



NEWSTEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your children have enjoyed the half term break and that the children are ready for one of the busiest times of the school year; preparing for Christmas! All dates for the Christmas productions and other Christmas events can be found in this newsletter. Full details about the performances and the purchasing of tickets will be sent out as the productions get closer! Thank you to all those who attended the Magical Mystical Disco last month; the costumes were terrific and the children had a fantastic time together. As always, we are very grateful for your comments and feedback on how to improve what we do in school and look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Head Teacher



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Monday November 14th & Tuesday November 15th 2016

3.30pm – 5.30pm (Nursery from 3.15pm)



To book an appointment, call into the school office, telephone the office on 235490 or put a note into your child's planner. Appointments are for 10 minutes only. Please do not be offended if the teacher moves on to their next appointment. Feedback from you, the parents/carers, is that we should try and keep to time! We will do our best to make this happen! Tea and coffee will be available in the main entrance.



ASSESSMENT PROFILES



Your child's assessment profile will be coming home next Monday and should be returned by Friday November 11th. This is a valuable record of your child's progress and we hope you enjoy looking at their achievements. Please complete the parent comment section. We do value your opinions and would welcome any changes you feel we should make to the books. We hope that these books show you how your child is getting on in the classroom and give you some information before parents' evening.

NOVEMBER SKIERS, TENNIS PLAYERS AND HORSE RIDERS

Friday 4th – Year 2 LS

Friday 11th – Year 1AB

Friday 18th – Year 1SN

Friday 25th – Reception SD



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Thank you for supporting us to make sure the attendance at Newstead Primary Academy is always the best it can be!

Please note, that should your child not be in school, there is a possibility you'll receive a visit from the attendance team to ensure you are well supported in achieving the best possible attendance for your child. *Every day counts!*



UNIFORM REMINDER...

We've noticed a number of children (mainly boys) in black trousers – the uniform policy as agreed in the handbook is for **grey** trousers only. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct item of clothing.

With the colder weather coming, a number of children have asked about wearing boots. If children wish to walk to school in boots, they **must** change into their school shoes once they arrive.

Uniform continues to be monitored every Monday to see which class is 'best dressed' each week!



PARIS 2016

£20 payments now due – please make your payment at the school office.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Early Years Christmas Performances: December 6th (1.45pm), 7th (9.30am, 1.45pm) – Nursery and Rec.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances: December 12th (1.45pm), 14th (9.30am)

Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances: December 9th (Years 3 and 4 – 1.45pm), December 13th (Years 5 and 6 – 1.45pm)

There will be a crèche facility available at every performance for all preschool children. Places should be booked at the school office before the performance. Please note that children will NOT be able to sit in the audience.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 21st November and will cost £1 each. This ticket doubles up as your raffle ticket so please put your name on the back. The raffle will be drawn after each performance.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND 2016 – 3.30 to 5.00pm

Our very first Christmas event will be the Christmas Fayre – an event I know is enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike! We are aiming to move away from the 'Bric a Brac' type stalls and more towards providing games, tombolas, etc. for the children to have a go at and enjoy! Who knows...we may even get a visit from Santa! Mrs Shackman will be in touch with you all soon with further details about the arrangements – I hope you're able to join us.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES



Many thanks for taking the time to complete the questionnaire we sent home before the holidays. As always, we really appreciate your feedback and always look for ways to improve the academy.

NON UNIFORM

Children in Need – Friday November 18th 2016

Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress for a donation of £1 towards this most worthwhile cause.

Clothes for Chocolates – Friday November 25th 2016

Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for an item of chocolate ready for the Christmas Fayre.