

Dear Parents and Friends,

Friday 17th June 2022

Well, the sunshine has finally decided to join us, and the forecast is good for the weekend, so everyone is smiling ☺ and hopefully remembering to plaster their children in sun cream, send a sunhat and a water bottle!! It has been great to see the children outside on the field together – the days of Covid seem so far away. Fingers crossed next academic year will be 'untainted' by its affects. Just to clarify, the final day of term is FRIDAY 22nd July 2022

Academic year 2022 – 2023

I am sure many of you are already thinking ahead to next year's holidays, even before we have had this year's summer break. Below you will find a list of the term dates for next academic year, alongside some of the INSET days that have been planned. As is the usual case, I would like to ask that parents do not book holidays during term time, as in most cases authorisation for time off from school will be refused by the Governing Body. Whilst the Governors appreciate that the price when going on holiday during term time is significantly lower than during the school holidays, the law is that they are unable to authorise time away from school except in extenuating circumstances.

5 September 2022 to 21 October 2022

31 October 2022 to 21 December 2022 (INSET Day 22 December 2022)

9 January 2023 to 17 February 2023

27 February 2023 to 31st March 2023 (INSET day TBC)

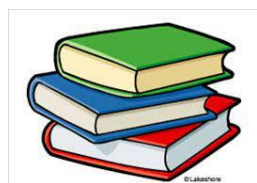
17 April 2023 to 25 May 2023 (INSET Day 26th May / May Day 1st May)

5 June 2023 to 21 July 2023



Reports

Individual pupil reports are being sent out to parents on Friday 15th July. We no longer include a comments slip, although any comments or feedback are welcome at headteacher@newbold-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk, or directly to your child's class teacher – contact details can be found on the school reports themselves.



Reading Challenges

Thank you to all of you who have regularly supported your child over the year with their reading. It really does make a huge difference right across school and I trust you will continue over the summer break.

Transition

This year we have 2 separate sets of transition arrangements for infants and juniors.

- The children who will be in the infant department next year will be working with their new teachers at times between Monday 4th July – Wednesday 6th July. Each morning the children should go to their usual classroom, where they will be greeted by their current teacher and registered, and then taken to the new classroom.
- The children who will be in the junior department next academic year will be meeting their new teachers in their new classrooms on the afternoon of Monday 18th July. As this is happening during the school day, the staff will organise these transition arrangements.
- Transition arrangements for new starters have been sent separately to relevant parents.
- On the evening of Monday 18th July – 3.30 – 5pm, school will be holding an open evening. This is usually your opportunity to speak to your child's current class teacher about their end of year report, or any other queries or concerns you may have, and also visit the new class teacher for academic year 2022 – 2023. No appointment is necessary, and we love to see as many parents there as possible!
- Y6 transition to secondary school - Parents will receive information about these events separately.
- The classes for next academic year are as follows:

Infant department		Junior department	
Nursery	Miss M Smith (Supported by Mrs Gautrey and Miss Green)	Year 3 (Y3)	Mrs S Walker (Supported by Miss Sargeant and Mrs Jacques)
Reception (EYFS)	Mrs J Meakin (supported by Mrs Walsh, Miss Clarke and Mrs Shannon)	Year 4 (Y4)	Mrs C Riley (supported by Mrs Kirk and Miss Sawyer)
Year 1 (Y1)	Mrs J France / Mrs K Hopper (Supported by Mrs Church, Miss Sargeant, Mrs McGirr and Mrs Shannon)	Year 5 (Y5)	Miss E Bradshaw (Supported by Mrs Wilbourn)
Year 2 (Y2)	Mr A Bradshaw (Supported by Mrs Mason, and Mrs Heaton)	Year 6 (Y6)	Mrs H Burn (supported by Mrs James, Mrs Jacques, Miss Maskrey and Miss Brown)
Mrs J Slater – Music - Mrs Slater will continue to cover national Curriculum for Music for all children in Y1 – Y6. Mrs N Clare – Computing – Mrs Clare will continue to teach computing lessons for Y3 – Y6, and oversee the computing curriculum across school. Mrs M Church – Spanish lessons in Y3 – Y6 Mrs K Passarelli – Special Educational Needs Lead – no class responsibility			



I am sure you have noted from the staffing list that a number of our current staff will no longer be with us in September. Miss K Smith is moving on to teach in pastures new, and I am sure you will join us in wishing her good luck in her new role. Miss Tromans and Miss Gabbittas have been successful in securing themselves positions to train as teachers, and we are confident that they will shine! Fingers crossed our paths may even cross again in their future careers.

Mrs Worsencroft is also leaving us, her final day being Friday 24th June. She has been a part of our school, both as a parent and as a Teaching Assistant, for over 20 years, and she will be sorely missed. However, as her family have now grown into adults themselves, the time has come for new adventures. I know you will join us in wishing her the very best in all that she does – although we are confident that we will continue to see her regularly as a friend of the school.

