

# Netley Abbey Junior School

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## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2018!

I hope that over the holidays you managed to have some quality family time together and an opportunity to relax. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn lots of exciting topics for the Spring Term.

Our next Parent Forum is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9am to discuss some of the progress made from our previous parent forums and the focus for this academic year. All parents are welcome and it is a great opportunity to be fully involved in the work we do at school and a chance to share opinions and ideas in an open-forum.

### PE T-Shirts - Old Stock

We have some old stock PE T-Shirts available at a discounted price.

2 x Moons and 1 x Stars (all medium sizes)

If you are interested, please contact the school office.

### Reminder

Please can we ask that children with long hair wear it up to school.

This is useful for PE lessons as well as the prevention of nits.

Thank you.

### Bike/Scooter Permits - Spring Term 2018

All permits for the Spring Term have now been issued. Only those with permits issued for the Spring Term are permitted to bring in their bike or scooter to school. All pupils must be accompanied by an adult when cycling or using a scooter, unless they have completed the Hampshire Bikeability Level 2 Certificate.

Helmets and high visibility clothing must be worn at all times.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Music Mark

We are delighted to have been nominated to be a Music Mark School Member. This is in recognition of the hardwork we do to ensure that our pupils access and engage in high quality music education. Our dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is celebrated by the award of the Music Mark.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER

### **Rock Challenge - Can you help?**

We are in the process of gathering props for Rock Challenge and we need your help!  
If you have any of the following items that you wouldn't mind lending us for the show, please can you let Miss Hansell know as soon as possible.

**A wicker picnic basket (similar to the one in the photo below)**

**Snorkel masks**

**Flat caps**

**Beach/paddle bats**



We will ensure that we return any items to you after the performance which is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Thank you in advance.

Miss Hansell  
Rock Challenge Team

### **Sports News**

#### **Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament at Wildern School**

The Upper School started the term by representing the school at the Cluster Basketball tournament on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. There were 10 schools in attendance, with a diverse level of skill. The team tried very hard and made great progress through their games. They demonstrated resilience and determination and great sportsmanship throughout!

The team: Dylan Birks, Lexie Eldridge, Sam Joliffe, Bethan Ronan, Ben Vargeson, Mia Bundy and Edward Woodward.

#### **Team Kit**

Please can we request that all team kits are washed and returned back to Mrs Kenway or the school office by the Friday after each sports event.

Thank you.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Cluster Hockey (Years 5 & 6) - Qualifiers for Hampshire Games 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Cluster Emerging Hockey Festival (Years 5 & 6) - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Cross Country County Qualifier (Invited pupils only) - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Aqua Splash (Years 3 & 4) - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### **Jewellery - Reminder**

Jewellery is limited to one pair of stud earrings only and/or a watch. No hooped earrings for safety reasons - we do not want any ripped earlobes.

These need to be removed for PE lessons (or not worn that day) and should be kept in a small named pouch. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove them during the first few weeks of having them done, please provide your child with their own microporous tape (named) to cover earrings for PE.

Please remind your child it is their responsibility to look after such items.

Thank you.

### **Water Bottles - Drink to Think!**

Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle to school every day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children hydrated which in turn increases brain activity. It also prevents headaches. Children are encouraged to refill their bottles during the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Put Yourself in Control**

The school's internet safety group is now up and running and meeting regularly. Two of our aims are to ensure that any internet safety concerns are addressed and to help parents as much as possible with the challenging issues around this area. So please get in touch with the school if you need to!

Getting help with setting parental controls on your broadband and any internet enabled devices is a good place to start with keeping young children safe online. The organisation Internet Matters has a tool which will walk you through this and the link is here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>

Bethan Davis  
Specialist Computing Teacher

### **Special Mentions**

Over the last few weeks our school value has focused on 'The Rule of Law'. Congratulations to the following children who were all awarded a Special Mention.

Olivia Sawyer (Moore)  
Ella Nowell (Wykeham)  
Evie Quinn-Parsons (Grange)  
Kayla Harvey (Beach)  
Josephine Nevard (Heath)  
Luke Almond (Seaview)

Dylan Birks (Crescent)  
Honor Charlton (Westwood)  
Joseph Clarke (Castle)  
Freddie Fielder (Priory)  
Austin Wood (Denzil)  
Summer Hoiles (Sellwood)

### **Pupil Voice**

This section is written by groups of children within our school and the following report is about what the children in Year 3 have been learning.

I have really enjoyed learning about the volcanic rock and it was very exciting when we found it in the dining hall. I loved learning about the facts we discovered afterwards. I am also enjoying learning about the Stone Age and how things have change since then!

