



# NEWSLETTER

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- Tuesday 04/02/20**
  - Bee Class assembly at 2.40pm
  - Y4 Forest School for Windsor and Cleveland
  - Child Exploitation and Online Protection meeting: 6.30pm for parents
- Tuesday 11/02/20**
  - Ladybird Class assembly at 2.40pm
  - Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Churchill
  - Yr 3 We the Curious
- Friday 14/02/20**
  - End of Term 3
  - Inset 3
- Monday 24/02/20**
  - Start of Term 4
- Wednesday 26/02/20**
  - Y6 SATs meeting: 3.30pm
  - Y6 Residential meeting: 4.00pm
- Thursday 27/02/20**
  - EYFS Maths Meeting for parents: 2.45pm
- Friday 28/02/20**
  - Feel Good Friday
  - Bags2Schools
  - NPSA Quiz Night
- Monday 02/03/20**
  - Spelling Bee
- Tuesday 03/03/20**
  - Y1 Phonics Information meeting: 2.45pm
- Thursday 05/03/20**
  - World Book Day/Book at Bedtime: 5.00-5.45pm
- Sunday 15/03/20**
  - Team Newbridge run the Bath Half
- Monday 16/03/20**
  - Y6 Residential
- Thursday 19/03/20**
  - Y3 Class Assembly: 2.40pm
- Friday 20/03/20**
  - Y1 & Y5 Cake Sale Clubs finish
- Wednesday 25/03/20**
  - KS1 SATs meeting: 2.40pm
- Thursday 26/03/20**
  - Parents' Evening

Dear Parents and Carers

What another fantastic week we've had, topped off today by our now established monthly Feel Good Friday. The theme today to support well-being across the school was considering random acts of kindness and the ripple effects of these. We hope your children tell you about the day but if not, please click on our Twitter link above to find out more .

**Young Voices:** The highlight of the week has to be the 108 choir members attending Young Voices at the World Resort Arena in Birmingham on Tuesday. What an incredible experience this was and I feel privileged to have been a part of this on the day.

For many months the children have committed to learning the song words and dance movements, both at home and through their attendance at choir rehearsals. Their investment paid off when they could perform with such joy, with 7,000 other school children, to a packed arena. I am incredibly proud of every single child who took part and who stepped up for and loved the challenge and excitement of the day. Undoubtedly this experience will have instilled confidence, teamwork and self-belief. This opportunity could not have happened without the support of the school staff and volunteers. Thank you sincerely to Mrs Houston, with the able help of Mrs Keynes, Mrs O'Gara and Mrs Amor, who prepared the children for the occasion. It was a very long day and our volunteers who committed to this deserve huge thanks; we appreciated their time and care greatly and could not have managed the trip without them – Mrs Katy Hancock, Mrs Sarah Cowey, Mrs Kate Warner, Mrs Kathy Runacres, Miss Ellie Roberts, Mr Callum Mahon and Mrs Lucy Hewson.

The coaches did not return to school until 11:30pm, but yet the next day, after a little lie in, the children were bright and breezy and still buzzing from the night before. The parents who travelled to watch the performance were also buzzing having enjoyed and appreciated the whole show, which included Urban Strides, The Shires, Ruti and Tony Hadley. We have received some lovely emails of appreciation and we are grateful for these, but please know that being able to provide this opportunity for the children comes with a huge amount joy for us too. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible – let's do it again in two years' time!

**Ms Card is retiring:** Sadly, Ms Card will retire from her teaching role at the end of Term 3. This is not a decision she has taken lightly, but following a period of ill-health earlier this year she has decided to complete her teaching career. Throughout her 25 year career; 22 years of which have been spent at Newbridge, many, many children have benefitted from Ms Card's exceptional teaching ability and her incredibly wide-ranging skills. Ms Card is the only person I know who can bake a cake, play an instrument, learn a foreign language, plan a lesson, throw a clay pot, write a pantomime and tell an incredible story - all at the same time! Throughout her career she has taught in all age groups, has led subjects including science and foreign languages and has been a member of the senior leadership team. We will miss her greatly as a superb colleague and a much admired member of our Newbridge team. We wish her the happy retirement she deserves.

Mrs Ross will replace Ms Card and she will assume responsibility for Class 3KC on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Ross is a very experienced Key Stage 2 teacher and prior to working at Newbridge was an assistant head at a primary school in Calne. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our team.

**Giving back:** Well done to our amazing pupils who were keen to give back and help the victims of bushfires in Australia. Rosie, Kate, Lily, Ella, Olive and Clem, all from Year 6, carefully planned what they could do. Please read on in the newsletter to find out more. Well done girls – you are true ambassadors.

**Code of Dress:** Please can I again remind parents that all hair longer than collar length needs to be tied back and that only plain stud earrings should be worn. Also, nail varnish is not permitted to be worn and should be removed prior to coming to school. It has also been noted that quite a number of children do not have their PE kit in school; this means that they are missing out on statutory PE lessons and other physical activities. Please can I ask that all PE kits are in school each day.

