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**Be kind, be fair, be safe whilst learning together to be the best we can.**



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had in school, starting with the wonderful Mardi Gras carnival and ending with our Easter activities. Each year group lead has once again written about this half term in their year group and I'm sure you will agree after reading these, that the children have been provided with lots of fantastic opportunities and have worked really hard. I would like to thank parents for your support with home learning activities - this is such a valuable opportunity for you to engage with your child and talk about their learning.

Our sponsor on Wednesday went incredibly well and the children absolutely loved it - many asking if they could do it again! Thank you to family and friends who have been so generous with their sponsors. We will be giving a class prize to the class who have collectively raised the most in sponsor money. Money raised goes such a long way to helping us to provide additional opportunities and resources that our school budget would not be able to support.

Today we say good-bye to Mrs Chappenden who is moving back to Buckinghamshire over the Easter holidays. Mrs Chappenden has been a committed and valued member of the team and we will miss her enthusiasm for teaching and developing our English curriculum across the school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every success for the future.

I hope that everyone has a lovely, restful and fun Easter holiday and I look forward to welcoming everyone back after Easter to what is set to be a term where we can start to invite parents to events within school after two, long years of limited contact with parents.



## Covid-19 Restriction Changes - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

As you will be aware new guidance came into force from 1<sup>st</sup> April for the next steps of living with Covid-19. These means that testing will no longer be available to the majority of the population, although there may still be some families who have still got some lateral flow tests.

There was also an updated list of symptoms published which could mean that you could have covid-19. These are as follows:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

Our school will be following the new guidance which is as follows:

- If you are feeling unwell with symptoms as above, please stay at home until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and no longer have a temperature. This applies to both adults and children.
- For adults testing positive for COVID-19 (some people will still have LFT kits available), they should stay at home for 5 days (remembering day 0 is day of onset of symptoms/day of test if no symptoms) and avoid contact with others. They should then return to normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature. For children testing positive for COVID-19 (under 18 years old), they should stay at home for 3 days and avoid contact with others. They should then return to school and normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

In school we will still be following the guidance about regular handwashing and Keeping all areas of the school well ventilated.



## Year 2

What an extremely busy half term we have had! We have been so lucky to have lots of different opportunities to do exciting things. Our first two days back started with getting ready for the Mardi Gras celebrations, where we enjoyed lots of dancing, music playing and eating pancakes. We then quickly moved onto World Book day where we got to dress up as our favourite book character and do lots of reading and craft making. After the first week back, we moved onto to our brand new topic, 'Flight' We started our topic off by going on our own adventure to Disney Land! The Year 2 teachers, set up an aeroplane in our classroom for us to go on, but we had to check in first with our own passport and boarding pass. Before we set off we were very lucky to have a flight attendant, called Denise, who went over all of the safety elements that we needed to know whilst we were on our flight. After our exciting adventure to Disney land, we then came back to our classroom and started learning about Leonardo Da Vinci, who was a famous artist. We recreated his famous painting 'Dreams of Flying'. After that we then used the iPad to research about the first ever plane that went into the air. It was called 'The Flyer' and it was created by The Wright Brothers. However we discovered it only went into the air 4 times and the longest it stayed in the air for was 59 seconds. Once we had learnt about the first flight, we then compared The Flyer to a modern day aeroplane, exploring how much quicker, safer and larger than The Flyer they are. After that we then focused on Science by making our own Paper Helicopters. Our experiment started by us dropping our paper helicopters from different heights and environments. Then we created another helicopter that had alterations made to it to test whether smaller/thinner wings made a difference to how quickly the helicopter fell to the floor. On the very same day as making our helicopters we also had a fantastic visit from 'Sublime Science' who are a company who demonstrate lots of fantastic science investigations. We got to watch snow being made, a cup get dissolved and lava erupt from a volcano. However our favourite part was getting to make our very own slime that we got to play with in class!

Also to end the week, we went on a fantastic trip to RAF Cosford and all of the children were an absolute credit to Nathaniel Newton- every single child was brilliantly behaved and were all so interested in learning facts about the aeroplanes, missiles, tanks and so much more. However our favourite part has to be launching the rockets into the air—some even hit the roof!

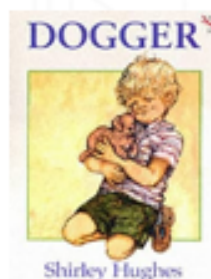
We hope that you all have a very restful and wonderful Easter break and we hope that the Easter bunny brings you lots of lovely treats!





