

# NEWSLETTER

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## Tuesday 23/03/21

- Parents' Evening

## Wednesday 31/03/21

- Parents' Evening

## INSET Days 2020/2021

- Thursday 1st April 2021
- Friday 25th June 2021
- Wednesday 21st July 2021

## INSET Days 2021/2022

- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 28th February 2022
- Friday 24th June 2022
- Friday 22nd July 2022

## NPSA Meeting

- Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 8pm via Zoom

Friday 19th March, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another great week in school. Although a little tired perhaps, with two weeks of school completed, the children remain in great spirits and are thriving in the school environment with their friends, teachers, familiar adults and known routines. It now feels as if they haven't been away, and with two weeks until Easter I know we can achieve so much together and continue to build on the successes so far.

Today, there has been much fun in school when completing activities for Comic Relief. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett for posting a video on Google Classroom last week to promote this. The theme this year is superheroes and you will see some photographs in the newsletter of the children with masks they made and the fun they had. We have not asked for donations to be brought to school, but if you would like to make your own donation to the Comic Relief charity, please follow this link:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

## Reflections

You will know that this week marks a year since all of our lives were turned upside down. I have been reflecting on this week in 2020, remembering with absolute clarity the decisions and actions we had to take as the week dramatically unfolded. I have taken time to read back through all of the correspondence I sent to parents and staff at the time, hardly still believing what we have all been through and what we have had to deal with. I am sure, like me, you will have been touched by so many different emotions throughout the year, but when I re-read the letter I sent out late on the evening of Friday 20th March, 2020 – the day the school closed for the first time, it unearthed the deep and raw emotion I felt at the time. I have left a copy of this at the end of this newsletter to highlight what we have been through, but also to demonstrate how far we have come. Yes, there remains great uncertainty in many people's lives. Yes, the children have missed out on so much. But when we see the children in school now, today, doing what they do and being who they are, there is clear evidence that we will come back from this. I know that lives will have been changed forever, but we as a school have got so much to hold onto and so much to build on, and again I feel so thankful for this. This is not something we have done on our own; our community has held tight and I have no doubt it will continue to do so for the coming months and years as we all continue to rebuild and move forward together.

## Safety and Procedures

These are some reminders of the information published last Friday. Please can I ask that you to continue to support these.

## Symptoms of Covid-19

The school must be informed as soon as possible of a pupil with Covid-19 symptoms. The pupil must isolate until a negative PCR test result has been received, or in the event of a positive result, isolate for ten days, along with all household members. Any siblings of pupils with symptoms of Covid-19 must not be sent to school and must isolate at home with all household members.

The outcome of any PCR test must be shared with the school immediately.

To book a PCR test follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- **A high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).
- **A new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- **A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

#### Reason for absence

Please can we ask, that when parents contact the office to inform the school of a child's absence, that a full reason for the absence is provided, including symptoms of any illness. Please can parents also contact the school on each day of absence, by 9.30am.

#### Uniform and dress code

Please note that all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.  
On colder days, layers should be worn under uniform, as the classrooms must be ventilated.

#### Drop-off and collection

Please remember that only one adult is permitted to drop off and collect children.

#### Up to date government guidance

Please find a collection of all current government guidance regarding educational settings, testing, wrap around care and support bubbles, for your reference.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-for-parents-and-carers-coronavirus-covid-19>

#### Updates this week

##### Well done to Rafa!

Rafaela in Year 5 is a brilliant sportsperson, playing tennis at a high level. We also now know that she is a runner. Rafa completed the Bath Half Marathon 10K by running around her village. Well done Rafa, you are a star!

##### Parents' Evening

Bookings for the online parents' evenings were opened last week via <https://newbridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. The meetings will be held on Tuesday 23rd March and Wednesday 31st March and will be to discuss how your child has returned to school, and for you to update the teacher with any relevant information. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so before bookings close this evening (Friday 19th) at 6pm.

##### NPSA Meeting

The NPSA will meet via Zoom on Wednesday 24th March at 8pm. At this, future dates and events will be discussed. It would be great if you could join, to support our children, school and community.

I wish you a good weekend and many thanks again for your continued support.



Gill Kennaugh



## WELL DONE RAFAELA!

Rafaela in 5B ran the  
Bath Half Marathon  
(virtual) 10K and has  
the medal and T-shirt  
to prove it!

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Olivier F & Phoenix K-G

**1K** Alba M & Kameron B

**2T** Alex P & Romi H

**3OG** Zach D & Daniel A

**4C** William S & Minnie F

**5B** Jacob W & Eve M

**6B** Heidi S & Fin D

**Ladybird**

Betty R & Alfie N

**1R** Iben G & Elizabeth D

**2G** Florrie S & Abigail B

**3KR** Ernie L-S & Zoe M

**4H** Reuben R & Chantelle M

**5H** Emma R & Emilia W

**6A** Adam M & Lewis T



## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings!

