



HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

Thank you to those parents who have commented to me about the efficiency of the new booking system for Parent's Evening. Following feedback from the parent survey last year we decided to introduce the new automated system. Many were frustrated by our paper based approach especially when booking for multiple children. We were challenged to find a system that was both convenient for you while reducing our administration workload. I'm pleased that so many of you had a positive experience with the new booking system.

Again following parental feedback last year we have changed the nature of our parents evenings to a more traditional format. Previously at this time of year we did a child led learning review, with children accompanying their parents sharing with them work done in the first month of school. Many parents expressed a frustration this format only left them with a few minutes in which they could discuss with the teacher their child's progress and how they can be helped. This in turn led to meetings over-running, which in turn led to frustration. As in the past, books will be out for parents to look at before and after appointments. Children are welcome to join you looking at the books but are expected to remain quietly outside the classroom during the parents consultation, giving parents 10 focused minutes discussing their child's progress and next steps in learning.

As ever we are always looking for ways to improve the experience for children here at Newlands as well as finding ways for parents to be able to contribute and communicate with us in an efficient way. Your feedback is always greatly appreciated and like in the two scenarios above often acted upon. Even when we are not able to make changes following your feedback, your comments do make us reflect on how we can improve things or better communicate why things are done in a certain way.



October

- 14th Parent's Evening , 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- 15th School Photos
- 16th Parent's Evening , 4:30pm to 7:30pm
- 18th FONDS AGM, 3:20pm to 4:00pm
- 24th Languages Colour Team Day (Children Only)
- 25th Break up for half term at 3.15pm

November

- 4th Children Start Back
- 4th New YR Open event, 2:00pm & 7.00pm

December

- 4th New YR Open event, 2:00pm
- 12th Flu Immunisations
- 16th Christingle Service, 10:00am @ St Peter's Church
- 17th Infant Nativity, 10:00am & 2:00pm
- 18th Infant Nativity, 10:00am
- 20th Break up for Christmas at 1:30pm

January

- 6th INSET—School closed to children
- 7th Children Start Back
- 9th New YR Open event, 2:00pm

February

- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 14th Break up for half term at 3.15pm
- 24th Children Start Back

March

- 2nd Parent's Evening , 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- 4th Parent's Evening , 4:30pm to 7:30pm
- 5th World Book Day
- 13th Sport Relief (Mufti day – sports clothing)
- 25th Y3 Avon Tyrrell Residential Departs

April

- 3rd Colour Team Morning (with parents)
- 3rd 20th Break up for Easter at 1:30pm
- 20th INSET—School closed to children

May

- 22nd Break up for half term at 3.15pm

June

- 1st Children Start Back
- 8th Y6 Stubbington Residential Departs
- 19th Den Building (with parents) at 1:30pm
- 29th INSET—School closed to children

July

- 10th Annual Reports to Parents
- 17th Newlands' Got Talent Festival, 2:00pm
- 20th School Sports Day & picnic lunch
- 21st Y6 Leaver's Service, 1:30pm @ St Peter's Church
- 22nd Break up for Summer at 1:30pm

PTO for learning update from Rowan Class



Rowan Class Visit the Army Flying Museum

Rowan Class visited the Army Flying Museum on Tuesday to complement their learning about World War II, D-Day and their class text of Goodnight Mister Tom. We were able to handle and try on items from the 1940s, walk through a 1940s house, learn about the history of flight and flight during World War II. We had a fantastic day!


