

HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

Over the next few days we will continue to say goodbye to an amazing Year 6. As a group they are mature, articulate, thoughtful and diligent. They are a credit to their families, the school and the local community. They will leave the school having forged life long friendships and memories. Their collective positivity, commitment and resilience serve as an example of what can be achieved with the right mind-set.



As well as their many achievements across the curriculum they have risen to the challenge of excelling in the core subjects of English and Maths. Academic outcomes across the school have shown a significant improvement this year. This is illustrated by Y6 at 75% outperforming national, Hampshire and Hart in the number of children meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths (combined). This year's data sees the school continue to build on last year's significant rise in the number of children meeting the expected standard across the school.

Over the holidays you may notice a number of works being carried out at the school. When we return, the year One & Two classrooms will have been extended and we hope that our new solar panels will have been installed. As well as these two major works there will be a number of smaller alterations.

We have attempted to include in this edition of HOMELINK all of the information that you might need for the new academic year. If there is anything you are unsure of please check the web-site (the policies section is very useful) and if you are still unsure please ask.

I hope you all have a restful holiday and take the opportunity to recharge your batteries and explore new and interesting learning opportunities.

William Neighbour
Headteacher

Key Dates

July

- 19th Leavers Service @ St. Peter's, 1:30pm
- 19th Y6 Leavers Party
- 20th Last day of Term, school closes at 1:30pm

September

- 3rd & 4th INSET Days –School Closed
- 5th Children Start Back, Y1– Y6
- 10th New YR start school
- 12th Curriculum Meeting Y3 (3:30) & Y4 (4:15)
- 12th SCL Taster Sessions for Gym and Football after school clubs at 1:30pm
- 13th Curriculum Meeting Y5 (3:30) & Y6 (4:15)
- 13th SCL Taster Sessions for Gym and Football after school clubs at 1:30pm
- 14th Curriculum Meeting Y1 (3:30) & Y2 (4:15)
- 18th Curriculum Meeting Reception (3:30)
- 18th Y6 Taster Day @ Frogmore CC
- 25th Prospective YR open afternoon, 2:00pm
- 28th INSET Day—School Closed

October

- 1st School Photographs
- 9th Pupil Led Learning Reviews 5:00 to 7:30
- 11th Pupil Led Learning Reviews 3:30 to 6:30
- 12th Harvest Festival @ St. Peter's, 10:00am
- 18th Prospective YR open evening, 7:00pm
- 19th Celebrating Differences Day
- 19th Last Day of school
- 29th Back to School

November

- 9th Remembrance Assembly
- 11th Newlands Wreath laying in the Yateley Remembrance Parade
- 12th Prospective YR open afternoon, 2:00pm

December

- 7th Prospective YR Christmas activities, 2:00pm
- 10th Infant Nativity am & pm
- 11th Infant Nativity pm
- 17th Christingle Service @ St. Peter's, 10:00am
- 20th FONDS Christmas Disco
- 21st Last day of Term, school closes at 1:30pm

Break Time Snacks

When we return to school **HC3S will no longer be selling snacks to children at break time.**



Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack. There are a whole host of fruits and vegetables that make superbly healthy snacks for the pupils to enjoy at break times. Please also remember that all of the infant pupils have fruit and vegetables available, provided free of charge.

Recently we have seen, chocolate sneaking in, as well as packets of popcorn and crisps. In September children with unhealthy snacks will be asked to put them back into their bags and save them for when they get home.

We have also noticed that some pupils are sharing their snacks; whilst this is a lovely gesture, we do have a number of children with severe food allergies. Hence our request that pupils do not bring dairy or nut based foods in, including peanut butter.

Uniforms

I know that over the summer many of you will be out buying school uniforms. Before you do so I would like to remind you to read the schools uniform policy which can be on the web-site <http://www.newlandsprimary.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Uniform-Policy-2018-19.pdf>.

