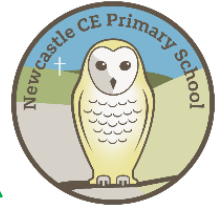




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# NEWCASTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 26th January

## Whole School News

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been busy in school learning about Invaders and Settlers and Castles. On Monday, Oak Class took part in an online learning session hosted by the Jorvik Viking Museum which was very interesting and noisy!

Next month, we have some exciting events lined up as we are visiting Craven Arms Mosque (KS2) and Ludlow Castle (Acorn Class). Key Stage Two will also be competing in the Bedstone Cross Country Run. Sadly the sporting events at Bishop Castle have been cancelled due to not enough schools taking part.

We are continuing to try to raise our pupil numbers and are looking forward to inviting a home-educated group of children to a joint Forest School session in April, led by an independent Forest School leader. We are also looking forward to the pre-schoolers joining us again for a play-date.

In class, we have also been promoting our reading spaces and have made the bookcases look far more appealing with the 'less is more' approach. There were over 500 books in Oak class alone. Later this year, we'll be having a book sale so the excess books can go to good homes.

Next week is an important week for the school as we have a Church SIAMS inspection on Tuesday. I am sure the children will be brilliant when they show our visitors around and talk about their work.

I have also attached a couple of flyers about events that may be of interest.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Chris Richards

## Acorn Class News and Learning

In English and Topic, the children have been learning about the jobs people held in castles. This led to a hot-seating activity on which the children were interviewed for a job!



In maths, the children have been developing their confidence with money, number bonds, shape and times tables.

The children also learnt, through reading, about the life of a castle knight and describing castles.

In PSHE, the children have been exploring their own dreams and goals.

In science, we are beginning to explore friction on different surfaces.

## Oak Class News and Learning

In English we have been continuing to read the story of Beowulf and have started to write a newspaper article about how Beowulf defeated Grendel.



In science we have been looking at the human lifecycle and the growth of babies in their first few months of life.

In maths we have been continuing our learning on fractions, and how to apply fractions in real life. Fractions are a tricky area and the children have done really well with their learning.

In topic, we are continuing to learn about Invaders and Settlers and the children have become experts in understanding why the Vikings came to Britain.

Finally in RE, we have been learning about Islam, in particular the five pillars of Islam and Mosques.

## Dates and Reminders

Thursdays after school: Goblin Car Club  
(Yr 5/6)



Mondays (subject to extreme weather): Forest School

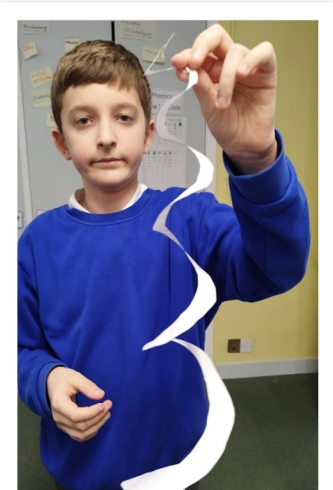
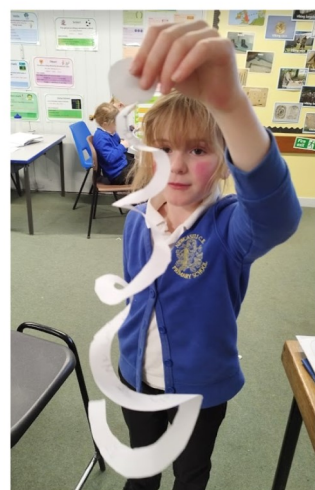
Fridays: PE

5th February: KS2 Curriculum Trip to Craven Arms Mosque

8th February: Bedstone Cross Country

Feb 29th: Curriculum Trip to Ludlow Castle (Acorn Class)

Sunday March 10th: Mothering Sunday Service at Newcastle Community Centre, 10am.



## Measles

Here is a note from Steve Compton, head of Shropshire Learning Services.

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

## Other Notices / Photos



## Birthdays and Celebrations

Ben Thomas will be celebrating his 11th birthday on the 9th February.



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## Values Stars of the Week!

Acorn Class

In assembly, we have celebrated Chloe and Sid's achievements over the last two weeks.

Oak Class

In assembly, we have celebrated Owen and Katie's achievements over the last two weeks.



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## Our School and Federation Vision

*'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'*

Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

## Our Values

Trust & Truth, Love & Respect, Thankfulness, Friendship & Family, Perseverance and Resilience