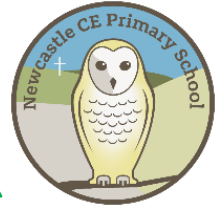




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NEWCASTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th September

Whole School News

First of all, I would like to say what a pleasure it has been working for 2 weeks at Newcastle. I can see what a wonderful school it is, and all of your children are delightful. I have learnt all the names and also many of the children's hobbies. I am confident that the school will grow and thrive, and thank you for your support at home. With this in mind, we are delighted to welcome Olivia into our school this week who has relocated from Yorkshire. Hopefully Jack, her brother, will be joining us soon as well.

I have started to implement a few subtle changes. For example, Thursdays will be a community collective worship with a celebration theme and all parents and families are invited into school. One child from each class will be celebrated, and if your child is chosen, we will let you know. This will start next week. We have also started Active 5, a five minute burst of exercise every afternoon.

There will shortly be a new up-to-date school website. Over time, further information will be added. We also have a school X (Twitter) feed in which photos of children's learning will be posted (@NCEPrimary).

The Village Show was a great success and I hope many of you had time to see the children's work. Congratulations to all the children who took part.

Next month, we will be delighted to invite the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir, all the way from Africa, to perform at Newcastle School on October 25th - definitely a day to pencil into the diary. The performance will be something special.

Finally, if I haven't had a chance to meet you yet, please do pop over and say hello at the end of the day. Have a lovely weekend.

Acorn Class News and Learning

The acorn class have had a fantastic start to the term. In English we have recapped some grammar and spelling and taken a close look at handwriting. In Maths, the children have made a strong start using Power Maths, specifically looking at place value. Our topic work has started by looking at the UK and the different countries and cities within. The children made a brilliant start to the work on rivers, where at Carding Mill Valley they enjoyed measuring the width, depth and speed of the river. They also completed a small study on the rocks in the stream, looking at the size and shape of them. They enjoyed looking for different creatures in the stream and found freshwater shrimps, worms and mayfly nymphs.

The class now have spellings that they can practice at home. Spelling tests will be done in class on Thursdays and new spellings will be sent home on Thursday afternoon.



Oak Class News and Learning

We have had a very busy start to the year. In English we have started to read the Iron Man and been learning about description, noun phrases and using speech marks.



In maths, we have been reinforcing our learning of place value, partitioning numbers and reading/writing large numbers. Some children may tell you that Chelsea signed Enzo Fernandes for £105,000,000!

In our topic we have started to look at famous rivers around the world, and of course on Wednesday we undertook some river studies at Cardingmill Valley. We had a fabulous day. Finally in RE we have been looking at the Creation Story, and the children have been thinking about many ways Christians can look after the living things that God created.

Dates and Reminders

22nd Sept—Foundation Friday (come to school in PE Kits)



3rd October—Parent Consultation Day—appointments available nearer the time.

9th October—Harvest Festival—Newcastle School pm

25th October—Pearl of Africa Concert.

