

# Newton Road News

- 22.09.2023

## A message from the Principal



Wow! What a fantastic start to the year it has been! We are all loving the positive energy, dedication and focus to the learning that we are seeing from the children in school. We have welcomed a number of visitors into school in recent weeks and they have all commented on how amazing our children behave, listen and show respect – all of which we have been working on. One of the highlights of the last few weeks has to be our visit from Leon Baptiste, Rio Mitcham and Chris Tawiah. Our children were inspired by their successes but also how they shared they had overcome adversity. We are constantly telling our children they go to the best school in the world but it is only the best school because we have the best children, staff and families! I love coming to school and thank you to everyone in the school community for your positivity.

## Attendance

For the first two weeks of term our school attendance was above the National average and was really positive. However, our whole school attendance for the last 7 days was just **94.1%** which is some way below our target of **97%**. In the last week, we have also seen an increasing percentage of children who have been late.

Ultimately, reduced attendance and repeated lateness will have a detrimental impact on a child's education so we ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.

Each week in assembly we will be celebrating the top three classes with the highest attendance and the winner will get to look after our attendance mascot for the week. The results for the last week is:

	Week ending 22.9.2023
1st	Elm – 98.3%
2nd	Cherry – 97.3%
3rd	Saplings – 96%



## Class Round Up!

### Saplings

Wow! What a fantastic start to the school year we have had. The children in Saplings Class have absolutely blown me away with how well they have settled into life at Newton Road School. In the first couple of weeks, we have prioritised learning the Newton Road way; sitting on the carpet in a strong gorilla position, lining up like strong penguins, using our magnet eyes and practising the stop signal. In addition to this, it has been lovely to see the children of Saplings Class come together as one, and begin to develop friendships with others in the class and explore their environment. We have dived straight in with phonics and your children have already learnt some of the single letter sounds. This will continue throughout the term. Please look out for the video links that will be sent to you daily via email and the letter formation sheets that will be sent home to support your child in saying, writing and remembering these sounds at home.

### Years One and Two

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! It has have been a fantastic start and we have been working really hard and demonstrating our school values and recalling 'The Newton Road Way'. We have also been having great fun in our writing lessons over the last two weeks. We have looked at two traditional tales: The Gingerbread Man and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Our children have enjoyed getting into character with role-play and adding expression to their story retelling. They were brilliant at it and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm.



### Years Three and Four

Years 3 and 4 have been demonstrating our PRIDE values amazingly over the last two weeks. As staff we have loved getting to know our children and we are incredibly proud that our children are regularly praised for being great role models to the rest of the school. Our children have enjoyed our Stone Age theme which included a visit to a Stone Age camp. This has helped inspire them in their writing and with their understanding in history. In reading, children have been exploring Fantastic Mr Fox with a focus on their fluency of the text which they are doing great at! It has been a fantastic few weeks and it looks set to be a great year with them.

### Years Five and Six

Oak, Ash and Beech have made an amazing start to life in Year 5/6. They have really embraced our high expectations and strive to be the best they can be every day. Classes have really enjoyed beginning to learn about Ancient Egypt and some of its unusual practices – particularly Mummification! They are excited to be making comparisons between the beliefs of the Ancient civilisations. French classes have also begun so please ask your children to say hello and to tell you their name in French – maybe even ask them to ask you how you are!

## *Mufti day for Kelly's Heroes*

# MUFTI / NON UNIFORM DAY

# 10th October 2023

To coincide with World Mental Health Day, we invite pupils, students and staff to dress in pink (or red) in return for a donation.

All monies raised will be donated to **Kelly's Heroes.**



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# Flu Immunisation



**Northamptonshire Healthcare**  
NHS Foundation Trust

Northamptonshire School Aged Immunisation Service







Tel: 0800 170 70 55 option 5 (Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The School Aged Immunisation Service recently visited your child's school to offer the annual flu vaccination. If your child missed this opportunity to be vaccinated and you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please contact us to book an appointment at one of our community catch up clinics.

**To book an appointment please call 0800 170 7055 (Option 5).**

**Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm**

	<p>The nasal flu spray is the primary choice of influenza vaccine offered to most children under the age of 18 as it is generally more effective in this age group than the inactivated injection.</p>
	<p>Information about the flu vaccine in other languages can be found <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
	<p>The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of porcine gelatine, used as a stabiliser. We are aware that as some families may not accept the use of its use in medical products so reading information in the links below may be helpful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://britishfatwacouncil.org">britishfatwacouncil.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">University of Oxford - Vaccine Knowledge</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">UKHSA: Vaccines and porcine gelatine</a></li> </ul> <p>The inactivated injection (gelatine free) can be accessed in a community clinic.</p>
<p><u>About us.</u></p> 	<p>We are the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) from Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and we offer vaccinations to all school aged children and young people within the county irrespective of their education setting be it mainstream school, special school, complimentary education or electively home educated.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="505 1466 651 1616">  <p>NHFT 0-19 Service</p> </div> <div data-bbox="828 1458 982 1616">  <p>Northamptonshire SAIS Flu Video</p> </div> </div>

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## Coram Beanstalk



### Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

We are working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you will support at least 3 children on a one to one basis outside of the classroom environment. It's a fun role that's about much more than just listening to children read.

As a reading helper you will support children to become readers; helping children to switch onto reading, learn to read and become confident independent readers. You will be trained in a proven approach and will lead sessions for each child that bring fun and enjoyment to the reading experience, ultimately wanting the child to choose to read and be enthusiastic about it!

Reading helpers read to the child, talk about what they have read, check understanding and encourage thinking and conversation based on a book. They use fun book-based activities to reinforce understanding, develop vocabulary and further cement enjoyment through a positive reading experience. We know this approach works and raises reading attainment, with one to one sessions bringing additional benefits of improving confidence, self-esteem and attitude to learning.

If you would like to become a reading helper at our school, or you know someone, perhaps a grandparent or a neighbour who would like to join our friendly school community please do consider this role.

For more information or if you wish to apply, visit the website at [www.corambeanstalk.org.uk](http://www.corambeanstalk.org.uk) or call 0207 729 4087.

Coram Beanstalk is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

When a child becomes a reader they get the very best chance in life.

[www.corambeanstalk.org.uk](http://www.corambeanstalk.org.uk)

Registered Charity No. 296454 (England and Wales)

## Calling all Songwriters

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Anti-Bullying Songwriting Competition

WRITE AN ORIGINAL SONG WITH A STRONG MESSAGE  
TO HELP BEAT BULLYING.

Finalists perform in a "live" concert.

Winners record in The Studio @ The Stables.



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Open to anyone under 18  
[www.notate.org/antibullying](http://www.notate.org/antibullying)

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# Updates from the Community



Is your child currently in Year 6?

**APPLY FOR YEAR 7 AT SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
midnight on Tuesday  
31 October 2023

[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions)



**APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE**

Is your child's 4th birthday on or before 31 August 2024?

**It's time to apply for a Reception place**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
midnight on Monday  
15 January 2024

[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions)



## Updates from the Community

**CLUB**  
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WE CAN BE FOUND AT: 

Park Road  
Baptist Church  
Park Rd  
Rushden  
NN10 0RG  
The York road entrance

FROM 5.30 - 6.30  
SCHOOL YEAR 1 - YEAR 6

**Games**  
**Stories**  
**Snacks**  
**FUN**

ON EVERY WEDNESDAY  
STARTING 6 SEPTEMBER

YOU CAN CONTACT US VIA - 07821 719736

