

Monday 18th July

- Optional Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19th July

- Year 6 Leavers' Party at 4.30pm - 6.30pm (extreme weather may dictate a change to this.)

Wednesday 20th July

- Leavers' assembly at 1.45pm
- End of Term 6 for pupils

Thursday 21st July

- INSET Day

Friday 2nd September

- First Day of Term 1 for Children

Please see website for full dates for the next academic year [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

This is not a full newsletter, as I will write one on Wednesday, the last day of the school year.

Forecast extreme hot weather

We are continuing to follow all current guidance around the extreme hot weather forecast for the start of next week. Please ensure that children wear loose clothing and do not wear their sweatshirts or cardigans when coming to school. Every child will need to be provided with a sunhat (wide brimmed if possible), a filled water bottle and have sunscreen applied before school. We will continue to limit the time children spend outdoors and will keep them in the shade whenever possible. Windows will be opened in the early morning and near closed, as the temperature rises. Classrooms blinds will be drawn when appropriate and lights and power sources will be turned off when possible - all Lower School classrooms have an electric fan. In the Upper School, due to the new heating system that has just been fitted, we have some access to air conditioning, as of today. Most classrooms currently have this, and we hope all will be online including the hall, library and Blue Room, from Monday evening.

For children in EYFS who will have a session in the Conservation Area on Monday, they are able to wear short sleeves and shorts. This area provides good shade and the staff will talk with the children about not entering areas that may have brambles.

The DfE is not advising schools to close, and we have not received this directive from B&NES.

Annual School Report

All children will be issued with their annual report today, these will come home by hand.

Activities to the end of term

There are a few more activities left to the end of term. These are mainly based around our Year 6 pupils, who will leave our school for their secondary schools on Wednesday. Plus saying goodbye to our staff leavers and those children in other year groups, who are moving away and to other schools.

After school this afternoon, though, please stay around if you can. I'm not sure how many sponges Mr Cumpson can take, when in the stocks, but this is his last fundraising bid for the NPSA before leaving Newbridge at the end of term. To throw 3 sponges is £1, there will also be some treats on sale.

Our NPSA

From this week's NPSA newsletter, you will see that we held a successful AGM. Many thanks indeed to the new committee members who have been voted in. David Philips (supported by Amy Osborn) is taking on the Ticketing role from Fiona Remnant. Tracey Pollard is our new Secretary, taking over from Mim Wharf; and Ash Purves is our new Chair, now leading the way following in Katherine Welling's footsteps. Thank you to all of them for stepping up, and to those they are replacing for the work they have put in previously.

The Festival of Football was another fantastic event on Friday. Thanks again to Sarah and Alex Cowey for all of the organisation involved, plus the parents who helped set up and clear away. Special thanks to Charlie Box and Scarlet Nye, both ex-pupils, who refereed, along with Matt Brook and Rich Snook. 119 children were able to take part and they each should be celebrated for all of their efforts. Their managers did a sterling job, too – thank you.

Extra-Curricular Activities in Term 5 and 6

Thank you and well done to all of the children who attended extra-curricular activities in Term 5 and 6. Taking part in wider opportunities is beneficial in terms of confidence, resilience, socialisation and learning new skills.

It's been brilliant to have a full complement of provision running throughout the whole school year. Thank you to the staff who have led some of this provision – it's a great offer.

Going forward, we will issue a new clubs list as early as possible in the Autumn term.

Again, children who are entitled to free school meals by benefit will be able to access fee paying activities, with no charge.

Thank you to very willing parents

Thank you to parents who came to school on Wednesday to carry out gardening work in the Spiritual Garden. Your help, along with parents who were able to help last week, is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Kathy Thornton, Clare Moon, Ellie Giles, Jack Kellard, Cathryn Davies, Annie Murray, Joe Cripps, Amanda Davies, Jess Dingis, Andrew Baker and Saffy Dodds-Smith.

Staff Leavers

The end of the year is very fast approaching, and particularly for those staff who will be leaving Newbridge at the end of the year. Along with the teachers who are leaving, some Teaching Assistants are, too. We say goodbye to Mrs Stacey whose work has come to an end and to Mr Burton, who completes his role to commence a university course. Mrs Stacey is a stalwart of our school community, and in her role this year has continued to deliver her best for the needs of the children. We wish her well as she starts a new role at Beechen Cliff School. Mr Burton was once a Newbridge pupil, and to have him back, for the past year has been an absolute pleasure. We wish him much success as he trains as a teacher. Mrs Hunt, is also leaving, to commence her retirement. Mrs Hunt has had a very long association with the school. Her three children, who are now grown up, all attended, and her partner, Andy Powell was the Chair of Governors' at the time Newbridge Infant School and Newbridge Junior School amalgamated. Mrs Hunt's career as a Teaching Assistant spans almost 23 years. What an achievement! In this time, she has supported hundreds of children and with her excellent administration skills, has helped many teachers and ensured the smooth running of many operations and systems. We are very grateful for her commitment and we wish her well for her retirement and for imminent travel plans.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and before the last three days of term.

Yours sincerely



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