Eloise Morris Year 3

We have been learning that the Stone Age is when cavemen killed animals for food and I really enjoyed when we roleplayed and pretended to be cavemen and cave lady. I also really enjoyed it when we found the volcanic rock and we searched for it in the dining hall. That was fun!

Finley Mawson Year 3

I have really enjoyed learning to write a newspaper report about the volcanic rock we found. It was very exciting.

Grace Guy Year 3

### **The Friends of NAJS – News**

The Friends were very pleased to hand over £2004.47 to the school just before Christmas towards the new iPads. Fun and exciting events are being planned for the Spring Term, dates soon to follow.

#### **Do you shop online? Register with Easyfundraising and raise money for FREE!**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for The Friends of NAJS?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers to choose from and it won't cost you a penny more than you're already going to spend online - it couldn't be easier!

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/netleyabbeyjuniors>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by Easyfundraising and automatically sent to the school. There are no catches or hidden charges and we would really appreciate for your support - thank you!

#### **Come and join us!**

We are a friendly group of parents and always in need of more help to ensure that the activities and events we run can continue.

We welcome all parents, grandparents and carers that have children at the school and would love to see you at our next meeting, so why not come along and join us!

Please contact us via email: [friendsnaj@gmail.com](mailto:friendsnaj@gmail.com) or you can always get in contact and follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Friends-of-Netley-Abbey-Junior-School-1675951822703119/>



### **YMCA Southampton Daycamps**

February Programme Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Based at Oasis Academy Mayfield, Sholing and open to children aged 4-16 years.

Standard Day: 9am - 4pm £22 per day

Extended Day: 8am - 6pm £27 per day

For more information, visit [www.ymca-fg.org](http://www.ymca-fg.org) or call 01489 785228

### **Term Time Absence**

Hampshire County Council have up-dated their Behaviour and Attendance webpages with a statement explaining the legal position on non-attendance and penalty notices. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with this guidance: -

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-forparents/possible-penalties.htm>

**Full information is available on our website, together with our attendance policy.**

### **Letters Home**

Please note that letters home to parents are put on our school website. Should you need to refer to any letters, please check the website first on [www.netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk)

Thank you.

### **Special Diets - School Menu**

HC3S can provide special diets for pupils with allergies who want to have a school meal, but medical evidence confirming the child's allergy is required, for example a letter from a GP or consultant paediatrician. If your child has a special dietary requirement, please contact Mrs Parmiter in the School Office.

### School Dinner Menu

A copy of the latest lunch menu can be found on our website:  
[http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/our\\_school/letters/whole-school-letters/](http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/our_school/letters/whole-school-letters/)

### Useful Website Links

School website: <http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/>  
Tucasi: [www.scopay.com/netleyabbey-jun](http://www.scopay.com/netleyabbey-jun)

### Medical Appointments

Please be reminded that we require supporting medical evidence for the following:

- Doctors appointments
- Dental appointments
- Orthodontist appointments
- Eye tests/appointments
- All hospital/medical appointments and referrals

### Leave of Absence

We also require supporting evidence at the time of request. This could include letters regarding sporting competitions, evidence for re-scheduled holidays, letters from employers etc.

### Allergies Reminder- School Dinners and Snacks

Can we please remind all parents that we have children in school with the following allergies:-

#### **Nuts, sesame and legumes**

These allergies can be triggered from indirect contact i.e. touching areas where the products have been. Please consider carefully when providing your child with a snack or a packed lunch.

The following foods should **NOT** be brought into school:

- **sesame topped buns, seeded bread and humous**
- **nut based products (i.e. chocolate spreads with nut products)**
- **peas, broad beans, lentils, chickpeas, French beans, butter beans, haricot beans, kidney beans, sugar snap peas, pulses, soybeans and soya.**

The health and safety of all children in school is a high priority and trust that you will support the school to ensure that it is a safe environment for all and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### Dates for Your Diary

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| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018 | - Parent Forum at 9am                             |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018    | - Break up for Half Term                          |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018   | - Back to School                                  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018 | - Rock Challenge at the O2 Guildhall, Southampton |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018     | - World Book Day                                  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018       | - Quiz Night                                      |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018       | - Mother's Day Shop                               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018   | - Parents' Evening                                |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018    | - Parents' Evening                                |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018    | - Break up for the Easter Holidays                |

### Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2017/2018

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Inset Day  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Finish at 1.15pm  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 - Inset Day

Mrs Shirley Nicholas-Bond