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

Dear Parents / Carers

Although a very short half term, there has been a lot packed in! The children continue to work hard in all areas of school life and enjoy the varied activities they are exposed to day to day. The children in Reception have enjoyed having their parents in as part of their space topic work, Y1 had a great day with Tommy Top Hat learning about toys from the past as part of their toy topic and finally Y2 enjoyed the theatre group that visited this week to help them to consolidate their learning about The Great Fire of London. Each week I look forward to the Headteacher's Tea Party where the children eagerly tell me about the learning they have enjoyed during the week.

I would like to thank everyone who voted in our Parent Governor election. As a result of the election, we recruited two new governors, Mrs Cristina Retzler and Mr. Kevin Walsh who we extended a warm welcome to at their first meeting at the end of January.

Next half term already looks to be a busy and there are a number of exciting activities planned that you will be hearing about when we return from the half term break.

I wish everyone a lovely half term and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Forshaw  
Headteacher



# Attendance

**Whole School Attendance from 5th Sept — 9th Feb is 93.7%**

**Check our figures to see how we are doing!**

Please report a child's absence from school by sending us a message on School Gateway app or telephone the school on 02476 392236 and press 1 to leave a message before **9.15 am**.

School Year group doors open between **8.40 am** and **8.45 am** and children can go into school between these times for registration at **8.45 am**. Please make sure your child is on time for school. If they arrive after **8.45 am** they will need to come via the main school office entrance. Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. **Please help us to achieve our target!**

## Week Ending 2nd Feb

Dragonflies 92.2%

Squirrels 95.5%

Foxes 94.9%

Bumblebees 93.8%

Owls 95.4%

**Badgers 97.9%**

Hedgehogs 93.2%

Rabbits 90.5%

Deers 95.5%

## Week Ending 9th Feb

Dragonflies 87.7%

Squirrels 90%

Foxes 97.0%

Bumblebees 95.2%

**Owls 98.3%**

Badgers 97.1%

Hedgehogs 85.2%

Rabbits 93.1%

Deers 96.4%

**Monty has/will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!**

## Least Late Winners



Week Ending	Best Class
2nd Feb	Badgers/ Squirrels
9th Feb	Foxes



**Snow Flake has will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!**

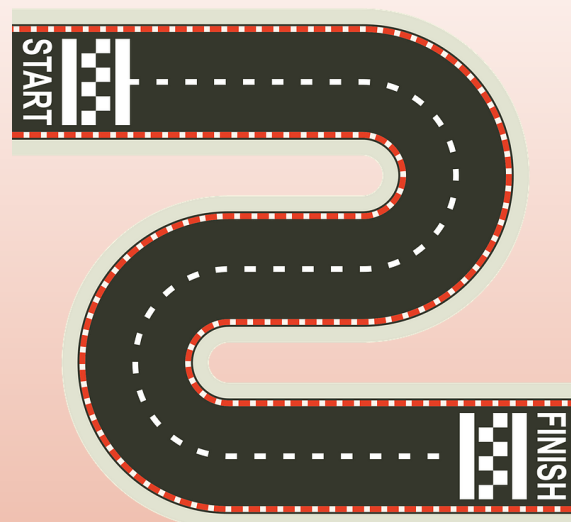
## SCHOOL MATTERS



## HALF TERM ATTENDANCE WINNER!

### BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE

Place	Class	Percentage
1st	<b>Foxes</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
2nd	Badgers	97.7%
3rd	Owls	96.6%
4th	Bumblebees	96.2%
4th	Deers	96.2%
5th	Dragonflies	94.6%
6th	Squirrels	94.4%
7th	Rabbits	94.0%
8th	Hedgehogs	91.7%



### TOP ATTENDANCE WINNER - Foxes 97.9%

Well done to **Mrs Evans' class** for having the best attendance this half term, they have **WON** a Movie afternoon as a reward!! **Enjoy!! And WELL DONE!!**

## HALF TERM LEAST LATES WINNER!

### BEST CLASS WITH LEAST LATES - Bumblebees

Well done to **Miss Hall's class** for having the best class for the least lates this half term, they have **WON** a Movie afternoon as a reward!! **Enjoy!! And WELL DONE!!**



### Our Pupils of the Week!

A pupil from each class is chosen by a teacher each week as 'pupil of the week' for eg doing good work.

	Reception	Year 2
2nd Feb	Dillon Thea Hilah	James Freddie BG Paisley-Rose

### Our Stars of the Week!

**Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded with stars! Well Done**

#### 9th February

200	Nancy,
300	Poppy, Grace





## Reading Raffle Winners

This half term we have been amazed with the children's enthusiasm for reading at home. Each time a child reads at home they are awarded with a raffle ticket that goes into our class prize box. This half term our class reading raffle winners are:

Bumblebees: Legend

Dragonflies: Eden

Hedgehogs: Alfie

Owls: Eadie

Rabbits: Finley

Squirrels: Avery

Foxes: Indigo

Deers: Olivia M

Badgers: Dolly

### Class Leader board



## Headteacher Tea Party



Mrs Forshaw had the pleasure of a tea party with our nominated children - talking about their weekend activities, what they have enjoyed doing within school whilst enjoying some sweet treats and a glass of squash. Well done to all the selected children. We hope you all had a lovely time.