Uniform		Boys	Girls
It is lovely to see so many children wearing summer uniform now that the sun has come out. However, I must stress that although we are in the final term of this academic year, the School Uniform Policy is maintained – our policy is in place the whole of the academic year, not just the first 2 terms. As such, I respectfully request that parents ensure their children continue to wear school uniform to school, including the correct footwear (and socks!). If you are unsure as to the policy expectations, please see our website, call the school office or again speak to me on the school gate in a morning.	Jumper/Cardigan	Navy blue sweatshirt with/without school logo	Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with/without school logo
	Shirt	Blue polo shirt	Blue polo shirt
	Trousers	Dark grey trousers with grey socks	Dark grey trousers with grey socks
	Tank Top (optional)	Blue knitted tank top with logo	Blue knitted tank top with logo
	Skirt/Pinafore		Dark grey skirt or pinafore with WHITE socks (ankle or knee height) or grey tights
	Footwear	Flat black shoes (NOT trainers)	Flat black shoes (NOT Trainers)
	Summer Options (Easter to October)	Dark grey shorts with grey socks	Blue and white checked school dress with WHITE socks (ankle or knee height) Sandals – preferably black, blue or white
	PE Kit	School logo dark blue training top (compulsory) School logo Sky Blue T-shirt (Compulsory) Black/navy shorts, jogging bottoms, leggings Plimsolls/trainers	School logo dark blue training top (compulsory) School logo Sky Blue T-shirt (Compulsory) Black/navy shorts, jogging bottoms, leggings Plimsolls/trainers

As of September 2021, pupils at Newbold Church School have been expected to wear the agreed PE uniform on PE days, which will be

- ✓ Blue, black or dark grey leggings, jogging suit bottoms or shorts. These are expected to be clear from any branding or logos. Parents CAN choose to purchase the new Pinders sports bottoms, but are not required to do so.
- ✓ All children will be expected to wear the current PE t-shirt that is part of the uniform policy
- ✓ All children will be expected to wear the NCS branded sports top.



We are aware that this new PE uniform policy expectation brings with it a cost, although should mean that parents will only need to purchase 1 school uniform and 1 PE uniform, rather than 2 sets of school uniform as is currently the case for most.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire

Thank you very much to parents and carers for completing the questionnaire and for your comments and responses about our school. We had 65 responses, some covering families with children in more than 1 year group. We have compiled the results and are pleased to present them to you. The results of this will be shared at the next Governor's meeting and with staff so that we can make our school an even better place to be for pupils and parents. Parent's suggestions are gratefully received and will be considered as we set our development plans for the future.

	Question	Agree or strongly agree	Disagree or strongly disagree	Do not know	Not Applicable
3	My child is happy at Newbold Church School	97%	3%	0	
Our response: 97% of parents reported that their child was happy at school. Our aim would be for 100% of pupils to be happy, so we will be conducting further surveys and pupil interviews so that we can gain a deeper understanding from our learners about how to make improvements.					

4	My child feels safe at Newbold Church School	98%	2%	0	
<p>Our response:</p> <p>98% of parents reported that their child feels safe at school. Safeguarding is such an important area and all children should feel safe at school. We will continue to seek children's views in discussions with them and respond to any concerns about feeling safe that they may have. If you have any concerns in this important area please come and speak to a senior member of staff.</p>					
5	Newbold Church School makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95%	2%	3%	
<p>Our response:</p> <p>95% of parents agreed with 3% not knowing. Our behaviour Policy is well embedded throughout the school and the children have a good understanding of the school rules and Newbold Church School Ethos. We review this yearly and ensure that all stakeholders are aware of our expectations of behaviour. Looking forward to next year, we will continue to hold assemblies across the school to celebrate the children who are in the Gold Book for academic achievement and behaviour. We will also continue to reward the classes who have achieved points. We will also look to develop other ways to reward children in school. We will continue to inform parents whose children's behaviour falls short of our expectations and support the children so that they can follow the school Behaviour Policy successfully.</p>					
6	With reference to Newbold Church School's definition of bullying, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has been bullied and NCS dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively'.	38%	11%	11%	40%
<p>Our response:</p> <p>38% strongly agreed/agreed, with 40% stating their child had not been bullied and 11% did not know. If you do have any concerns regarding bullying, please come and speak to a member of senior staff as discussed in our Anti-bullying policy. We have a mountain of information regarding the school's approach to anti-bullying and our work in this area on our school website at https://www.newboldchurchschool.co.uk/curriculum/anti-bullying-team As a school we take any form of bullying seriously and try to act swiftly to address it.</p>					
7	Newbold Church School has made me aware of what my child has learnt throughout the year.	94%	6%	0	
<p>Our response:</p> <p>Each half term we update the curriculum plans on the school website for each year group. We also send these out to parents via our class newsletters. Please remember to read all the school emails / letters that are sent out and go onto the website to look at the curriculum areas and curriculum plans – all this information is here to enable parents to find out what the children are learning about throughout the year. https://www.newboldchurchschool.co.uk/news/curriculum-overview</p>					
8	Newbold Church School has high expectations for my child.	92%	3%	5%	
<p>Our response:</p> <p>We have high expectations of all our children and want each and every child to do their best at all times. 92% of parents stated that we had high expectations for their child with 5% stating they don't know. We will talk to parents if we are concerned that your child is not trying their best in class and teachers will employ a variety of strategies to support children if this is the case. We appreciate that these past 18 months have been difficult times in schools with most of the communication between home and school being virtual, or via emails/phone calls. We are hoping to be able to hold more face to face events in the coming academic year.</p>					
9	My child does well at Newbold Church School	97%	1.5%	1.5%	
<p>Our response:</p> <p>97% of parents said that their child does well at this school with 1.5% not knowing and 1.5% disagreeing. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you are concerned that your child is not doing well at NCS – we want all children to thrive and do well across the whole curriculum.</p>					
10	Newbold Church School regularly informs me of how my child is doing	77%	18%	5%	
<p>Our response:</p> <p>77% of parents agreed with this with 5% not knowing and 18% disagreeing. Here is a reminder to parents of what we do:</p>					

