

7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families

### **Welcome Back**

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I know all of the staff enjoyed spending time with their families and enjoying the sunshine after an incredibly busy year.

It was lovely to have our children back yesterday and to see them around school with smiles on their faces and also to speak with so many people on the gate.

We talked in assembly yesterday about our school mission:

To offer our **community** the opportunities to **DREAM** of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves and **ACHIEVE** their highest potential.

We shared examples of what this meant and the importance of believing anything is possible. If the first day was anything to go by with our incredible children, this year looks set to be awesome.

Earlier today, in assembly, we spent time looking at our rewards and consequences that are part of our Newton Road Way.

We all look forward to working with you this year as we value your support and recognise the importance it has on your child's success in school.

If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office at [office@newtonroadschool.co.uk](mailto:office@newtonroadschool.co.uk)

Here's to a fantastic year!

Take care

Miss Kerry Mills  
Principal

### New Starters

Yesterday was the first day for some of our incredible new staff members. We were delighted to welcome Miss Tongue, who will be teaching Ash Class, Mr Yasseen, who will be teaching Sycamore, and Mrs Gibson, who will be teaching Cherry. They were joined by our new PE teacher Mr Watson. We were also thrilled to have Mrs Houghton, and Miss Carter, who will be teaching across the school.

We are incredibly proud to welcome these staff members to our team. All have a drive and determination to achieve our mission and share our school values. They have been eager to get started and look forward to meeting with you. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our Newton Road family.

### Good Luck

I am delighted to share with you that our very own Mr Bosworth will be moving over to one of our other schools in the Nene Education Trust shortly and taking on the role of Interim Principal, whilst their Principal goes on maternity leave later this term. Mr Bosworth will be taking his fantastic expertise to the school. In order for Mr Bosworth to have a transition to the school, he will be sharing his time across both schools this term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Bosworth on securing this position and we know he will be brilliant at it.

As I shared with you previously Mrs Jody James, our SENDCO, has been seconded to the role of Assistant Principal at Newton Road whilst Mr Bosworth moves over to the other school and will be focusing on our inclusion and behaviour strategies. She has a wealth of knowledge and is super excited about her new role. In order to continue to build our leadership capacity, we are also delighted to have Mrs Amy Bradshaw as part of our school team for part of the week. Mrs Bradshaw is our Trust Lead for Mental Health and Wellbeing and is a fountain of knowledge. She has loved being at Newton Road today and is looking forward to developing our work in this area.

### Attendance Matters

As a school, we expect children's attendance at school to be a minimum of **97.0%** as there is a strong correlation between excellent attendance and attainment. Therefore we will reinforce this expectation by:

- Promoting excellent attendance and reducing absence, including persistent absence.
- Acting early to address patterns of absence.
- Working collaboratively with parents and carers to support in ensuring that their children's attendance meets the expected level set out by the School.

### North Northamptonshire Council Regulations

Parents need to be aware that, North Northamptonshire Code of Conduct means that a Penalty Notice could be issued for **five days of absence** (ten sessions).

Absences can include 'late after the register closes' and can be calculated as five consecutive days or cumulative total of five days/ten sessions over a six school-week period. This may result in a referral to the Education and Inclusion Partnership Team for further action. Such absences can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from North Northamptonshire Council of up to £120, or court action resulting in a criminal record and a fine up to £1000.

There is clear evidence that any absence can and will have an impact on attainment. With this in mind, periods of leave taken during term time will not be authorised by the school.

**Did you know?**

If your child has 90% attendance they will miss the equivalent of:

- ½ day per week
- 19 days a year
- 247 days over the 13 statutory years of education or 1 year and 10 weeks

We want our school community to be given the opportunities to **DREAM** of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves, and **ACHIEVE** their highest potential so that they can truly make a difference wherever they go. Therefore, we need to make sure we all value education and work in partnership to ensure everybody makes the most of the opportunities and choices offered to them and are in school regularly to ensure they can access high quality education.