**Friday 27/03/20**

- Feel Good Friday

**Monday 30/03/20**

- KS1 & KS2 Dance Umbrella

**Tuesday 31/03/20**

- Parents' Evening

**Thursday 02/04/20**

- Kilve Court Final Meeting

**Friday 03/04/20**

- End of Term 4

**Please note the Year 3 Class Assembly has been changed to 19th March.**

**Meeting for parents:** On Tuesday 4th February, Androulla Nicolaou from Avon and Somerset Police will deliver an information session at 6.30pm. This session will aim to raise awareness of the criminal exploitation of children and the use of social media apps and gaming. Nationally there has been an increase in media coverage of child exploitation and this session is being held to inform parents more about this topic and provide an opportunity to ask questions of a specialist practitioner. Please rest assured there is no need to be concerned or alarmed; I booked this session with Androulla having been involved in training that she led as part of my safeguard training and I was very impressed with her knowledge, delivery and approach. In the daytime Androulla will provide workshops appropriately pitched for Year 5 and 6 children and will also lead staff professional development after school.

**Term dates:** As we are a maintained Bath and North East Somerset school, we follow their term dates. Within the terms set, we also have to set five training (INSET) days a year. Our professional development is timed to support new members of staff, new initiatives, the school development plan and planning. Two training days have been set so far for next year - Tuesday 1st September (please note there is only one INSET day at this time of year, not the usual two) and Monday 4th January. Three further dates need to be agreed and these will be shared with you as soon as possible.

**Please check and treat:** Please can I request that all parents are vigilant with regards to checking for headlice and threadworms, and treating where necessary, as we have had an increased number of reported cases lately. For advice about threadworms, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/> and for advice about headlice, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

We would very much appreciate your help in this matter and we will talk to all of the children about the importance of good hygiene and hand washing.

**Lost property:** Please have a look before you go home today at the collection of lost property. This is hung on the rows of pegs to the left and right on entering the upper school cloakroom and also in the box in the lower school hall. Please also know that in the upper school there are often a number of lunch boxes left at school daily and over the weekend.

I hope you have a good weekend.

With kind regards

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# YOUNG VOICES 2020



# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Hayley M, Jacob H  
**1DE** Ruby E, Isla S  
**2EO** Zach D, Millie M  
**3OG** Naioli D, Seb B  
**4C** Charlotte M, Samuel W  
**5B** Humphrey O, Robbie F  
**6B** Maisy P, Ashaya S

**Ladybird** Freja K, Kameron B  
**1R** Ruby B, Rufus O  
**2G** Greta H, Ernie L-S  
**3KC** Mohammad H, Ursie W  
**4H** Felix K, Rose K  
**5H** Tor J, Jessica H  
**6A** Orla J, Jake B



## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings

This week, take the letters for all of your words and mix them up in one line like a Countdown Conundrum.

Then have fun trying to work out the words as well as seeing which other words can be made with the same letters.





# FOOTBALL REPORT

On Monday 25th January

Newbridge boys played a second round cup match against WASPS A team on our school field. Within the first ten minutes Theo went on an amazing run covering half the pitch to score in the bottom left corner; Newbridge were one nil up. Then in the sixteenth minute Newbridge conceded a scrappy goal. The score at half time was 1-1.

As soon as the second half kicked off WASPS had an attack which led to a corner. Unfortunately Newbridge conceded another scrappy own goal. The next 15 minutes became very intense leading to crosses shots, hitting of goal posts and outstanding saves. WASPS eventually ran out winners 2-1. Everybody played their part and put in a lot of effort but it wasn't enough. Good luck to WASPS in the next round. We would like to thank parents and carers for supporting us and Mr C for managing and refereeing the match.



Oscar & Theo

# CHARITY BIKE RIDE

Three weeks ago Rosie decided she wanted to raise some money for the victims of bushfires in Australia and came up with the idea of a fundraising bike ride. She then went online and researched a charity to raise money for, she chose the Australian Red Cross. Her parents set up a JustGiving page and she recruited some friends to join her with the fundraising.

So last Saturday Rosie, Kate, Lily, Ella, Olive and Clemmie went on an 11 mile bike ride on the Two tunnels track. The JustGiving page (which all the girls parents have shared to their family and friends) now stands at £569.60! What an amazing achievement girls, well done!

If you'd like to support them, click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosiehunter11>



## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT THE WILDWOOD NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Our February holiday club days provide a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:**

*Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts Bush craft Storytelling Games*

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration

The outdoors provides a wonderful environment for adventure to suit all ages and the days will evolve depending on the weather and what the group would like to do.

**The Wildwood is an established outdoor learning environment within the grounds of Newbridge Primary School. It is a diverse woodland area with new all-weather roundhouse, a fire circle and an established pond for 'lucky dipping'.**

**Sessions will be led by Sarah Webb and Jonny Houston both experienced Forest School leaders based in Bath.**

**Dates: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm**

**Please bring packed lunch and a water bottle.  
Campfire snacks will be provided in the morning and afternoon**

**Cost: 1 day booking: £35 per day – siblings £30 per child per day  
2 day booking: £65 per child**

Booking essential, please email [valair1@hotmail.com](mailto:valair1@hotmail.com) or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited.



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

Newbridge Primary School is a large primary school on the outskirts of Bath with approx. 400 pupils on roll. This school is 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 we are very 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, and who have children at the centre of their philosophy.

From February 2020, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:

Monday - Wednesday

11.45am - 1.15pm

£9.36 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
- 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)