Parent Consultations are held twice a year, once in the autumn term and once in the spring. This gives parents an extended opportunity to liaise with their child's class teacher to discuss progress, attainment, targets for improvement and any other matters which may affect their child's experience at school.

A full written report is sent home at the end of the school year. There is an opportunity at the end of the year open evening to discuss this report and to meet your child's new class teacher to share yearly expectations and strategies to support your child at home.

Parent workshops are held across a number of year groups throughout the year to keep parents informed and updated about approaches to teaching and learning in each year group.

Finally, parents are very welcome to contact teachers at any time. Last year, we shared staff emails so that parents can contact class teachers directly. Appointments can be made via the school office for parents to meet with class teachers to discuss progress and concerns.

11	There is a good range of subjects available for my child at Newbold Church School	97%	0	3%	
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Our response:

97% of parents agreed with this statement, 3% did not know. After the children returned from lockdown, we focused on the core skills of Reading, Writing, Maths, PSHE (emotional and well-being) and Physical Education. We adopted our recovery curriculum to close any gaps in learning caused through the pandemic and school closures. As the year progressed we moved towards a more broad and balanced curriculum ensuring that the children learnt across all subjects, including history, geography, art, Design and technology, music, computing, Spanish (Juniors) and Religious Education. Please look at our website and read the half termly topic planners which show the subjects and the topics that your child will be learning in each term. We follow the National Curriculum and ensure that the children have breadth and balance in terms of curriculum coverage.

12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at Newbold Church School	86%	1.5%	12.5%	
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With the school lockdown and the restrictions around extra-curricular activities it is not surprising that only 86% of parents agreed, with 1.5% disagreeing and 12.5% who did not know. This year we have offered football, athletics, fencing, Netball, Gymnastics, Dance, Invasion Games, mini Tennis and Tag Rugby across different age ranges. Next year we intend to resume the lunchtime clubs offered by the teaching staff.

13	Newbold Church School supports my child's wider development	89%	5%	6%	
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Our response:

89% of parents agreed that we supported their child's wider personal development with 6% not knowing. Our school has an amazing 'emerging needs' offer, that allows us to provide support for children's emotional and social needs, alongside the regular PSHE programme that we have in place. Our provision includes Nurture groups, Art and Play therapy, Emotional Literacy Support, two family resource workers and a full forest schools provision. More information can be found on our website.

14	I would recommend Newbold Church School to another parent.	98.5%	1.5%	0	
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Our response:

98.5% of parents would recommend NCS to another family, which is good. 1 respondent indicated that they would not recommend the school to a friend. The Governors hope that where there is such strong feeling, people would feel confident to express their concerns directly to the school in order that they can be discussed and addressed if necessary.

Extra comments:	
Positives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCS has helped shape my daughter in to a strong, confident and mature young girl. • I'm more than happy with how my children are getting on at school, I have no concerns. • My daughter comes home every day with a smile on her face telling me and her dad what a good day she's had and how much she has learnt that day. • Amazing school, children are a name and not a number. Brilliant teachers and fantastic support offered. • My son felt safe through his ups and downs. Means a lot to our whole family. • I would recommend the school regarding safety, education, teaching techniques, forest school, shake and wake and after school club, drum lessons, and the school app. It is a very good school with lots of fun and variety. • Outstanding school, with impeccable teachers. • NCS have helped my daughter with her additional needs from the first day she arrived which she did not receive in her previous school. • I've had two children attending this school and I have been happy as well as my children. Looking forward to sending my last child there. • The events NCS do our good and most teachers my children have had have been great and both of my children have done fantastic with their education. 	Even better ifs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullying could be dealt with more quickly and with less instances • Better communication between class teachers and parents • More school trips • Be more strict in putting a stop to any mischief in school • I would like to be notified of any minor incidents or accidents that take place at school. • Minor bad behaviour punishments are harsh and I feel are not dealt with in the appropriate manner