For information regarding our attendance procedures, please look at the policies on our school website.

**The Newton Road Way**

As many of you are aware, we have a clear 'way' or approach to behavior at Newton Road, which focuses on ensuring that the whole school community knows the behaviours and habits that we expect our students to demonstrate. This is because we want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that as pupils practise these behaviours, over time they become automatic routines that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them.

**Expectations and rules**

We have 3 behaviour expectations for all children within the school:

- Be Safe
- Be Ready
- Be Respectful

These expectations can be broken down into the following rules:

Be Respectful	Be Safe	Be Ready
We use marvellous manners	We use wonderful walking	We dress to impress
We follow the stop signal	We use lovely lines	We have awesome attendance and perfect punctuality
We care for each other	We use terrific transitions	We use good learning positions
We care about our school and environment	We use safe, hands and feet	

Each of these rules are broken down further on the Newton Road Way Behaviour Expectations document that can be found on the website.

**Positive behaviour**

We are very proud that the majority of pupils at Newton Road School display the expected behaviour and have updated the Newton Road Way Behaviour Expectations to allow us plenty of

opportunities to share your children's successes at home. There are a number of ways that we celebrate children's positive behaviour.

Frequency	Type	Overview
<b>Every Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sticker/Forest Point.</li> <li>• 100 square class reward</li> <li>• Fuzzy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children awarded a sticker for showing the school value – a sticker equates to 1 forest point. Sticker given for child to share celebration at home and then forest point placed in team bag.</li> <li>• Each class sets no more than 2 targets for the class related to behaviour and staff award a 100 square for the class showing that they are meeting the target. Class reward when 100 square is complete.</li> <li>• Each lunchtime staff member has 2 fuzzies to award for each phase on duty. They give a fuzzy to a child who has shown an example of our school value.</li> </ul>
<b>Weekly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Star of the Week</li> <li>• Lunchtime luminaries</li> <li>• Classy Classmate</li> <li>• Forest Team Totals</li> <li>• Awesome Attendance</li> <li>• Celebrating Great Behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teacher nominates a child who has demonstrated a school value across the week for Achievement Assembly.</li> <li>• Fuzzies are counted and the class with the most fuzzies earn themselves an additional break time – announced in Achievement Assembly.</li> <li>• Each child starts with a cube. Children take it in turn to nominate a child in the class who has demonstrated the school value focus across the week and explain why. My classy classmate is... because...</li> <li>• Forest captains add up the running totals for their forest and the weekly cup is presented and the running totals shared in Achievement Assembly</li> <li>• Attendance total of the top 3 classes announced in achievement assembly and mascot given in Achievement Assembly.</li> <li>• Teachers to send email from Arbor to all parents/carers whose child has not received a single behaviour report for that week – generic template in Arbor.</li> </ul>
<b>Half Termly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golden Letters and Tea Party</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half-termly recognition of consistently outstanding behaviour – class teachers nominate children who consistently demonstrate outstanding attitudes and behaviour. The Principal then sends a 'Golden Letter' out in the post to inform home of this amazing achievement.</li> </ul>
<b>Termly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Team Rewards</li> <li>• Individual Attendance Achievers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest with the greatest cumulative total earns a reward agreed by the team.</li> <li>• Attendance award presented to all children with 100% attendance for the term.</li> </ul>

## Consequences

We are all aware that children may require consequences from time to time and we aim to ensure that there is consistency across the school. The consequence that will be put in place will be dependent on the severity of the behaviour displayed.