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Year 1 - Amely, Minnie

Year 2 - Ralph, Mason, Penny

## Friends of Nathaniel Newton (PTA) News

It has been a busy half term of planning for the 'Friends of Nathaniel Newton' team.

Look out after the February break for letters about our next events - our ever popular Chocolate Bingo!

We are also looking ahead to our Summer Fair on July 7th. If you know anyone who would be interested in having a stall at our fair, please ask them to call the office for more details.

Many thanks for all your support on our Treat Fridays. It is lovely to see so many of you enjoying our sweet offerings! We sold over 600 biscuits!!

We look forward to seeing you at our events next half term.



## Friday 9th February Wellbeing Afternoon

This week in school we have been celebrating 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The theme for this year is 'My Voice Matters' and Children have been participating in a variety of mindfulness activities throughout the week and have taken part in a variety of different activities within their classes.

We hope by raising the profile of mental health and wellbeing, that we enable our children to speak openly about their feelings, without judgement. Furthermore, we have ended the week with our half termly 'Fun Day Friday' wellbeing afternoon which has been enjoyed by all.



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



## Friends of Nathaniel Newton Years 1 & 2 Spring Disco

We are having a spring disco for Year One and Two children on Friday 1st March, where Wizard Kids Disco will be providing the entertainment.

Tickets are priced at £3.00 per child and are available on ParentPay now. Each child will receive a food bag containing a drink, crisps and sweets.

The party will run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm when you will be able to collect your child from the playground.

Tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay ONLY.

**Ticket sales will close on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.** No further tickets will be able to be purchased after this date.

If your child suffers from any allergies or other medical conditions that we may need to be aware of for this event please add this to the notes section of the ParentPay payment item when purchasing your ticket.

**Please note: if your child does not cope well with loud noises and busy environments, please do not book them in to this event.** The 'Friends of' team do not have the capacity to support them outside of the disco area.





### *Mother's Day Celebration Afternoon - Friday 8th March*

Mums are invited to join us in school from **1.30pm** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. During the afternoon each class will do a short presentation for mums in their classrooms. We have organised the timings so that mums with children in other classes can see both presentations. During the afternoon there will be the opportunity to take part in a range of craft activities.

The timings of presentations in classrooms are as follows:

- 1.30pm - Reception class presentation
- 2.00pm - Year 1 class presentation
- 2.30pm - Year 2 class presentation

Afternoon tea will be available to pre-order for just £3.50. If you have more than one child in school you will only need to purchase one afternoon tea. These have to be ordered and paid for on Parent Pay by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we are unable to place orders after this date. Allergies to be entered in the notes section. A ticket will be given on arrival. Please note that afternoon tea is optional, you do not need to purchase to attend the event.

Afternoon tea will be served throughout the afternoon and you will be able to collect it at any time with your child (except during the class presentations), all children will be able to have a drink and a cake as well.

If mum is unable to attend we would welcome grandma, auntie or another significant female in your child's life to attend in the place of mum. In order to make the afternoon manageable and enjoyable for all, we can only accommodate one adult with each child.





# the KING'S VILLAGE GHANA

During the Autumn Term Mrs Evans, our English Subject Leader, donated a large selection of our old reading books to a school in Northern Ghana. The books were donated through 'The King's Village Ghana UK Charity' with hundreds of our old books being donated to a variety of schools in rural regions in Ghana. The charity were so appreciative of the generosity of the children at Nathaniel Newton to donate so many books to them.



The teachers at the rural school were excited to start using the books with their classes.



The children loved reading the books that had words and pictures.

Staff from the charity leading a guided reading session with our old books.