26th October—Open Day

27th October—PD Day

Children's Voice

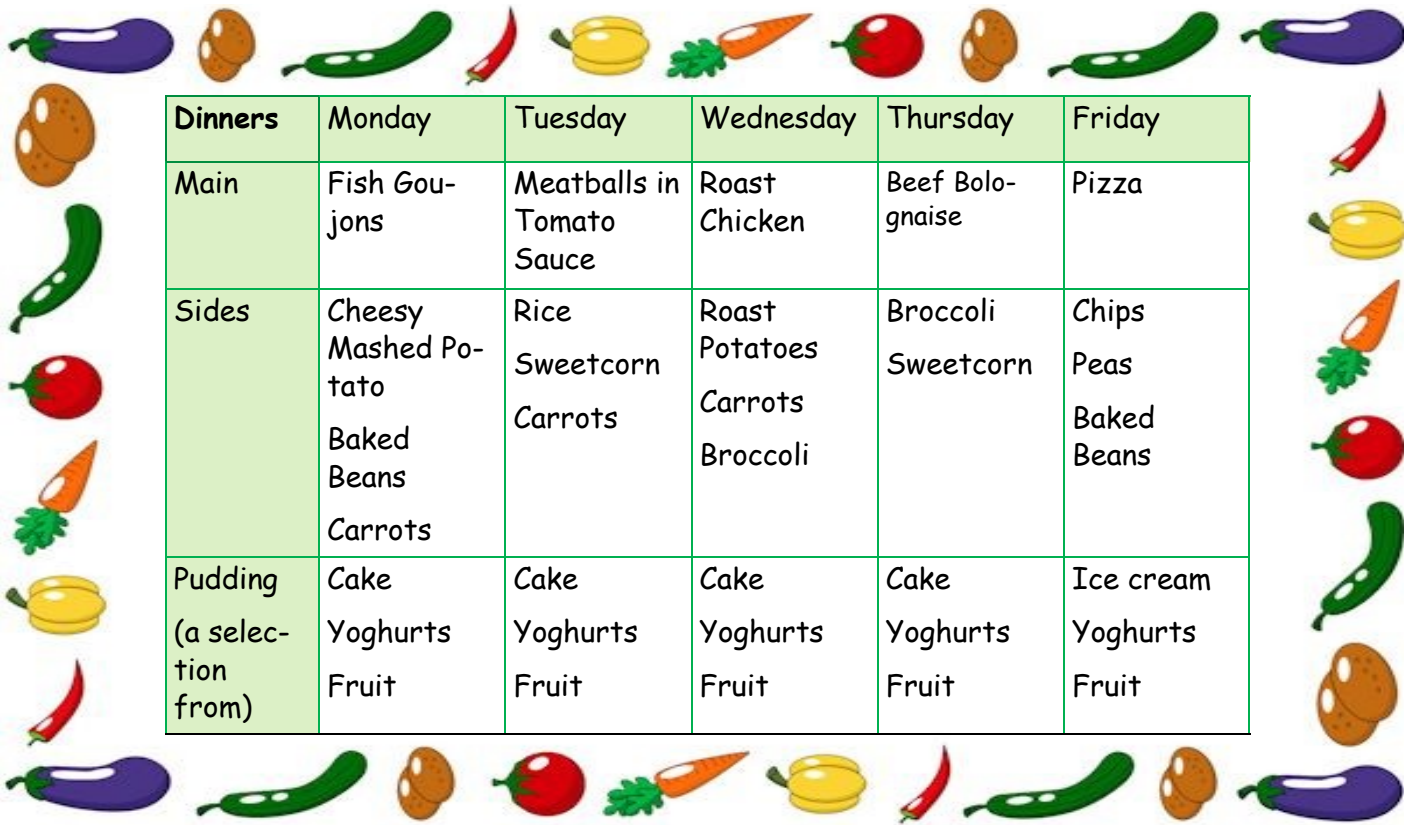
As you may know, on Wednesday we visited Cardingmill Valley to learn about the river.



However the river was very low after a dry summer. We enjoyed learning about the

grouse on Longmynd, catching insects and identifying them, and walking through the valley. Who knew that the stream was dammed and the water was used as a swimming pool in the 1950s? We are looking forward to learning different types of animals in the river.

By Sam, Ben and Thomas (Year 6)



Dinners	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Fish Goujons	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken	Beef Bolognaise	Pizza
Sides	Cheesy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Carrots	Rice Sweetcorn Carrots	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Baked Beans
Pudding (a selection from)	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Ice cream Yoghurts Fruit

School Clubs

We are currently arranging After School Clubs. Further details will follow.



Other Notices

Parent Volunteers / DBS Check

From time to time, we may be seeking volunteers for things like school trips, or helping in school. If this is something you are interested in, please come and see me or Steph so we can set up a DBS check.

Birthdays and Celebrations

Congratulations to Connie and Annie Swancott for managing to climb Mount Snowdon in the summer holiday. Seven to Eight hours—quite an achievement.

There have been no children's birthdays over the last two weeks.

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Values Stars of the Week!

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Acorn Class</p> <p>Celebration Assembly will start next Thursday. So far all the children have been stars in their first few days at school.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Oak Class</p> <p>Celebration Assembly will start next Thursday. So far all the children have been stars in their first few days at school.</p>
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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