



# FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## WELCOME BACK!

What an amazing first week we have had! It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces and smart children - all ready and raring to go for the new school year.

A very warm welcome to our new families and the smallest of our Newchurch Robins who started in Reception this week.

The teachers and teaching assistants have had a wonderful week. Here are their first impressions:

**Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble Y6** "I am very impressed! Year 6 have already made a fantastic start and I'm really looking forward to supporting them in the year ahead. "

**Mrs Dixon Y2** "What an amazing start to the year. The children have been conscientious, hardworking and polite. We are going to have a super year. "

**Miss Brinksman Y3** "My first impressions of Year Three have been fantastic. The children have settled in extremely well and showing that they are eager and excited to learn. Here's to an excellent year. "

**Mrs Price Y3** "I am amazed how the children have not only grown in height, but also increased their willingness to learn."

**Miss Ingham** "Year 4 have made a fabulous start, they have shown great enthusiasm towards their learning. I am very proud to see how they have matured over the past year. "

**Mrs Conreen Y4** "What a start year 4 have had! I'm so impressed with the wonderful manners, enthusiasm and hard work they have shown in all of their learning so far in the new school year. I'm really looking forward to see how they progress. Keep up the fantastic work Year 4, you're going to shine."

**Mr Tattersall Y2** "I have been extremely impressed with the attitude shown by Year 2 during our first week back from the summer holidays. The children have displayed a desire to learn and have shown that they are well mannered, kind and polite to both staff and other children. I look forward to this year and cannot wait to see the children develop and shine!."

**Mrs Urmston Y5** "What a joy it is to be back within the fold of the Newchurch family and with the delightful children in Year 5. I can see that they are happy to be back too and enthusiastic to progress their learning."

**Mr Singleton Y6** "Having already had the pleasure of teaching this group of children two years ago, I was already very aware of what a fantastic class they are. Even so, I have been blown away by their enthusiasm for learning and levels of maturity. With so many amazing things to look forward to, I have a feeling we are in store for a fantastic year ahead!"

## Roof Update

Of course we would be scheduled to have a new roof during the wettest summer for years! However, this weekend we will see the cabins removed and Newchurch will look as good as new. Special thanks to Mr Owen and Mr Duckett who have helped me to open and close school during the school holidays; ensuring that the roof is completed in the scheduled time frame.

## Thankyou

Many thanks to all those parent/carers who have been considerate to our neighbours when parking this week. Please remember that Sainsburys have agreed to let our parents park on their car park should you need to at the start and end of the school day.

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**If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety,  
Please contact school**

## PE Apprentice

As some of you may remember, we sadly said goodbye to Alex Whitehouse, our PE Apprentice, who worked tirelessly last year to ensure the children were active and engaged in sporting activities to improve their health and wellbeing. However, we are delighted to welcome Nathan Booth, a new apprentice, who will work alongside classes and also deliver PE sessions and sporting activities across the whole school.

## Attendance Matters

As a school we aim for at least 97% attendance from each child. Children cannot help being ill but here is something to think about...

Attendance statistics over one school year

4 days absent from school = 98%

10 days absent from school = 95%

4 weeks absent from school = 90%

5.5 weeks absent from school = 85%

7.5 weeks absent from school = 80%

If a child was to have poor attendance from Y2 to Y6, what would that work out as?

85%-90% = approximately half a year off school

80% = 38 weeks absent from school which equates to one whole year of school missed!

As we know that good attendance impacts on attainment, this week each child has pledged to be an 'Attendance HERO'.



The class at the top of the attendance ladder each week will receive 5 points. If a class achieves 100%, then 10 points are awarded. The class with the highest number of points at the end of the year will get to go on a special reward trip.

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

19.9.19	PTA AGM 7pm
27.9.19	Great Newchurch Bake Off
7.10.19	Walk to School Day
9-11.10.19	Y6 Kingswood
15.10.19	TT Rockstar Day (World Maths Day)
24.10.19	Monster Ball
5.11.19	Open Afternoon
11.11.19	Anti-bullying Week
14.11.19	Opening Evening
21.11.19	Parents' evening
5.12.19	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am
6.12.19	Ks1 Christmas Play 9:30am
6.12.19	Christmas Fayre 6pm
18.12.19	KS2 Christmas Play (1:30pm and 6:30pm)
19.12.19	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Party Day
20.12.19	Christmas Assembly (2pm)
12.2.20	KS1 and KS2 SATs meeting (6:30pm)
5.3.20	World Book Day – Reading Picnic
20.3.20	Thank you Service
27.3.20	Easter Bingo
23.4.20	Parents' evening
Week commencing 11.5.20	KS2 SATS
Week commencing 18.5.20	KS1 SATS
10.6.20	New Starter Meeting (7pm)
19.6.20	Sleepover
3.7.20	BBQ
6.7.20	Sports' Day
17.7.20	Leavers' Assembly
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.	

## READING LADDER

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	Y6	75%
	Y5	75%
	Y4	66%
	Y3	70%

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Narraway