When it was re-issued earlier in the year we made no significant changes. I would ask you to take note of the shoes deemed acceptable, and the section on bags. In addition to this policy I would like to remind everyone that children are expected to use school provided colour team water bottles.

Cashless School

From September, we will be a cashless school for schools meals and school trips. Not only does this save on huge amounts of admin and paperwork for the school, it's a safer and more effective system for parents and children to work with. If you haven't activated your account, please ask at the office for the letter containing your activation code. If you've forgotten your password, click on the link on the Scopay.com login page or go to <http://www.newlandsprimary.net/on-line-payments/>



School Meals

From September, when we become a cashless school, we will only accept payments for meals through your child's online account. This is a safe and simple way of paying for not only their meals, but also school trips.



If you have not yet activated your child's online account, please ask at the school office for the activation code.

Please be aware additionally, that HC3S has increased the price of school meals; from September, the cost will be £2.30 per meal. Whilst this is an increase, it still represents exceptional value for a two course cooked meal. Remember that YR, Y1 and Y2 children are entitled to a 'free' school meal.

Wrap Around Care

I wanted to update you all regarding the situation of Wrap Around Care at Newlands.

To confirm, SCL will no longer be able to provide Wrap Around Care and have declined the opportunity to operate a Walking Bus to one of their other after school clubs.

I know that this is a frustrating subject for some of you and having spent considerable time addressing the situation for much of this year, I share your frustration.

We have liaised with a number of providers, offering them free use of our facilities but no one is willing to offer wrap round care. The consistent response we get is that to be commercially viable a minimum of 15 children would have to commit daily.

At a time of tighter education budgets, we are not in a position to offer a loss making internal solution as this would compromise the quality of education provided to the many for the sake of the few.

We are happy to sign post parents to any child minders working in and around the Newlands community. Any child minders who wish to make themselves known to us are asked to pop into the school office with their details.

Extra-curricular activities

We are pleased to offer these internally run clubs (Maths Club, Choir, Hockey Club and Dance Club) in the autumn term as extra-curricular activities for the children. The clubs all begin week commencing 17th September and will last for approximately 10 weeks. The attached timetable shows details of timings and who will be running the clubs. Sign up forms will be sent home in September.






While I appreciate making childcare arrangements is challenging, I would not recommend using internally provided clubs as a childcare solution. These activities are run by staff on a voluntary basis and are aimed at children who have demonstrated an interest and passion for the activity on offer. They are also prone to cancellation, sometimes at short notice, due to staff illness or staff attendance at training.

In addition to internally run activities we, have a few externally run clubs (Judo, Football and Gymnastics), which are clearly marked with a #.

Extra-Curricular Activities

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Please check individual club letters/registration forms for start & finish dates!

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
MONDAY	JUDO # Mr Johnston 8.00 – 8.40am (starts 17 th Sept) 		MATHS CLUB Y5 and Y6 3.20 – 4.15pm Mr Bliss (starts 17 th Sept)
TUESDAY			SCL FOOTBALL Y1 - Y6# SCL Soccer Club 3.20 – 4.15pm (starts 18 th Sept)
WEDNESDAY			CHOIR - Y3 – Y6 3.20 – 4.15pm Mr Evans & Miss Lynch (starts 19 th Sept)
THURSDAY			SCL GYMNASTICS Y1-Y3# 3.20 – 4.15pm (starts 20 th Sept) HOCKEY CLUB Y3 – Y6 3.20 – 4.15pm Mrs Spinks & Mrs Walker (starts 20 th Sept)
FRIDAY			DANCE CLUB Y3 – Y6 3.20 – 4.15pm Miss Lynch (starts 21 st Sept)

A FULL TERM'S COMMITMENT IS EXPECTED TO ALL CLUBS

All after-school clubs incur a nominal charge of £5.00 per term to pay for resources

These clubs will incur a charge payable direct to the organiser

If you have any queries regarding the activities, please contact the member of staff organising the club in the first instance, or leave a message with the school office

