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Dear parent/carer,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely half term break and are raring to go for the run up to Christmas! I am sure that by adhering to the rules, we will have another safe and successful half term. Here are just a few reminders and updates...

Drop off and collection

Now that Lansdowne has had the road resurfaced, we are able to return to the one way system of drop off and collection. Therefore, the steps should only be used for exiting the school grounds. Please could we also ask that if you are collecting your children and waiting at the top of the steps, please be mindful to social distance at all times. We would appreciate it if you could inform any other members of your family who are involved in the drop off and collection of your child(ren).

PE Days

Just in case you have forgotten, the children's PE days are as follows:

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday

Staff changes

At the end of last half term we bid a fond farewell to Mr Tattersall as he embarked on new adventures. Miss Igglesden will replace him as the teacher of Year Two and we welcome Mrs Karen Jones as the job share with Mrs Toone in Year One. We are sure that everyone will settle well into their new roles and the children's learning will continue to progress.



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Monster Mayhem Day

Our wonderful PTA have organised for the children to come into school on **Friday 30th October** dressed in their most ghoulish of costumes (or own clothes) in exchange for £1. The children will be given a treat, but watch out for the trick! We will say no more...just wait and see.

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting for the PTA on **Thursday 29th October** at 7pm. A letter went out before the half term explaining how this will be carried out this year and details of how to have any ideas heard or questions answered.

Christmas

With only nine weeks until Christmas, we will be looking at ways in which we can keep some of our Christmas traditions alive. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to have our usual Christmas productions and assemblies with a live audience, but we strongly believe that these are important confidence-building events which allow our robins to share (and discover) their talents. We are sure that we can rise to the challenge!

Newsletter

Since the school closure, we have not posted Friday News weekly as you have had the pleasure of more lengthy letters like this one, and also the celebration of the curriculum displayed on our Twitter feed @NewchurchCP. Instead, we have decided to provide you with a monthly newsletter which includes an update on the learning which has taken place in each class, key dates and events in the school calendar and shares the pupil voice. We hope that this change is a positive one, which will enable us to share in more detail the broad, ambitious and balanced curriculum at Newchurch.

Once again, can we extend our gratitude for all your support in helping us ensure we are able to educate our Newchurch robins the best way we can.

With kindest regards,



Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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