



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Welcome back! How we have missed our little robins. We would like to welcome our new families to Newchurch and also the new staff, Miss Whittles and Miss George. The atmosphere around school is magical and all the children (and staff) seem to have settled in to their new classes. Here are our first impressions:

Reception:

Mrs Sizer: I am so impressed with how the youngest members of Newchurch have settled into school. They have all had the biggest smiles and they have started to make new friends. Well done!

Mrs Davies: It was lovely to see how well the first part of the reception class have settled in. I'm looking forward to the rest of the class joining us on Monday.

Emily Fitzsimmons: I liked the reading books especially 'The Bear Hunt.'

Isabelle Lowe: I've made new friends.

Year 1:

Mrs Wormleighton: The children have made a phenomenal start to Year 1! Our Year 1 Newchurch Robins have really impressed me with their behaviour for learning. As part of our work on British Values, Year 1 have explored the messages behind stories from different faiths and 'The Golden Rule'. We have had lots of fun with sticks linked to literacy, geography and science. What a wonderful week! Thank you Year 1.

Mrs Dixon: I am so proud of year 1 this week, they have shown many of our core values and we've had lots of fun too.

Olive Ashby: It was amazing as we had snack time.

Meredith Shepherd: It was fantastic!

Year 2:

Mrs Narraway: My motto is to feel joy on a daily basis. After just one week with Year 2, I know this is guaranteed! What a great start to the new school year!

Mrs Mowbray: What a fantastic start to the year in Year 2! I've been so impressed with the achievements in the first week and feel very excited about what we can achieve this year.

Mrs Worthington: Year 2 have made a flying start this week writing about castles. We definitely have budding authors in year 2.

Joe Hughes: I've enjoyed doing the challenge. I made a crown. It was hard because it needed to be symmetrical.

Emily Hall: It was hard to make the book because you had to fold it. It was a challenge!

Year 3:

Miss Tonge: What a wonderful start to the year! It has been a pleasure to be reunited with such a lovely group of children and I'm looking forward to the year ahead. Each day this week, I have seen the children develop and adjust themselves to life in the juniors. Roll on the rest of the year!

Miss Ingham: What a great start back. All the children have returned to school in a positive manner, with smiles on their faces and with a great attitude to learning.

Freddie Moors: It's been hard but I've done it! I've liked looking at fables because they teach us something.

Evie Coombes: I think year 3 is brilliant because even though it is a challenge it's fun.

Year 4:

Mr Singleton: It is great to see all of the children back in school and already immersing themselves in our learning challenges. I have seen a real enthusiasm for learning and I hope that the children maintain this positive approach throughout the year.

Mrs Storey: A wonderful start to the new year. I'm really enjoying working with the children and it is great to see such an enthusiastic start.

Ben Morton: I was excited to return to school after the holidays.

Esmail Wright: It's great to be back in school learning more about computing.

Year 5:

Miss Whittles: I have had a lovely first week at Newchurch and everyone has been very welcoming. The new Year 5 class have settled in well and we have already had a busy week. We have been working hard on our number and place value work in maths and we are enjoying our English text 'Beowulf and the Beast.' We are looking forward to starting our Anglo Saxons and Vikings topic next week.

Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble: Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. They have returned from the summer with a positive, determined attitude towards their learning. Well done.

Abigail Taylor: Starting year 5 is amazing! I absolutely love the maths we do and especially science. It is great to be back and I can't wait for the year ahead.

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Steffan Jones: I have enjoyed the start of year 5. We have been reading and writing 6 and 7 digit numbers and I liked learning about life cycles in science.

Year 6:

Mr Duckett: Year Six have made an excellent start to the new year showing that they are ready to take on the challenges and responsibilities which come with being at the end of Key Stage Two. The year ahead is a packed one but I am absolutely convinced that this talented group of children are going to amaze everyone.

Miss Sadler: I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week working with year 6. I have especially enjoyed the debates we have had surrounding British Values and freedom.

Hamish Sinclair: It has been an exciting start in year 6 and I am looking forward to Kingswood.

Mia Hancox: My first week in year 6 has been really exciting because I've got to know my teachers very well.

PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

As part of our work with another school in the local authority, the staff attended an INSET day last Thursday to look at ways in which we could improve outcomes for the children in both schools in Writing and Maths. In partnership with the other English and Maths Leads, Mr Duckett and Mrs Narraway presented the new strategies to both schools which resulted in a very productive day. We are already seeing the impact within the classrooms of Newchurch. We look forward to sharing our success in December when the two schools will review their progress and the impact of the training.

READING LADDERS

The class reading ladders will start next week. Please ensure you sign your child's reading diary at least twice a week. For every signature, the children receive a praise point. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

SCHOOL START TIMES

A punctual start to the school day is important for the children's learning. Please be aware that the school gates open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55 am. Once the doors are closed, the children should come through the main entrance to register that they are on the premises. Therefore, any child who is registered at the main entrance will be marked late.

PTA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 23rd September
in the school hall
9.05am – 10am
All welcome

Please look at our School Blogs on the front page of our website for the latest class news.

NEWCHURCH BLOG Year 4
MATHEMATICS Year 2
READING BLOG Year 6

Ben Morton's dad is taking part in a charity **Bike Ride Challenge across Vietnam and Cambodia** in November in aid of **Save the Children**. His Company, Mitsubishi Electric, are sponsoring all of his travelling costs so all monies raised will go directly to Save the Children. This is a great charity that looks to improve and save lives of children living in poverty, not only around the world but also here in the UK.

There will be a fundraiser evening at the Daten Sports Club, with a live band, "The Blame", a Raffle and Auction. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available at the Daten, Forget me Knots toy shop or through Mrs Morton on the playground.

PTA EVENTS

BBQ Friday 23rd September
5.30pm - 7.30pm
£3 a ticket available to buy from the office
until 22nd September
PTA Social AGM
Monday 26th September at 7.30pm

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

21.09.16	New Intake event 1.30pm
23.09.16	School BBQ
23.09.16	Great Newchurch Bake Off!
28.09.16	Harvest 2.15 (Parents Welcome)
06.10.16	New Intake event 1.30pm and 7.30pm
31.10.16	Antibullying Week
21.11.16	Progress Week
24.11.16	Parent's Evening
6 & 7.12.16	KS1 Christmas Production
14.12.16	KS2 Christmas Production
16.12.16	End of Year Assembly 2.15pm
10.2.17	Young Voices

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in Oct.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs S Lawrenson