## Upcoming Events



**More information will be sent out nearer the time of events.**

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| <b>Friday 9th February</b>  | - We break up for half term.  |
| <b>Monday 19th February</b> | - Children return to school.  |
| Friday 8th March            | - Mothers Day Afternoon 1.30 pm.                                      |
| Monday 11th March           | - Owls (Mrs Fussey) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.                    |
| Tuesday 12th March          | - Foxes (Mrs Evans) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.                    |
| Wednesday 13th March        | - Squirrels - Mrs Varney/Mrs Hancox Class Assembly 9 am.              |
| Wednesday 13th March        | - Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.30 pm.                                    |
| Thursday 14th March         | - Hedgehogs (Mrs Ireland) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.              |
| Friday 15th March           | - Bumblebees (Miss Hall) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.               |
| Friday 15th March           | - Badgers (Mrs Keane) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.                  |
| Monday 18th March           | - Deers (Miss McGrath) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.                 |
| Tuesday 19th March          | - Squirrels (Mrs Varney/Mrs Hancox) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.    |
| <b>Wednesday 20th March</b> | - <b>Badgers (Mrs Keane) Class Assembly 9 am.</b>                     |
| Wednesday 20th March        | - Dragonflies (Mrs Doherty/Mrs Dicken) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Thursday 21st March         | - Rabbits (Mrs Lowen) Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm.                  |
| Friday 22nd March           | - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30 pm.                                       |
| <b>Friday 22nd March</b>    | - <b>We break up for Easter holiday.</b>                              |
| <b>Monday 8th April</b>     | - <b>Children return to school.</b>                                   |
| <b>Monday 6th May</b>       | - <b>May Day Bank Holiday - school closed.</b>                        |
| Wednesday 15th May          | - Dragonflies - Mrs Doherty/Mrs Dicken class assembly 9 am.           |
| Wednesday 22nd May          | - Rabbits - Mrs Lowen class assembly 9 am.                            |
| <b>Thursday 23rd May</b>    | - <b>We break up for half term.</b>                                   |
| <b>Friday 24th May</b>      | - <b>Staff training day - school closed to children.</b>              |
| <b>Monday 3rd June</b>      | - <b>Children return to school.</b>                                   |
| Monday 10th June            | - Sports afternoon Year R - 1 pm.                                     |
| Tuesday 11th June           | - Sports afternoon Year 1 - 1 pm.                                     |
| Thursday 13th June          | - Sports afternoon Year 2 - 1 pm.                                     |
| Friday 14th June            | - Fathers day afternoon.  |
| Monday 17th June            | - New Entrants Meeting 6 pm.  |
| Tuesday 25th June           | - Hedgehog's - Mrs Ireland class assembly 9 am.                       |
| Tuesday 2nd July            | - Year 2 Leavers concert 1.30 pm.                                     |
| Wednesday 3rd July          | - Year 2 Leavers concert 9.15 am.                                     |
| Thursday 4th July           | - Bumblebees - Miss Hall Class assembly.                              |
| Friday 5th July             | - Reports go home to parents.   |
| <b>Sunday 7th July</b>      | - <b>PTA Summer Fayre 11 am - 2 pm.</b>                               |
| Wednesday 10th July         | - Induction Day.  |
| Wednesday 10th July         | - Open Evening 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm.                                     |
| Thursday 18th July          | - Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9 am.                                       |
| Thursday 18th July          | - Year 2 Leavers Party pm.  |
| <b>Tuesday 19th July</b>    | - <b>We break up for Summer holiday.</b>                              |

**The school calendar is also on the school website.**

**We will also include upcoming dates at the bottom of the newsletters and include any additional dates and any changes to dates.**

## School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



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

Week 1 W/c Monday 26/02, 18/03.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Chicken Biryani with Vegetables.	Cheese and Tomato Pizza.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Mince Beef Burrito.	Breaded Vegetable Fingers.	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Wed	Roast Gammon.	Quorn Roast.	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Thur	Chicken Burger in a bun.	Tomato Pasta Bake.	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded Fish Fillet.	Vegetable Crumble.	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo soft bap

Week 2 W/c Monday 04/03.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork Sausages	Cheese and Baked Bean Pasty.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Chicken Sweetcorn Pasta Bake.	Plantball Melt.	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft Bap
Wed	Roast Beef.	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thur	Chicken and-Country Vegetable Pie	Quorn Dippers	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcake.	Cheese and Tomato Pizza.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap.

Week 3 W/c Monday 19/02, 11/03.

Mon	Veggie Sausages.	Mac 'n' Cheese.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Beef Bolognaise.	Veggie Plant burger in bun.	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Wed	Roast Chicken Fillet	Quorn Roast.	Jacket Potato *	Roast Chicken soft bap
Thurs	Gluten Free Pork Meatballs.	No Beef Taco.	Jacket Potato *	Ham Soft bap.
Fri	Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers.	Cheese and Potato Pie.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft Bap

## School Closure Procedures



In the event of school having to close due to bad weather or for any other reason, first thing in the morning or during the school day.

- We will send you a School Gateway message / Email.\*
- We will update our website home page to reflect this information.
- We will update our school Facebook page to reflect this information.

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

If you log on to this website, it also gives a list of school closures.

If you do not get a School Gateway message / email, or see school is closed on our website, Facebook page or on the list of Warwickshire School Closures, our school and Links will be **OPEN**.)

**PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE SCHOOL.**

\* The message /email will go to Priority 1 contact on your child's contact sheet.  
Please make sure we have your correct details.



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



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