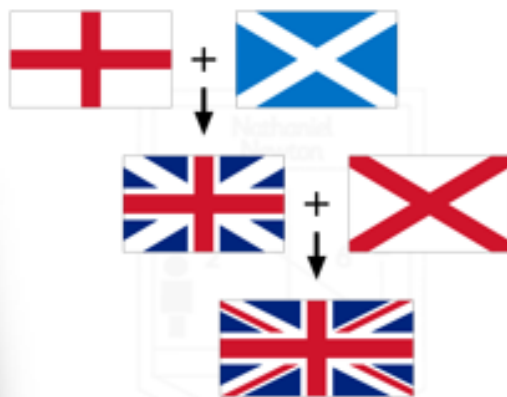
# Year 1 NewsLetter

Well, we are coming to the end of another wonderful half term in Year One, filled with many highlights to recount. Progress in maths has been exciting as the children have begun to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and relate it to the multiplication tables. We have also been working hard on developing our writing skills through [Talk For Writing](#). All of our pupils in Year One have written their own version of the classic "[Dogger](#)" story by [Shirley Hughes](#). The teaching staff are impressed by the quality of the children's stories, including their structure, the super sentences with punctuation and description, as well as the children's stamina for writing – they have written up to three A4 pages in length. Wow!



Over the course of the last six weeks, the children have also developed their knowledge and understanding of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland through our topic work on the **British Isles**. Here is a glimpse of some of the activities that have kept us very busy...

We have been studying maps of the British Isles and the children are proud to have created their own maps. They have used a key to identify land and sea and labelled the countries with their capital cities and displayed each country's flag on the map. At the very top of the map, the children have drawn a Union Jack to show the combination of the nation's flags.



The children have also been finding out about animals that live in the British Isles. They were able to distinguish between land and sea animals. Each class also worked hard to sort different creatures into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.



### Scotland and its islands...

For some of our work on Scotland we have taken inspiration from the stories written by Mairi Hedderwick about a little girl called Katie Morag who lives on a fictional Scottish Island called Struay. The children have been working hard to compare life in Hartshill to life on a Scottish island. They have been able to identify lots of similarities and differences in the way of life between the two.



### Celebrate with Northern Ireland

To mark Saint Patrick's Day, we had our very own celebration in Year One! Dressed in green t-shirts for the afternoon, we discovered all about Saint Patrick and how he was a missionary in Ireland. We found out about Irish symbols and their meanings including the shamrock and the leprechaun. While we completed our activities, we enjoyed listening to some Irish music and had our own Irish Ceili! Some of our children were very good at dancing a jig and it caused us quite a giggle!



### Focus on Wales...

Building on previous skills and learning, the children designed a poster on Book Creator detailing facts about Wales. They included information about sport, food, the Welsh language, mountains, rivers and the daffodil as the national flower of Wales. Super!



*"daffodil" © Puthausoldmann.com*

### Focus on England, the country where we live...

We have been on a fact finding mission to discover information about England. The children worked collaboratively to answer questions such as: What is the capital city of England? Where does the Queen live? What is England's most popular sport? Can you name some foods that England is famous for? Do you know the name of any famous English people?





Other highlights over the course of the half term include...

**World Maths Day** - we had a whole morning of fun with numbers! Songs and singing, counting in different patterns, actions and movements, shapes, dot-to-dots, board games and ipads.



**Sublime Science...** we had a visit from Sublime Science for a workshop full of fun, learning and science vocabulary. It was brilliant and we laughed – A LOT! We observed and participated in lots of science experiments...lava erupting from a volcano, watched polystyrene dissolve, experimented with forces, and made our own snow and slime!



### Music Day with Tim Scarborough

Year One children enjoyed a music workshop with Tim Scarborough and each experienced playing three instruments..the drum, the shakers and the bells. He taught us to play some different rhythms through a story all about Sammy the Spider.



### World Book Day

Hooray for World Book Day! The children celebrated WBD and loved dressing up as a book character and sharing their favourite books. We took the opportunity to read lots of stories, enjoy craft activities and celebrate books!



### Mardi Gras

Year One decorated masks, were taught a dance by the Haddon school of dance, made bunting and paper chains to decorate the classroom, ate pancakes and learnt to play a kazoo for the Mardi Gras festivities. We were incredibly proud of the children for their enthusiasm and energy.



I hope you can see that children and staff have had a fabulous half term, and are really looking forward to the summer term and our upcoming topic "Knights, Castles and Dragons". It will also be lovely to enjoy the warmer weather and make opportunities to utilise our lovely outdoor space and play equipment. Thank you for all of your support over the half term. Please do continue to look at the year one class pages on our school website.

Mrs L. Fussey (Year One Team Leader)



## Year R

We enjoyed an exciting start to this half term, celebrating pancake day with our Mardi Gras carnival. The children had great fun making masks, dancing and playing kazoos! We enjoyed flipping pancakes and then choosing a topping to go on one to eat!



As part of our topic, **The Smartest Gruffalo on the Broom** we have been doing lots of work around stories by Julia Donaldson. We went for a walk in the wooded area of school when looking at the Gruffalo and then compared this setting to the town when reading The Smartest Giant in Town. We have been looking at features in our locality and drew maps to show our journey to school. We made some super pictures of the Gruffalo using different materials. Our writing is coming on very well, we are using our sentence openers to write sentences about different characters from the story.





In maths, we continue to practise our recall of number facts within 10 and are enjoying using the 1 minute maths app to try and improve our speed!

We have been using cubes to measure the length of objects and enjoyed finding things that were longer and shorter than our foot!



