



HOMELINK

#22 – July 2013

It is hard to believe that we have reached that time of year. The end of the summer term is just around the corner and we have been blessed with great weather to finish the school year. We say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who will all be moving on to their chosen secondary schools and at the same time we welcome our new YR pupils who join us in September and the cycle begins again. This year has been another successful one, with so many achievements in so many different aspects of school life. On behalf of all staff and governors I would like to say thank you for your continued support and your valued contributions that help to make Newlands the school that it is.

FONDS

As some of our Year 6 parents also move on, our vibrant PTA - FONDS are searching for new volunteers who are willing to join in with what is a very rewarding, fun and sociable side of school life. The FONDS AGM will be held at Newlands on **Thursday 26th September at 7.00pm**. Please come along, meet some new friends and have a say on how funds are raised - and spent for the benefit of all in the school community.



Year 6 Production

Well done to Mrs. Bond and all the Year 6 team on another excellent end-of-year production. This year the children performed 'Between the Lines' - a complex story that asked a great deal of the children. They didn't disappoint and were superb in showcasing their singing and acting skills.

Sports Day

Both Infant and Junior sports days were great events. Both were taken in just the right spirit, with a balance of healthy competition, teamwork and eager enthusiasm! The weather helped a great deal and everyone had an enjoyable time. The infant winners this year were Raleigh, the Junior winners were Polo - but congratulations to all the children for taking part and trying their best in all the events.



There are photographs available on the new 'Newlands Blog' - which has been set up with the aim of giving parents more regular updates and insights into the wide range of events that take place at school—visit <http://newlandsprimaryschool.blogspot.co.uk/>

Y5 Residential trip to Runway's End

This week, Beech Class pupils will be travelling to Runway's End, a purpose built residential activity centre that will provide opportunities for a wide range of activities such as caving and climbing. The website describes the centre as: 'located just off the A325 approximately 1.5 miles from the centres of Farnborough and Aldershot. The centre is available to any pre booked group.

The site has a new purpose built indoor facility which can sleep up to 60 people. We also offer camping on one of our 11 campsites which can accommodate up to 200 people.

Another huge attraction to the centre is the range of activities available including new indoor and outdoor climbing facilities, high ropes, archery, rifle shooting, orienteering, caving, and with the benefit of being located next to the Basingstoke Canal, watersports such as kayaking and canoeing. Shortly we will also be offering mountain biking and rafting.' The children (and staff!) are really looking forward to it. For more information please visit the Runway's End website: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/runwaysend.htm>

SATs Results

It has been another successful year for our KS1 and KS2 pupils in their end of key stage examinations

Key Stage 1

2013	Level 2c+	Level 2b+	Level 3
Reading	93%	81%	19%
Writing	93%	74%	11%
Maths	96%	90%	19%

Key Stage 2

2013	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Combined (level 4)	Combined (level 5)	2 levels of progress
Reading	90%	43%	0%	86%	33%	86%
Writing	90%	57%	0%			86%
Maths	86%	43%	5%			86%

Well done to all of our Y2 and Y6 children. Also, thank you to all our parents for helping to support their children throughout the year.

Curriculum visits

Silver Birch pupils recently enjoyed a day visit to Minstead study centre in the new forest. The children learnt about the water cycle through practical, outdoors activities. Our Year 2 pupils visited Yateley Common, linked to their topic of 'minibeasts' and our Reception Class pupils are looking forward to the 'Cuddle-Me-Do' visit - where they will get the opportunity to see a range of familiar (and not-so-familiar) animals to support their topic of 'animals' this term. Beech Class have just completed their swimming programme.

YATELEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

Yateley Life Saving Club meet on a Thursday evening from 7.30 pm at Yateley Pool. They are looking to recruit new members for the start of the September term.

They run Rookie Lifeguard courses on:

- How to stay safe around water
- What to do if someone is drowning and how to perform resuscitation.
- How to try and save someone's life

They also run bronze Medallion & Silver Medallion courses for older children (14+) and courses on the new Survive & Save syllabus.

If you are interested in joining and can swim 100 metres or more, are aged 10 years or over and would like to go to a free trial session, please contact the club yateleylifesaving@hotmail.com for further details.

