



# NEWSTEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to your first newsletter of 2018 and a welcome back to all of the children. I trust that you will have had a fantastic break with family and friends and made the most of time to celebrate. In this month's newsletter you'll find plenty of information about things that are happening at the academy over the coming term. This newsletter also contains feedback from the questionnaires that you kindly completed before the Christmas break.

All staff at the academy look forward to working with you again this year to ensure the very best for your children!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Stocking                  Miss Suzanne Rawlings  
Executive Head Teacher          Head of School

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS TERM...



- Week Beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018** – All after school clubs begin
- February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018** – Safer Internet Day
- February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018** – Assessment profiles home for the spring term
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of term
- Half Term:** *We will be closed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February and reopen for children on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018*
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 5.00pm-7.00pm  
*(We will send a text when appointments can be made at the school office)*
- Week Beginning March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018** – Final week of after school clubs
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term
- Easter Holidays:** *We will be closed on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and reopen for children on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April*

### Do you enjoy playing with children?

As we are growing, opportunities have arisen for additional lunch time staff. If you are interested in becoming a lunchtime supervisor then please contact the school office for an application form (before Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January).

### The Golden Rules that help us to

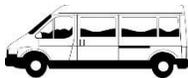
**'ensure we all reach our full potential...'**

**We always tell the truth.**

**We respect everybody by showing kindness and respect.**



**We give everything our all!**



### PAYMENT REMINDER...

Please remember, if you are paying your £30 contribution to educational visits termly, the next £10 is due no later than next **Thursday (January 11<sup>th</sup>)**. Thank you for supporting us to make these wonderful visits happen!

### DON'T FORGET YOU CAN FIND LOTS OF INFORMATION ONLINE!



[www.newstead.stoke.sch.uk](http://www.newstead.stoke.sch.uk) will take you directly to our academy's website where you can always check back on our newsletters, class information (including topics and class newsletters) and lots more information about our school!



## QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK



A huge thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire to us; in total we had 54 replies, which is 15% of our school. I am pleased to share with you both the overall percentage to each question and some of your comments. There were lots of 'strongly agree' and 'agree' answers given, in particular for how happy your children feel in school. This is excellent and I am pleased that your children are feeling positive about their time here at Newstead Primary Academy!

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at Newstead Primary Academy	74%	26%		
My child feels safe at Newstead Primary Academy	80%	19%	1%	
My child makes good progress at Newstead Primary Academy	69%	30%	1%	
My child is well looked after at Newstead Primary Academy	69%	28%	3%	
My child is taught well at Newstead Primary Academy	78%	22%		
My child receives appropriate homework for their age and it is given out weekly	69%	31%		
Newstead Primary Academy makes sure its children are well behaved	69%	30%	1%	
Newstead Primary Academy deals with bullying effectively and quickly	58%	40%	1%	1%
Newstead Primary Academy is well led and managed	76%	24%		
Newstead Primary Academy responds well to any concerns I raise	70%	26%	4%	
I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress	72%	28%		
I would recommend Newstead Primary Academy to another parent	78%	21%	1%	

I have already spoken to some parents/carers who raised individual queries, if I did not catch you before the break, I will try again over the coming week to speak with you.

The majority of concerns raised related to the current building project. We hope, as I'm sure you do, that the project is soon to reach its conclusion which will ease frustrations for all and allow children, teachers and parents much more space to enjoy.

Some of your feedback told us that;

'I have been thrilled in each year group our child has been in. They have loved their time at Newstead.'

'My child's teacher has an excellent approach with them and deals with any issues I raise promptly.'

'I could not ask for anymore from teachers, as they go above and beyond. I would highly recommend Newstead to others.'

**THANK YOU** for your comments; both constructive and complimentary, so we can continue to make the school better and better!