

## NEWTON ST. CYRES PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



**8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**



**FROM MR JOLLIFFE**

#### **EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been really good to see everyone coming back to school so full of enthusiasm and energy. Mrs Parkes and I have particularly appreciated the warm welcome that we have received from the children, staff and parents at Bramford Speke this week as we have been working there now that there are 4 schools in the Exe Valley Federation. A warm welcome back too, to Mrs Tempest and Miss Scott Hake [class 1 at Newton St Cyres], Mrs Parkes and Mrs Wright [Ash class at Cheriton Fitzpaine], all of whom have returned from maternity leave this week. It is lovely to have them back with us again.

There are lots of new and exciting things to look forward to this year as the four schools work together on new sporting, musical and creative projects. Construction of the new school at Newton St Cyres is finally underway, and we are working on improving the technology in all the schools. During the summer this year's Federation Development Plan was written and a three page summary of this document will be on the school websites very soon. This outlines our plans for the coming year and I hope will give you a sense of the priorities and direction of the federation over this time. In an era of constant change in education and uncertainty about future funding and organisational structures, this plan enables us to ensure that we keep children's well-being and learning at the forefront of our thinking. Do take a moment to have a look at it and let me know if you have any comments or suggestions for further developments during the year.



**FROM MR. AKHURST**

#### **HEAD OF SCHOOL**

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and you all feel rested ahead of this new academic year.

It has been wonderful getting around to all the classes to see some fantastic learning going on and the enthusiasm from all the children. The new reception intake have settled in brilliantly and I'm sure they're looking forward to starting their full days next week.

The new school is well underway now, as building started over the summer holidays. The building company are very keen for the children to be involved in the process and it will be nice for them to see the progress over the next few terms. I will provide regular updates when I have them.

We already have our first sporting fixture of the term as our year3&4 and 5&6 football teams will be visiting Sandford on Monday after school. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them luck.

On Monday, I will be holding my review for the last academic year in the ICT suite at 9am. Please feel free to come along and share your thoughts and think about areas we can develop this year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a wonderful weekend

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## CALENDAR DATES

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – School photographs. Don't forget to return your slip for group pics.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Head Teacher's Review – 9:00 ICT Room – All welcome.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm at Newton St Cyres School – Volunteers Safeguarding Training

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Bramford Speke School School – Safeguarding Training

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival 9:15-10:30 – All welcome!

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Class 4 Harvest Boxes Distribution

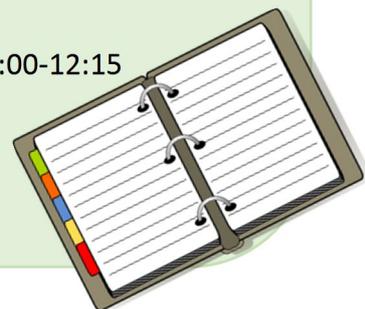
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October Senior Citizen Lunch

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Oct are non-pupil days)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Into Film Festival – Exeter Odeon – Whole school 10:00-12:15

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December Last day of autumn term

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



## BIRTHDAYS

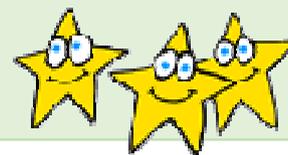
Wishing the following children, a tremendous birthday...**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Lottie and Sam**



## STAR AWARDS

Star awards are presented to children each week based on work completed or their attitudes to learning. They are awarded in our celebration assembly and placed on a display board in reception. This year children who win a star award will sit on the top table on a Wednesday lunchtime with a member of staff to enjoy their lunch together. We will be awarding our first star awards today.



