



NEWSTEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

2017 is certainly passing us by quickly with all of the wonderful things the children have been doing in school! This half term there has been community cohesion events, many wonderful educational visits and some brand new topics for children to explore. When we return after the Easter break, this will continue, as Year 3 take on Shakespeare with their study of Macbeth and Year 6 complete their statutory assessments.

As always, we have plenty planned, there are lots of advance warnings of different dates for you in this month's newsletter, so please read over carefully and add them all to your diary! I hope you enjoy all Easter activities planned for this week and if I don't see you beforehand, have a wonderful holiday (hopefully filled with sunshine!!)

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Helen Stocking
Head Teacher



ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENTS – EVERY DAY COUNTS!



The number of children arriving late for school each day is getting less – thank you! Remember, gates close at 9am and that's when important learning time begins for your child! They should arrive no later than this.

Currently, we are in-line with our attendance figure for last year of just over 97.3%. Let's work together for a great summer term so that we can beat this! Please remember, as we head into the warmer weather, we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We continue to work with Attend EDC to support you in getting your child's attendance to 'be the best it can be.' Please speak to Mrs Lloyd if you have any queries.



BABY NEWS

Miss Birchall has given birth to a baby boy. Both mum and baby are doing fine.

Mrs Faulkner –Poole is expecting a baby at the end of July 2017. She will take her maternity leave at the end of the Summer Term. We are currently advertising for a new teacher to join our team.

THANK YOU!



Last week's non uniform day and cake sale raised an incredible £368.41! The children all looked great and Mrs Shackman's cake stall was very busy at the end of the day

Other fundraising events planned for the rest of the year are:

SPORTSATHON – Friday, June 16th



START/END OF THE DAY



Please remember that children should NOT use the play equipment on the playgrounds before or after school; staff will be ensuring this is the case, so please don't be offended if your child is asked to come off the equipment. I have spoken to all children about this, so please make sure we all follow this rule.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (with LOTS of advance warnings!)



Monday April 10th – Friday April 21st EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday, April 24th – Year 3 visit to Stratford-upon-Avon

Monday, May 1st – Academy Closed (BANK HOLIDAY)

SATs week for Year 6 children: Monday May 8th 2017 to Thursday May 11th 2017.

Monday, May 29th to Friday, June 2nd – HALF TERM – Academy closed

Monday June 5th/Tuesday June 6th Y2FP residential to Conover Hall

Tuesday June 6th/Wednesday June 7th Y2LS residential to Conover Hall

Tuesday June 6th/Wednesday June 7th – Year 4 overnight visit to London

Wednesday June 28th – Children’s University Graduation

Thursday July 13th – 5.30 – 8.00pm – Year 6 Leavers’ Prom

Monday July 10th – Sports Day (Weather Permitting!!):

9.15-10.15 Years 1&2. 10.30-11.30 Nursery & Reception, 1.30-3.00 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Monday July 17th – 1.30pm – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly

Friday, July 21st – Last day of the summer term for the summer holidays



BRITISH VALUES

As you know, this is part of our curriculum here at Newstead Primary Academy. We’ve made our Golden Rules reflect this and I’ve spoken with the children recently about them in assembly; please ask your child to explain to you what they mean to help reinforce this important learning at home!

Always tell the truth

We know what’s right and wrong and to follow our golden rules; it’s the rule of law!

Respect everybody; showing kindness and manners

We show we can learn from others; this is our tolerance of other faiths and beliefs.

We stick together, learn together, play together and take on challenge together; its mutual respect!

Give everything your all!

We make good choices and take on challenges in our inspirational environment; this is our individual liberty!

We have a say in how to make ‘our all’ even more achievable...that’s democracy!