School Council

Rachel Butler, Recycle for Hampshire, has been working closely with our school council over this half term looking at how we can spread the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle message across the school with pupils and staff alike.

Following an audit of our waste and recycling rubbish, School council have been working on initiatives across the school, such as a display board, relabeling bins, and a weekly 'Green message' in assembly.

School Council would now like to spread the recycling message out to the wider community:

- Did you know that aerosol cans (with the plastic tops taken off) can be recycled in Hampshire?
- All plastic bottles, including those for shampoo, sprays, cleaning products etc can be put in your blue bins.
- Hampshire are currently unable to recycle tetrapak cartons, so please ensure you put these in your normal waste.
- Only 50% of household food tins are currently recycled. Can you rise to the challenge in your household of making it 100%?

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Maisie-Ann Daniels, Ty Lamport, Molly Hall, Ben Ware, Cooper Shambrook, Jake Bailey, Nerys Ilott, Megan Bryant, Christopher Dunwoody, Ella Fegan, Holly Meen, Isaac Sampson and Ethan Sparrow who all recently made it into our 'gold book'.

Summer Reading Challenge

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?



Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the charity [The Reading Agency](#).

Every year there's a different theme. The aim of the challenge is to get children to read six books from their library during the summer holidays.

Enrolling your child

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to 11 although it is open to any child. It is run in very nearly all libraries in the UK and it is completely free.

Go to your local library during the summer holidays – the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give them a membership pack.

You can go to any UK library that is running the Summer Reading Challenge and you don't have to keep going to the same library. So if you are on holiday in the UK your child can still keep up with the Challenge.

The challenge started **Saturday 13th July!! Good luck!**

By the way, please remember to return all school library books!

School Meals

Please can you assist the school office by making on-line payments for any meals required for the last two weeks of term or by sending in payment for meals required **by Monday 15th July**. We will be unable to process orders for 'one-off meals' at any time during the weeks commencing 15th and 22nd July.

Year 5 Masterclass

Some of our Beech Class pupils competed in the Yateley School 'Maths Masterclass' challenge last week. Tosca Danelutti, Ella Furneaux, Holly Osbaldstone and Sure DeBeer will all put their maths skills to the test.

Listen 2Me Concert

We had a delightful end to this term's 'Listen2Me' music lessons. Mr. Viveash led our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils through a range of vocal performances that were enjoyed by all staff, pupils and parents that were in attendance. If you missed the performance, or would like to see some examples of the songs please visit our Newlands Blog which can be accessed through the school website - <http://www.newlandsprimary.net/>

Last Day of Term

Another reminder - the last day of term will be **Tuesday 23rd July**. On that day please note that school will close at **1.15pm**.

INSET days 2013/14

The Governing Body have agreed the following INSET days for the next academic year::

Tuesday 3rd September

Monday 30th September

Monday 4th November

Monday 6th January

Monday 24th February

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd September - School Closed for INSET

Wednesday 4th September - 1st day of new school term

Tuesday 17th September - Y6 Frogmore College taster day

Wednesday 18th September - KS1 Parents 'Meet the teacher' curriculum afternoon—3.20pm

Thursday 19th September—KS2 Parents 'Meet the teacher' curriculum evening - 6.00pm

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th September - Yateley School Open Mornings

Thursday 26th September - FONDS AGM - 7.00pm

Monday 30th September - School Closed (INSET)

Prospective YR parents morning - Tuesday 8th October

Harvest Festival - Friday 18th October

Pupil-led learning reviews YR -Y6, week commencing Monday 21st October

School closes for half-term - Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November - School Closed (INSET)

Tuesday 5th November - 1st day of second half-term

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance service & parade in Yateley

Monday 11th November - Remembrance assembly

Infant Nativity - Monday 9th December (am)

Monday 9th December (pm)

Tuesday 10th December (pm)

Tuesday 17th December - Christingle Service at St. Peter's Church

Thursday 19th December - School Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th December - FONDS Christmas discos

Friday 20th December - Last day of term, school closes at 1.15pm

Have a fantastic summer break.

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