



Newton Westpark Primary School

Newsletter Week Ending 20th October 2017



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came along to watch the Harvest Assembly and for your very generous donations. These have been gifted to Urban Outreach.

Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new parent governors – Mr Matthew Forkgen and Mr Christian Prescott.

High School Applications

FAO Y6 parents: The closing date for high school applications is **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. Make sure you get them in by this deadline. You apply online, but for anyone experiencing difficulties we have paper copies in school.

New Reception Open Day

It is the New Reception Open Day on Tuesday 31st October 2017 – for children starting in **September 2018**. There will be a morning session from 9:30 am – 11:00 am and an afternoon session from 1:00pm – 2:30 pm.

Take a Peek

Last year our school took part in 'Once a Week, Take a Peek' headline campaign. This is just a reminder to continue checking your child's hair.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in on the morning of Friday 3rd November 2017 to take individual photographs. If your child has any younger/older siblings please come into school at 8:30am and they can have their photograph done together. If you have a child at nursery and would like their photo taken, please come to the school hall for 8:30am.

Halloween/Bonfire Night Safety Advice

See overleaf for Halloween/Bonfire Night safety advice received from the police and fire service.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale after half-term. We ask for a minimum of 20 pence per poppy. Please give generously.

Rugby

It was a good match against Leigh CE on Monday, despite our second loss in a row. We have got to pick our heads up because there's lots more matches to go. Player of the match was Samuel G. *Match report written by Casey R and James C.*

I hope everyone has a great half-term and the rain keeps away.

Miss Birchall

Learners of the week	
Robins	Mansur U
Kingfishers	Riley K
Owls	Tyler H
Falcons	Emily J
Eagles	Charlie W
Ospreys	Daniel H
Year 6	Diesel S

Dates for diary	
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Half-term
Tuesday 31 st October	New Reception (2018) Open Day
Friday 3 rd November	Individual photographs (AM)
Tuesday 7 th November	Parents' Evening – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Y1 class assembly @ 9:00am
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Wednesday 15 th November	Y4 class assembly @ 9:00am
Wednesday 22 nd November	Robins' class assembly @ 9:00am
Wednesday 29 th November	Y3 class assembly @ 9:00am
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair



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Halloween Safety Advice

Halloween can be a lot of fun for children and young people, but it can also be distressing and intimidating for some residents. If you are going 'trick or treating' please respect and consider others and follow these top tips to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time:

DON'T

- **Go alone** - 'trick or treating' is more fun and safer if you go in a small group with friends and family.
- **Go into houses** - stay on the doorstep where the responsible adult can see you.
- **Play pranks that may damage property** - this could result in arrest and a criminal record.
- **Demand money or intimidate people** - Halloween can be a night that some residents dread, so be respectful and polite.
- **Don't throw eggs or flour** - it's classed as a criminal offence and you will be arrested!

DO

- **Look out for Treacle posters** - These will let you know whether 'trick or treaters' are welcome at a house or aren't.
- **Take extra care crossing roads** - more accidents happen to children in the dark.
- **Go with an adult** - get a responsible adult to go with your group to help in case you have any problems.
- **Dress to be seen** - wear light, reflective clothes or carry a lamp or torch so that drivers and your responsible adult can see you.

- **Respect people's rights** - be polite, don't go out too late, ring or knock only once, and be prepared to take 'no' for an answer.

Halloween is quickly followed by Bonfire Night. Please make sure you enjoy yourself, but remain safe and attend organised firework displays

Bonfire Safety Advice

Have a Safe Bonfire Night! Please consider attending an organised event rather than risking your safety by having your own bonfire. –

But if you still want your own bonfire...

Please ensure that you know about the guidelines:-

Bonfires should be 18 metres from buildings, trees, fences, overhead cables and car parking areas. Only clean, dry timber should be burned.

Do not burn:

- Aerosols
- Batteries
- Bottles
- Foam-filled furniture
- Tins of paint
- Tyres

Bonfires should be no more than 3 metres in height. There should be a suitable barrier around the bonfire to keep spectators 5 metres away.

Do not using the following to light the bonfire:

- Petrol
- Paraffin

- Diesel
- White spirit or Methylated Spirit

Use Firelighters instead!

- Always check that no children or animals are hiding in the bonfire before lighting.
- Keep some buckets of water nearby in case of emergency and to damp down after the event.
- Bonfires built on council land without permission will be removed.

FIREWORK SAFETY CODE

- Ideally attend an organised display.
- Fireworks must not be sold to any person under the age of 18.
- Buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE.
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby if you are setting off fireworks in your garden.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

To report unofficial bonfires on public land please contact your Local Authority.