

# NEWTON ST. CYRES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



5<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### FROM MR JOLLIFFE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to school! I hope you and your family have had a great Christmas and New Year and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for a new term. It has been great to see the children settling back into school over the last few days and to hear about all their presents.

As you know, we appointed Mr Edward Nichols as Head of School at Brampford Speke last term and it has been great to welcome him to the school properly this week. Mr Nichols will be teaching Class 3 at the end of the week and will be combining this with his role as part of the federation leadership team and Head of School. I am looking forward to working with him and continuing to spend a day each week at Brampford Speke.

This term, my plan is to be at Thorverton on Mondays, Cheriton on Wednesdays, Newton St Cyres on Thursdays and Brampford Speke on Fridays, leaving Tuesday flexible, so do catch me on the gate on those days if there is anything you would like to talk about.



### FROM MR AKHURST HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break. I was sorry to miss the children in the last week of term but it looks like they had a wonderful time.

It's been a very short first week for the children but it has been great to see them in such high spirits. The staff met on Wednesday for an inset day and did some valuable work around understanding Autism and also mindfulness.

This week the classes have begun their new topics and also had a focus on New Year's resolutions. During assembly, we discussed what was the term resolution meant and the children have spent time in classes thinking about what they would like to change or set as a challenge this year. They will be sharing them in assembly this afternoon.

Next week sees the start of the sports sessions at Lords Meadow for years 5 and 6. A letter will be going out to parents to confirm arrangements and I'm sure they will enjoy their 10 sessions there.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that Mr. Hamidullah got engaged to his girlfriend Phe just before the Christmas holidays. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for their future together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes

James Akhurst

## CALENDAR DATES

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Class 4 - 10 weeks Crediton Sports Centre

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Safeguarding Training at 9.00am at Newton St Cyres and repeated on the same day at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke.

**TERM DATES** - <http://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/term-dates.ashx>

**CLICK ON THE LINK-** [DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 - Newton St Cyres Primary School](#)

## TERM DATES

The autumn term ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and the spring term starts for children on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Half term is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February inclusive and the spring term ends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

There are Staff Development Days on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Year 3: a one night stay at Escot 30<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May

Year 4: two nights at New Barn field centre near Dorchester 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5: two nights at Barton Hall PGL activity centre near Torquay 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6: three nights at Grenville House in Brixham 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Clubs: (Starting next week 8/1/18) up until half term.**

## CLUBS

Monday	Homework	Mrs. Wilkinson	3.20-4.30pm	All year groups
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Mr Hookway	3.20-4.30pm	KS2 (Yrs 3-6)
Tuesday	Reading	Miss Scott-Hake	3.20-4.00pm	All year groups
Wednesday	Singing	Mr Hamidullah	12.45-1.15pm	All year groups
Thursday	Dance	Mrs Tempest	12.45-1.15pm	KS1 (Yrs R-2)
Thursday	Lego	Mrs Theedom	3.20-4.30pm	All year groups
Friday	Recorder	Mrs. Dunn	12.50-1.15	Years 2 and 3

Tag rugby club has temporarily moved to a Tuesday up until half term. This club will be weather dependent and all parents will be notified if it is cancelled by breaktime (10.30am) on the morning of the club. It will revert back to a Monday after half term.

Football club will resume after half term on a Tuesday. It will run from 3.20pm-4.30pm. Once the weather is more consistent and there are lighter evenings, it will run from 3.20pm-5pm.

## BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**George**



## **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe at school and beyond very seriously and offer regular training sessions for parents and volunteers to attend. If you volunteer to work with children on a regular basis or could be on your own with school children at any time, then you need to have completed this training. The next courses will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9.00am at Newton St Cyres and repeated on the same day at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke. Please let your child's school office know if you are intending to come to either session.

## **LORDS MEADOW**

This term Years 5 and 6 will be going to the Lords Meadow Leisure Centre on Friday mornings. Children will be taking part in gymnastics, ball games and swimming lessons during the morning and will be back at school in time for lunch. The ten sessions will start on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and end on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is funded from the School Sports Grant and enables all children to take part in sporting activities that could not be accessed on the school sites. Class teachers will give children more information about what children need to bring on Fridays during next week.

## **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING**

The new building is progressing well, despite the bad weather recently. The main part of the building is now watertight and the hall roof is nearing completion so that this can be made watertight as well. We are now in the process of choosing carpet and wall colours and agreeing the finishes with the contractors. In the next few weeks we should have a clearer idea about the timescale for moving and will be able to let parents know what this will involve as soon as possible.