<b>Low Level Behaviours-</b> Could disrupt learning, upset others, hurt others, damage the environment, threaten our sense of belonging
<b>Example Consequences:</b> Staff prompt verbally or visually
<b>Medium Level Behaviours-</b> Will disrupt learning, upset others, hurt others, damage the environment, threaten our sense of belonging
<b>Example Consequences:</b> Breaktime or lunchtime detentions – either part or full. Parents/carers are informed
<b>High Level Behaviours-</b> Will endanger people, seriously disrupt learning, cause physical and/or emotional pain, significantly damage the environment, harm our sense of belonging
<b>Example Consequences:</b> Full break or lunch detentions, removal of privileges, before or after school detention supported by parents/carers attending, internal suspension, suspension or permanent exclusion.

## Items not allowed in school

To ensure all of the children are ready to learn, they are not allowed to bring mobile phones, sweets, chewing gum energy or isotonic drinks or fizzy drinks into school. If your child brings any of these items into school, they will be asked to hand them in and will be returned at the end of the school day. If a child is found with one of these items during the school day, they will receive a break time detention.

## Uniform

As part of our Newton Road Way, we expect our children to dress to impress and in order to raise standards and expectations within school, the quality of uniform is paramount. Below is the minimum expectation of uniform requirements for children at Newton Road School. If children arrive in the incorrect uniform parents/carers may be contacted to request the appropriate clothing and footwear is provided.

- Navy blue round neck sweatshirt or navy blue cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress – **NB** tights must not be worn with shorts
- Blue and white gingham dress
- Plain white shirt/blouse, white logo polo shirt or plain non logo polo shirt
- Plain white or black or socks or black tights
- Plain black shoes or pure black trainers without markings
- Black low heeled boots are permitted in the winter but not in the summer term

## PE Days

Class	PE Days
Saplings	Wednesday
Cherry	Tuesday and Wednesday
Maple	
Cedar	
Elm	
Sycamore	Monday and Thursday
Willow	
Ash	
Oak	Fridays
Beech	

As in previous years, please can children come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE days. Our school PE kit is:

- Appropriate trainers
- Forest Team colour, or plain white, round neck T-Shirt
- Plain Black Shorts or black jogging bottoms
- Navy Blue/Black Hooded jacket or jumper

Our uniform is very simple and we ask that parents/carers support their child to come to school dressed to impress in the appropriate uniform and PE Kits. Football shirts, or non-school uniform t-shirts, bright coloured tracksuits and jumpers/hoodies that do not meet these requirements are not permitted.

Please note children are not permitted to wear earrings in a PE lesson. They will not be able to cover their earrings in tape or plasters. If a child wears a pair of stud earrings on a PE day, please ensure they can remove them themselves otherwise they will be unable to take part.

## Sports Parent Pit Stops

In addition to the Parent Pit Stop during the first term, we will also be inviting parents/carers into school to see their child take part in some sporting activities. On this day, parents/carers should sign in at the gate by the main reception before entering the playground. When on the playground, we ask that parents/carers stay within the designated zone during the event.

Please note that these events are subject to weather and may need to be rearranged at short notice. Wherever possible, a decision will be made the day before – however, this will not always be the case. We all understand the unpredictability of our weather and we thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please see the dates and times for your child's session below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Beech	13.09.23	<b>09:10 – 10:00</b>
Maple	13.09.23	<b>14:10 – 15:00</b>
Oak	14.09.23	<b>09:10 – 10:00</b>
Cedar	14.09.23	<b>14:10 -15:00</b>
Ash	20.09.23	<b>09:10 – 10:00</b>
Cherry	20.09.23	<b>14:10 – 15:00</b>
Elm	21.09.23	<b>14:10 – 15:00</b>
Sycamore	27.09.23	<b>14:10 – 15:00</b>
Willow	28.09.23	<b>14:10 – 15:00</b>

**Please see next page for Key Dates**

## Key Dates

Please find below an overview of all of the key dates for the Autumn Term so please check any that are relevant for you.