## UPPER & LOWER CASE

Write each of your words out two times.

Write in **UPPER** case the first time

and **lower** case the second time.

e.g **SPELLING**/spelling



# SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK & COMIC RELIEF!

## BEE CLASS



## LADYBIRD CLASS





1R



1K





2G



2T





# 3OG



# 3KR





## 4C



## 4H





## 5B



## 5H





**YEAR 6** have been reading The Book of Hopes and have made dream catchers from old CDs to represent their hopes and dreams.



Well done again to Eve and Alba for completing the Bath Big Sleep Out and raising £891 for Julian House.



## Would you like to work with children in your local school?

We are strongly committed to enabling each child access to a broad, enriched education of the highest quality. Our aspiration is to be the best we can be and are ambitious about what we can achieve for our children. The following post offers an opportunity to be part of a supportive, caring and committed school community who have high expectations of themselves and each other.

From April 2021, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:

Monday - Friday

11.45am - 1.15pm


£9.62 per hour

The ideal candidate would have to:

- Be patient and caring
- Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- Be an excellent team player
- Be resilient and energetic

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please contact Newbridge Primary School on 01225 421675 or email us at  
[newbridge\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk)

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Friday 20th March, 2020 9.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

*We reach the end of a very bumpy week. And with our time together coming to such an abrupt end, I know you will all be feeling, as I am right now, cheated of all of the wonderful school experiences that lay ahead for all of the children and your family. Having the time to catch up and chat and the everyday of seeing one another makes the school feel a very lonely place this evening.*

*Sadly, this is not our usual newsletter of celebration. However, so much is to be commended this week, none of which I imagined I would be writing just a couple of weeks ago. The dramatic turn of events, which is impacting all of our lives, has at the same made me feel proud, hugely supported and forever grateful.*


*The children, as always, have stood out. Amidst the turmoil in the wider world, they have continued to be the finest young people. Taking the days in their stride and giving back with the sound of fun and laughter.*

*Whilst the time at Newbridge for the majority of children has been paused for now, they will return and in time to be able to carry on the Newbridge journey. However, for our outstanding Year 6 pupils, who we have known since Reception, the prospect of returning is not so certain. They know and understand this and feel dreadfully sad and cheated too. With Key Stage 2 SATs in their sights, having committed to their learning for six and half years, they will feel that their work here is not done. Possibly losing out on the chance to perform their end of year production is cruel. Considering not having the opportunity to stand on the stage at the leavers' assembly and to be applauded for all of their efforts is too difficult to accept. But, knowing that they are such amazing young people who care deeply about others and their school makes me, and the rest of the staff, feel so incredibly proud of each and every one of them. I know that we may miss out on having them as a part of our school again, but their legacy will be left behind for others to follow and step up to. They have all achieved so much. They have made an impact and I know that they will take their next steps as caring, creative young people, who will responsibly make a difference to our world. Good luck Year 6.*

*With this, thank you to all of the Year 6 parents, and especially those who may too, be moving on as their time at Newbridge ends. You have helped and supported us in so many ways over the years - you too have made a difference.*

*The special community of Newbridge has been epitomised this week. The 'can do' attitude has been sung out at every twist and turn. Whenever was it the parents' responsibility to give up their time, and in great spirits, to deliver needed items around the area? How can we think it possible that in a week of dread, families upon families still donate items of food - throwing others a life-line so generously? How, when no doubt feeling overwhelmed at the rapidly changing events, can parents take time to look out for us, ask how we are and send incredibly supportive messages – these sometimes propping us up to be able to continue in our work. This added to of course, by the overwhelming offers of help going forward from this point, ensuring that together we can do the best by our community. I, along with the staff, have felt extremely touched by your kindness, care and support and I will never forget this.*

*The unsung heroes this week are all of our staff team. Each morning they have received instruction which has required urgent action. They have committed beyond their hours. They have demonstrated level headedness at a time of uncertainty. They have planned strategically when under pressure. They have looked out for one another. They have shown deep regard and much needed security for their pupils. They have been, and will continue to be superb. I praise and thank each and every one of them and I am so grateful that together they make our staff team so strong.*



*So, for now, it's goodbye to many of you. I wish your family the very best and I will continue to hold our special community in my mind as a focus. We will see you and I look forward to this day.*

*For others, we will see you sooner as you drop your children to our care. You will be our critical workers – the ones ensuring support and safety for all. I applaud you all and will think of you with the challenges you are facing during the weeks and months ahead.*

*Please all, throughout this journey we now face, I urge you to continue with all of the safety advice. This is paramount to protecting everyone and our families.*

*I will send a further two letters tomorrow; one about accessing the daily learning, and one about the arrangements for provision within our school next week for the critical workers.*

*Take care.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Gill Kennaugh*

