mrs Wormleighton: Year 1 have amazed me this week! They have been enthusiastic and keen to learn and have shown what great independent learners they can be. Thank you for a wonderful week Year 1!

Mrs Worthington: The children have made a flying start to Year One.

Mrs Conreen: What a wonderful class Year 2 are and have made such a fantastic start to the year. All the children look extremely smart and have started working really hard already on lots of subjects, including Science, where we even found a newt whilst on our 'leaf walk' on Tuesday. I'm really excited to see what the rest of the year brings. Keep up the good work Year 2!

Mrs Dixon: It is great to see all the children settle so quickly into Year Two. We are all full of smiles.

Mrs Toone: What a fabulous start to the year! Year Three have taken on the juniors with a positive, enthusiastic attitude. I can't wait to watch them blossom.

Miss Ingham: A positive start to the year! I am truly looking forward to working with the class this year and watching the progress

they make.

Mr Singleton: What a fantastic start to the new school year! The children in Year 4 have already made an excellent impression on Mr Singleton with their eagerness to learn, willingness to be challenged and supportive attitude towards each other. The new reading challenge has certainly inspired the children and it is lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading.

Mrs Storey: Wow! What a lovely start to the new year, all the Year 4 children have settled in with lots of excitement and enthusiasm.

Mrs Ayres: The children have settled in well to Year Five and have impressed me with their enthusiasm. I think we are going to have a brilliant year.

Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble: A brilliant start Year Five! I think we are going to have a fabulous year.

Mr Duckett: Through their attitude to learning and the level of discussion surrounding British Values week, Year Six have really impressed me with their start. They are clearly a very talented group of children and I am very much looking forward to the new year.

Mrs Mowbray: I have been extremely impressed with the start Year Six have made, especially with their maturity in discussing British Values. Keep it up Year Six!

Mrs Urmston: I had a fabulous two days getting to know Year 6, who are enthusiast about their learning.

NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY

To celebrate 'Read a book day' the children of Newchurch were given a surprise book which was wrapped up for them to open. What a great start to promote our love of reading!

Y1: *The Dinosaur That Pooped the Past.*

Charlotte Beddall: I didn't know the dinosaur was going to poop on the swing!

Oscar Howard: I have 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet! I liked them both.

Y2: *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!*

Olive Ashby: I really liked the book and thought the 3 little pigs were cheeky because they got the wolf sent to prison.

Alexander Buffey: It was quite exciting. You think that the wolf is trying to get the pigs because he ate them, but really he wasn't bad in the end, he just had a cold which made him

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sneeze.

Y3: The Flower

Eve Townsend-McGrory: I enjoyed the book because he liked nature, just like me.

Chloe Savage: At first it was dull and then it turned beautiful.

Y4: Just A Dream.

George Ozanne: It was good as it showed him littering and what would happen if we all did this, the future would be a mess.

Isabella McCormack: It reminded me what would happen if we don't recycle.

Y5: The Promise.

Rosie Rendell: I thought it was really exciting because it showed us how keeping a promise, changed the boys ways.

Kennedy Greenough: It was really good because it taught us about keeping promises and changing who you are.

Y6: The man who walked between the towers.

Cole Maketo-Baines: I enjoyed the book because of how Phillippe showed his bravery, even though he may have died doing it.

Nel Hill: I really liked the book as it showed the main character being resilient.

READING REWARDS

This year, we are introducing a new reward system for reading. In each classroom, there is a rewards display. As a child reads a book, they move along the reward 'track' and when they have read a certain number of books, they will receive an award.

Award	KS1	KS2
Bronze	20 books	15 books
Silver	40 books	30 books
Gold	60 books	45 books

These books will be the children school books or free reader if they are no longer on the school scheme. Parents will need to sign their child's reading record in order for them to move along the track on the display. Many thanks in anticipation of your support with this.

SNACK REMINDER

Tuck for children in Y1-Y6 should be paid for on a Monday. If you would like your child to have school snack, please send in £2.50 in an envelope with their name on.

REAL PE

This year Newchurch is taking an approach to PE through a new programme called Real PE. Rather than an entirely sports based approach, the Real PE programme works by developing children's fundamental skills such as agility, balance and coordination through fun and engaging activities.

These skills are vitally important in child development. Further to this, not only is the programme effective in promoting physical

fitness, it also develops social, personal, cognitive and creative skills too.

Staff took part in training during the Inset day and it proved to be very popular and they are now very keen to begin to roll out the new scheme to give the children the best possible PE experience.

OPEN DAYS

This half term, we will be holding our Open Days for parents and children due to start in Reception in September 2018. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 20th September at 1:30pm

Saturday 30th September at 10am

Wednesday 4th October at 7pm.

If you know of any children who are pre-school age, why not recommend us to them? Thanks.

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a school meal hasn't increased since 2014. Over the last 3 years the school meals service has experienced a significant increases in food and labour costs. So far we have been able to absorb them. However it has now come to the stage where we have no alternative but to implement a small increase to meet these financial pressures.

As from 1st October 2017 the price of a school meal will be £2.30.

Direct Debt payments will automatically be amended, therefore no action will be required by parents.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES	
6.9.17	School reopens
20.9.17	Open afternoon 1:30pm
21.9.17	PTA Meeting
28.9.17	PTA AGM
29.9.17	Individual photos AM
30.9.17	Open morning 10am
4.10.17	Y5 trip to Warrington Museum
4.10.17	Open evening 7pm
11.10.17	Parent Board 6:15pm
11-13.10.17	Y6 to Kingswood
17.10.17	Y5 Bikeability
19.10.17	Monster Ball
20.10.17	School closes
30.10.17	School opens
13.11.17	Progress Week
15.11.17	Parent Board 6:15pm
23.11.17	Parents' evening
4.12.17	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am
5.12.17	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am
20.12.17	KS2 Christmas Play 1:30pm and 6:30pm
22.12.17	Christmas Assembly 2pm
2.7.18-6.7.18	Book Fair
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July 2017.	

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Narraway