Date	Time	Who	What
13.09.23	9:10-10:00	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
13.09.23	2:10-3:00	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
14.09.23	9:10-10:00	<b>Oak</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
14.09.23	2:10-3:00	<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
15.09.23	8:45 – 12:00	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Sports For Champions Sponsorship Event</b> Children to come to school in their PE kit to take part in a circuit of events with Leon Baptiste, a double commonwealth champion.
19.09.23	3:15-3:45	<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>Parent Pit Stop</b> A session on activities and advice on how to support your child with reading. Reading is our priority and your support is valued.
20.09.23	2:30-3:00	<b>Years 1/2</b>	<b>Parent Pit Stop</b> Parents/carers are invited into school to play phonics games/learn how to support their children with phonics and reading.
20.09.23	9:10-10:00	<b>Ash</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
20.09.23	2:10-3:00	<b>Cherry</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
21.09.23	2:10-3:00	<b>Elm</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
26.09.23	2:00	<b>Potential New Parents</b>	<b>EYFS Open Day</b> An opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school for children starting in September 2023
27.09.23	2:10-3:00	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
28.09.23	2:10-3:00	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Sports Pit Stop for Parents.</b> Children to participate in a 'mini-sports day' with parents/carers invited to attend. Children to come to school in PE Kit on this day.
02.10.23	2:40-3:00	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Times Tables Afternoon for Children</b> – Children are invited into school dressed as a Rockstar to support their participation in times tables for the year.  <b>Parent Pit Stop</b> – Parents/carers invited in at the end of the day to play some multiplication games and learn how to



			support their children with times tables towards the Statutory Assessment children will have to complete in June.
04.10.23	6:00	<b>Potential New Parents</b>	<b>EYFS Open Evening</b> An opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school for children starting in September 2024
09.10.23	2-3:30	<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>Football Tournament @ Manor</b> A group of selected children will represent our school at the school games event
09.10.23	2:40-3:00	<b>Elm</b>	<b>Times Tables Afternoon for Children</b> – Children are invited into school dressed as a Rockstar to support their participation in times tables for the year.  <b>Parent Pit Stop</b> – Parents/carers invited in at the end of the day to play some multiplication games and learn how to support their children with times tables towards the Statutory Assessment children will have to complete in June.
10.10.23	2:30-3:00	<b>Saplings</b>	<b>Parent Pit Stop</b> A chance to explore the learning environment with your child.
11.10.23	09:30-2:30	<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>Tag Rugby Competition @ Wellingborough Rugby Club</b> A group of selected children will represent our school at the school games event
12.10.23	9:15	<b>Potential New Parents</b>	<b>EYFS Open Day</b> An opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school for children starting in September 2024
16.10.23	2:40-3:00	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Times Tables Afternoon for Children</b> – Children are invited into school dressed as a Rockstar to support their participation in times tables for the year.  <b>Parent Pit Stop</b> – Parents/carers invited in at the end of the day to play some multiplication games and learn how to support their children with times tables towards the Statutory Assessment children will have to complete in June.
18.10.23	2:30-3:00	<b>Beech</b>	Beech Class Assembly
<b>TBC</b>	4:15-5:15 5:30-6:45	<b>EYFS, Y1 &amp; Y2</b> <b>Y3-6</b>	<b>Autumn Disco</b>
08.11.23	09:30-12:30	<b>Years 3-4</b>	<b>Cross Country @ Croyland Park</b> A group of selected children will represent our school at the school games event
20.11.23	2:00-3:30	<b>Years 1/2</b>	<b>Gymnastics @ Manor</b> A group of selected children will represent our school at the school games event
06.11.23	2:30-3:00	<b>Cedar</b>	Class Assembly
13.12.23	2:30-3:00	<b>Ash</b>	Class Assembly
18.12.23	2:15	<b>EYFS &amp; Y5/6 Narrators</b>	Nativity Performance
19.12.23	6-7:30	<b>Our school community</b>	Christmas Fayre (Hire a Stall)
20.12.23	09:15 or 2:15	<b>Years 1/2</b>	Christmas Concert
21.12.23		<b>Whole School</b>	Christmas Parties



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