## **NEWTON NIPPERS REPORT**

Welcome back to all our children.

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. The children have been talking about what we all have been doing over the holidays.

We send a big welcome to our returning children and new starters this term.

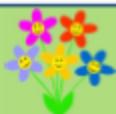
In this cold weather please can we remind you to bring hats coats and gloves as we do spend time outdoors daily.

Can you please check that all contact details are up to date.

Thank you

Our topic this term is “Do cows drink milk”





## Crediton Children's Centre Spring Term 2018 Programme of Activities for the Crediton Area

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Crediton Methodist Toddlers</b></p>  <p>9.00 - 11.00 @ Crediton Methodist Church £1 including snack Term time only</p>	<p><b>Solihull Parenting Group</b> @Crediton Fire Station 10.00 - 12.00 Please ring 01363 777219 for more information or to book a place</p>	<p><b>Let's Explore Together</b> @Crediton Fire Station 10.00 - 11.00 Exploring the elements!</p>	<p><b>Baby Clinic</b> Advice from the PHN team @Crediton Hospital Markby Room 09.30 - 11.00 <b>NO clinic on last Thursday of the month</b></p>	<p><b>Mini Music</b> @Hayward's Community Room 10.00 - 11.00 Every Friday A drop-in session</p>
<p><b>Hatchlings</b> New-born to 9m @Hayward's Community Room 11.00 - 12.30 Every Monday A drop-in session for new parents</p>	 <p>@Crediton Congregational Church 10.00 - 12.00 Every Tuesday</p>	<p><b>BIBS</b> Support for breastfeeding mums &amp; their children @Haywards' Community Room 10.00 - 11.30 A drop-in session</p>	<p><b>Story Time</b> @Crediton Community Book Shop 9.30 - 10.00 Please ring 01363 774740 to book</p>	<p><b>Owlets</b> @Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School 9.00 - 11.00</p>
<p><b>Crafty Tales / Bounce &amp; Rhyme</b> @Crediton Library 11.00 - 11.45 Storytime &amp; Craft / Songs &amp; Rhymes Alternate Mondays 01363 772578</p>	<p><b>For parents to-be</b></p>  <p>18.30 - 20.30 Antenatal classes @Hayward's Community Room Contact the children's centre for more details on 01363 777219 or speak to your midwife</p>	<p><b>Baby Massage</b> @Hayward's Community Room 1.00 - 3.00 Please ring 01363 777219</p>	<p><b>Art Therapy</b> @Crediton Fire Station 1.00 - 2.30 Invitation only</p>	<p><b>Bow Teddies</b> @the Village Hall 9.30 - 11.15</p>
<p><b>Lego &amp; Duplo Club</b> @Crediton Library 16.00 - 17.00 Every Monday</p>  <p>Please ring the library on 01363 772578 for more information</p>	<p><b>Mini Music</b> @Planet Play 1.30 - 2.15 Normal entry fee – stay for a play afterwards!</p>	<p><b>Copplestone Piglets</b> @the Methodist Hall 9.15 - 11.45</p>	<p><b>Brampford Speke Toddler Group</b> @the Village Hall 9.15 - 11.15</p>	<p><b>Cycle Rides</b>  @the Bike Shed Starts at 9.30 Rides last about 45 minutes Every Friday £2 For more information: Facebook group 'CREDITON Active Mums'</p>
<p><b>Morched Bishop Toddler Group</b> @the Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30</p>	<p><b>Copplestone Play Zone</b> @Copplestone Methodist Hall 9.30 - 11.30 Held monthly, check website</p>	<p><b>Newton Nappies</b> @the Parish Hall 9.30 - 11.30</p>	<p><b>Little Yeos</b> @Yeoford Village Hall 9.30 - 11.30</p>	<p><b>Coldridge Toddler Group</b> @the Village Hall 10.30 - 12.30</p>
<p><b>Sandford Toddlers</b> @the Village Hall 9.15 - 11.00 Lots of free parking</p>	<p><b>Thorverton Toddler Group</b> Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30</p>	<p><b>Tadpoles</b> age under 3 @Leapfrogs 14.00 - 15.30</p>	<p><b>Crediton Parish Church Toddlers</b> @The Boniface Centre, Crediton 14.00 - 15.30</p>	<p><b>Creation Station</b> @the Guides Hut, Lords Meadow Little Explorers 18m-5yrs 10 - 10.50am Baby Discovery 6m-18m 11.20 - 12pm £7 a session thecreationstation.co.uk</p>