## CLUBS

Monday	Tag Rugby	Mr. Hookway/Mr. Akhurst	3.20-4.30pm	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Monday	Homework	Mrs. Wilkinson	3.20-4.30pm	KS1 and KS2
Tuesday	Football	Mr. Hamiduallah/ Mr James	3.20-5.00pm	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Tuesday	Drama	Miss Scott-Hake	3.20-4.15pm	R, 1 and 2
Thursday	Animation	Mrs. Theedom	3.20-4.30pm	3,4,5 and 6

\*Lunchtime clubs to be arranged

\*\*Tag Rugby club to start on 18<sup>th</sup> September due to a sporting tournament on 11<sup>th</sup> September.



## NEWTON NIPPERS REPORT

**Welcome back everyone  
I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday!**

It was lovely to see all the new school children looking very smart in their uniforms on Tuesday. My colleagues and I would like to wish them all the very best on their new learning journeys. This half term we will be learning about lady birds, other mini beasts and plants. We have lots of fun activities planned, and we will continue to work closely with the class 1 teachers.

I would like to announce a new member of the team..... **Miss Angell**  
Miss Angell has worked in early years for over 20 years, and has worked within Cheriton Fitzpaine foundation unit for the last five years. Miss Angell will be acting manager and I believe she will be a great asset to the preschool.

### **Key worker**

Due to changes with staff, myself and Nikki have new key children. There is a list in the lobby if you are unsure of whom your child's key worker may be.



Our vegetable patch has been very busy over the summer holidays, we discovered a really big marrow, chilli, corn, tomatoes and runner beans.

I hope you have a great weekend

Shelley Choudhury – Foundation stage senior practitioner

## TUCK SHOP

On Thursdays, we hold a tuck shop in the hall which is run by our school council throughout the school. Children can bring money in to buy healthy snacks and drinks to enjoy at playtime. Prices range from 10p to 40p and include healthy snack bars and drinks.

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME**

Every half term we have a new theme for collective worship [assemblies] in our schools. This term our first theme is 'Generosity' and we will be thinking about how we can show generosity towards each other, giving sacrificially to help other people, our motivation for being generous and how we can work together by giving time or energy to a shared project. The stories that are told in assembly will come from a range of sources, including traditional tales from around the world, contemporary writers and religious texts, including the bible.

## **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

We take our responsibility for keeping children safe in school very seriously and all the staff in the Exe Valley Federation receive regular training and updates on this important area of our work. If you volunteer regularly in school [every week or for more than 3 days at a time] then it is important that you attend child protection training in order to continue to volunteer in school. There will be two courses this term: Monday 25th September at 1.30pm at Newton St Cyres School

Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke School

If you have not attended safeguarding training for volunteers as yet, please let your child's school office know which course you will be attending. Thank you.

## **MR JOLLIFFE'S TIMETABLE**

With the inclusion of Brampford Speke in the Exe Valley Federation, Mr Jolliffe has changed his weekly timetable to include time there as well as at the other schools. From next week he will be at Brampford Speke on a Monday morning, at Newton St Cyres on Tuesday, at Thorverton on Thursday morning and at Cheriton Fitzpaine on Friday morning. If you need to contact him at other times, the best way is to email him via your child's school office.

## **GOVERNOR UPDATE**

The new governing board for the Exe Valley Federation has now been formed and will be meeting for the first time next week. There will be a total of 13 governors; two parent governors, three foundation governors [nominated by the Church of England], one local authority governor, two staff governors and five co-opted governors. Five former Brampford Speke governors have agreed to join the new board and bring with them a wide range of skills and expertise.

The governors have written an impact statement which explains what the board of the Exe Valley Federation have achieved during the last 12 months. This will be published on the school websites shortly. Do take a look to see the kind of strategic work that the governors have done in the last 12 months.

## **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING**

You may have noticed that the new school building is finally being constructed on Station Road and the entrance to the site has now been formed from the road. The contractors, Elliotts, are keen to give children the opportunity to visit the site under their supervision and to see how the construction process works. However the site manager has asked that children do not trespass on the site or try to visit it unaccompanied by school staff as there are inevitably potential dangers on a construction site. Please talk to your children about the importance of not going onto the site unless is part of an organised visit. Thank you.