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Dear Parent/Carer,

The sun is shining and the school is a flurry of excitement and colour as the children take part in Red Nose Day challenges. Today is just another a great day at Newchurch! Many thanks to those who have made donations to this worthy cause, especially when some of the proceeds are going towards Ukrainian families. It is not too late to make a donation via our ParentPay facility: [Red Nose Day Donations 2022 \(parentpay.com\)](https://www.parentpay.com)



Just for fun, we have uploaded some staff baby photographs onto our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewchurchCP/> Can you guess who they are? Be prepared, there is a bit of a twist to them!

### Invite a Loved One to Lunch

Parents of Reception and Year One should have received a text with a link to book a place on our 'Invite a loved on to lunch' days. Please be aware that the date indicated in the text is the final deadline so as to ensure that additional food orders can be made by the school kitchen. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any requests beyond the cut-off date so please book now to avoid disappointment and missing out on a great lunch! We will endeavour to send a reminder text on the day of the deadline. Other classes will be notified of their booking form closer to the day of their 'loved on to lunch' date.

### Parent Questionnaire

It was great to have such a wonderful response to the parental conferences and for us to celebrate the children's achievements. The hybrid of virtual and face-to-face parental conferences proved to be successful and holding them in the school day positively impacts on the workload and well-being of the teaching staff. Thank you so much for helping us with this. Each year, we like to gather parental views of the school in order to celebrate what we do well but also look at further ways we can improve. With this in mind, we would very much appreciate you completing this short questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/GsDvRgVZ7uSpiCBx8> If you have more than one child, we would appreciate it if you could do one for each child.



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## Year 4 Kingswood Presentation

With the Kingswood residential for Year 4 fast approaching, we would like to invite Year 4 parents and their children to a short meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm. The focus of the half hour meeting will be to look at the logistics around the educational visit, provide an outline of the activities the children will participate in and answer any of your questions. We appreciate that some parents may be unable to attend this meeting due to work commitments; therefore, we will upload the presentation to google classroom for you to look at.

## Children of the Hub Sing

Pre-COVID, the school made a commitment to performing at the Brindley Theatre as part of the 'Children of the Hub Sing'. Unfortunately, it was cancelled but this year we have been working on the songs again and we have a company coming out to film our Year 5 children performing. Their performance will be collated with other schools who were also planning on performing at the Brindley and a final version will be provided for Newchurch to share with parents. Mr Duckett and Mrs Mowbray have been working hard preparing the children and they sound amazing! Ideally, we would love all the children in Year 5 to be filmed and for this to happen we need parental consent. Therefore, please could we ask that you complete this form: <https://forms.gle/HQnrNn6wKh2xaa8F6> to give consent by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## World Sleep Day

As well as being Red Nose Day, today is World Sleep Day in the UK. A good night's sleep can impact positively on a child's wellbeing and education, whilst a lack of sleep can have the opposite effect. The NHS have put together top tips for supporting children with their sleeping: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/> It is well worth a read. We also have a Health and Wellbeing tab on our school website which gives details of support for parents.



## Jubilee Celebrations



We are extremely excited about our plans for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which we will be implementing week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May as we are on half term during on the actual day of the Jubilee. This means that the children will get to celebrate with their Newchurch Family as well as their own family and friends. How great does that sound? We are finalising some of the detail over the next few weeks but wanted to give you the heads up about a dressing up day on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Each year group is being asked to dress up in clothing which reflects one of the decades of Queen Elizabeth's reign. The decades have been decided as the following for each class:



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Reception	2020s
Year 1	1960s
Year 2	1970s
Year 3	1990s
Year 4	1980s
Year 5	1940s
Year 6	1950s

The children can come dressed as a famous person of the era or in clothing synonymous with the decade. For example, they could dress as Elvis, one of the Beatles, Elton John, Abba, Winston Churchill, the Spice Girls etc.

We hope to get the final plan for the celebrations to you after half term but please save the date for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May when the PTA will be organising a Jubilee Tea Party after school with activities for all the family including a BBQ. More details to follow shortly.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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