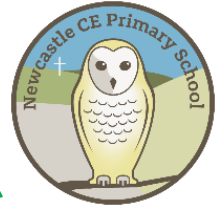




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NEWCASTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st March

Whole School News

We have had another exciting couple of weeks in school. The Imam from Craven Arms paid a visit last week, and Key Stage 2 also visited St Mary's Bucknell for a Science Day. Acorn Class had an excellent visit to Ludlow Castle yesterday.

With phonics in Acorn Class, please can you continue to read daily with your child - even on days when they read twice daily in school. We are seeing some tremendous progress with the Little Wandle scheme and wish to see that continue.

Can I also remind parents that the register closes at 9am. Both classes have important early morning tasks that often build on previous learning so it is vital that your child can access these. Ideally children should be here at 8:50 to maximise this learning. Retrieval of knowledge is key. Thank you for your support with this.

We have welcomed Freddie into our school family, and he is currently attending 3 days a week - our first official flexi-learner. As many of you are aware, we are putting out further adverts to attract more children. The effort from the school community has been brilliant and I thank you for this.

Hopefully the issue with the school communication is fixed. I have checked Teachers2Parents several times over the last week and the email / mobile details seems to be sticking on the system. I will continue to monitor this so that communication is received by all. If I suspect that a message is not getting through, then I'll ask Sarah to send home a paper copy.

Have a lovely weekend.

Chris Richards

Acorn Class News and Learning

In Acorn class we have been learning the poem, The Owl and the Pussycat. Ask your child to recite it. Everyone learned the words really well after acting it out and creating actions. Then we wrote our own versions using different animals and keeping up the rhymes! It was a challenge but the children had great ideas.



In Maths the Y3 children are working on their times tables - 2, 5, and 3. You can practise these at home using Hit the Button. In Y1 the focus is on the sequence of numbers to 50 while in Y2 it is the beginnings of multiplication with 2s, 5s and 10s.

The highlight of our Castles topic was our trip to Ludlow Castle. The children's comments as they walked around showed how much they had learned. We have also finished our models which you will see when you come to the parent conferences next week. Finally, in PSHE we have discussed what we need to do to stay healthy. Your children can tell you all about what they need to do!

Oak Class News and Learning

In Oak class, we have been learning about fractions and ratio/proportion in maths.



These are tricky subjects and the children have done really well to further their learning. In English, we have written a review of Beowulf, and are now learning Goblinology - the study of goblins and are working on various genres of writing. In science we have been looking at graphs, life-expectancy and gestation. In topic, we have been learning about Danelaw and we will be building some longhouses and creating further art work as we progress the Viking topic.

Dates and Reminders

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



Tuesday 5th March: Parents Consultation Afternoon

Fridays: PE Day

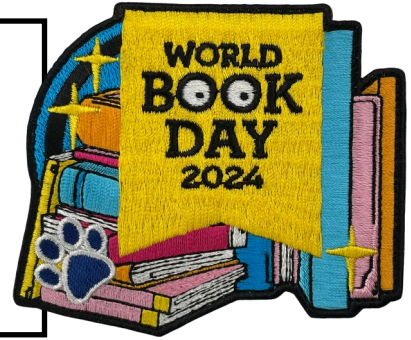
Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (see page 2)

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



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, it is World Book Day. We will be planning a couple of activities in school. Children are invited to dress up as a book, or to bring an accessory that represents the character. Another option is to wear pyjamas and a dressing gown / onesie for story telling. We recognise that financial times are hard, so a costume is optional. We would discourage clothing such as football kits, as we are aiming to promote a rich discussion about the book character where possible.



Birthdays and Celebrations

We will be celebrating Sofia's birthday next week, on the 7th March.



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Values Stars of the Week!

Acorn Class

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

Oak Class

In assembly, we have celebrated Ben and Sofia'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