We are having lots of fun working outside, we are loving our new bikes and scooters and are working well, sharing and taking turns with our friends!



We hope you all have a lovely Easter and a well earned rest and look forward to seeing you after the holiday!





### Egg Rolling Winners

	1st Place	2nd Place
RDH	Finlay	Olivia M
RIr	Martha	Olivia H
RLo	George	Dolly
1Fu	Lola	Cooper
1Bi	Alex	Molly B
1DV	Luther	Noah B
2McG	Noah	Bobby
2Fo	Hollie	Logan
2Co	Rayaan	Noah

### Easter Bonnet Competition Winners

	1st Place	2nd Place
RDH	Indigo	Ronnie
RIr	Ollie	Phoebe A
RLo	Nate	Noah
1Fu	Chloe B	Samuel
1Bi	Ceanne	Matilda
1DV	Hannah	Lucy
2McG	Roxy	Annie
2Fo	Isla	Jaxon
2Co	Charlie	Willow

Thank you for everyone's hard work this year, it was lovely to see and talk to the children about their creations. They all looked so proud to showcase their bonnets off. Choosing the winners was very difficult. You all looked AMAZING!





Friday 8th April - We break up for Easter holidays.  
Monday 25th April - Children return to school.

### Sponsored Event

The children enjoyed taking part in the sponsored event in school this week.

Please pay sponsor money on ParentPay as soon as possible.

On this occasion if you have collected money from family and friends we will accept cash to be brought into the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Thank you for your donations for Red Nose Day and Ukraine.

We collected £403 which will be split between these 2 charities.



# VACANCY

Would you or anyone you know like to be a  
**School Crossing Patrol for  
Nathaniel Newton Infant School**  
Join our team now and make a real difference!

Full training and uniform provided  
and excellent rates of pay.

Please call 01926 412661 or email [scp@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp@warwickshire.gov.uk) for further details.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jobs)



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Warwickshire*

Whilst we still have no School Crossing Patrol outside our school to keep all our children and families safe please do not park on the zig zag lines outside the school.



There is still a vacancy for School Crossing Patrol. If you know anyone who would like a school crossing position at our school please ask them to apply - details on poster to left of this page. Thank you.

## School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Week 1 W/c Monday 02/5, 23/5, 20/6, 11/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Dippers	Veg Korma	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Pork Sausages	Plant Power Balls	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Chicken	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thurs	Pasta Bolognaise	Veggie Hot Dog	Jacket Potato *	Ham Sandwich
Fri	Salmon Fishcake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft Bap

- **Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.**

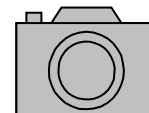
Week 2 W/c Monday 9/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Sausage Pattie	Mac 'n' Cheese	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo soft bap
Tue	Chicken Pie	Quorn Dippers Curry Sauce	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Wed	Roast beef in gravy	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Roast Chicken soft bap
Thur	Pork Meatballs	Vegetable Burrito Bake	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Breaded Vegetable Finders	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap

Week 3 W/c Monday 25/4, 16/6, 13/6, 4/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Cheese and Tomato pizza	Sweet and Sour Quorn	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Brunch Sausage Omelette	Cheesy Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft Bap
Wed	Roast Pork	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo soft bap
Thur	Beef Grill in a Bun	Plant Power Burger	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Roasted Vegetable Tart	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap.

The school photographer will be in school to take class group photos on Wednesday 4th May.



**Children with symptoms of sickness and/or diarrhoea need to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before they return to school.**

**We are a cashless school!**

As we are cashless parents will need parent pay to be able to pay for eg School Trips, After School Clubs, PTA



**ParentPay**

Events etc.

If you need any help downloading and setting up ParentPay please ask at the school office.

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**Copies of Newsletters and letters are available under the News and Events section on the home page on our school website. The current newsletter is available on the bottom of the home page on the website - [www.nathanielnewton.co.uk](http://www.nathanielnewton.co.uk).**

## **Term dates—school year 2021 - 2022**



**Friday 8th April**  
**Monday 25th April**

- We break up for Easter holidays.
- Children return to school.

**Monday 2nd May**

- May Day Bank Holiday - school closed.

**Wednesday 4th May**

- Class Group Photos.

**Friday 27th May**  
**Monday 6th June**  
**Tuesday 7th June**

- We break up for half term.
- Staff training day - School closed to children.
- Children return to school.

**Monday 20th June**  
**Sunday 3rd July**  
**Tuesday 5th July**  
**Wednesday 6th July**

- New Entrants Parents Meeting 6 pm.
- Summer Fair 10am - 2pm
- Sports Day
- Induction Day.
- Open Evening 3.30 pm - 7.30 pm.

**Wednesday 13th July**  
**Thursday 14th July**  
**Wednesday 20th July**

- Year 2 Leavers Concert 1.30 pm.
- Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.15 am.
- Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am.

**Thursday 21st July**

- We break up for Summer holidays.

**This school is committed  
to safeguarding and  
promoting the welfare of  
children and young people  
and expects all staff,  
volunteers and parents  
to share this commitment**



The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forsheew, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

