



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 11th October 2016
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Making the difference

Parents' evenings

Thank you for signing up for Parents' evening - we look forward to seeing you at your appointment time. Parent Questionnaires will also be available for you to complete and return.

DUE TO PARENTS' EVENING THERE WILL BE NO TABLE TENNIS OR CODE CLUB ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Monday 17th October
3.10 - 5.30pm

Thursday 20th October
4.30 - 7.00pm

The Friends of the School
dates for your diary.....

Friday 21st October
Non-Uniform Day
Pay a fine or bring a raffle or
tombola prize.
Cake Stall at the end of the day.

Friday 18th November
Children in Need Day
End of day cake stall - donations
gratefully received.

Saturday 26th November
Christmas Fayre
Come and help / run a stall or just
come, have fun and pick up some
Christmas presents.

We welcome all parents to come and learn about

PATHS

Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

Thursday 20th October 2016
9:15 to 9:45

Newton Flotman Primary School
in the hall

Session includes:
How you can support your child
Understanding feelings
Calming down
Making positive choices
Positive self-talk

No need to book, just come along and learn more
about this new innovative strategy we are
following.

MR ROBERTS' MATHS CHALLENGE



The first of Mr Roberts' Maths challenges will be sent home this week. Every month Mr Roberts will be posing tricky puzzles for child to solve either with or without the help of their family. The puzzles offer three different levels of challenge. However, it is completely up to the child which problem they select. Completed challenges should be given to class teachers and successfully answered challenges will receive a golden raffle ticket for an end-of-year prize draw to win a tablet computer!

REMINDERS & INFO

You Said

We Did

Consider more school trips - teachers are aiming for two trips this year.

Invite parents to come and help - thank you to helpers with Italian, netball, cooking, reading, dinosaurs and sports.

Governors should be more visible - governors attended the head teacher coffee morning and are available after school on Thursdays.

Reinstate family lunches - these will be back in the spring term.

To be kept up to date with my child's work - introduction of open door afternoons (after half term) to see children's work.

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF NEWTON FLOTMAN SCHOOL

The GB of the school are pleased to welcome Mr Craig Champion as a Co-Opted member of the GB. Mr Champion brings a background in science to add to the strengths of the GB. It also welcomes Mrs Sharon Atyeo (Parent Support Advisor) as a staff governor. If you are interested in the work of the GB please speak to Mr Johns or Mr Wolfe (Chair of Governors). Minutes of the meetings are available on the school website.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & PARENT WORKSHOPS

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Harvest Festival and the workshops. We really enjoy sharing with parents all the great things children are doing. Thank you also for all the FOODBANK donations.

CROSS COUNTRY

We have a team of 32 KS2 pupils representing the school in the Cluster Cross Country competition on Thursday 19th October. We wish them all strong running legs and remind parents to pack a hearty lunch. Good luck team.

BOOTS ARE NOT UNIFORM

Please can we remind all parents that our school uniform does NOT include boots. We are happy for children to walk to school in boots but ask that children change into school shoes for during school time. In the winter we ask that children have wellies in case of snow.

EARRINGS

Please can we kindly remind parents that unless children can remove their own earrings they should not wear them for school. Removing children's earrings can take up valuable time during a PE session and be distressing, especially for the younger children.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer took individual photographs of all the children and photographs of siblings together. Some children also asked to have photograph taken with cousins. The photographer was happy to do this. There is of course no obligation to purchase the photographs.



SPECIAL INTEREST WEEK

Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November

STORY CAVE

Immediately after half-term, we will be having one of our special interest weeks: we will be creating a story cave to help inspire the children's writing. Our cave will house various items which could belong either to well-known story characters, or to characters who have appeared in the books and stories we have read recently in our different classes. We will use the cave to help us make up stories surrounding these characters.

Some clues, or items, may even be hidden until later in the week. The aim is for each child to produce a piece of independent writing about their chosen character, such as an adventure which may have included a visit to the cave at some point. If you want to do any thinking or talking about this at home, you could discuss which objects a favourite character might take when heading out on an adventure.

If any parent has a useful item which they think could be included, please see your child's teacher or speak to Mrs Cox.



ROAD SAFETY

We are really pleased to have close links with the Road Safety Team from Norfolk County Council. This year we have signed up for the following Road Safety activities :-

Thursday 13th October
FIR Class visit from Bethany and Barnaby - the Road Safety Puppets.

Wednesday 22nd February
Ollie Day Show - Whole School Assembly

Thursday 10th November
Year 2 Pupils Step on it Training

Thursday 24th November 2016
Year 4 seat belt awareness session

Thursday 19th January 2017
Year 5 playground bike session

Thursday 15th June 2017
Year 6 Going Places quiz

We will need the assistances of some parent helpers on the Yr. 2 and Yr. 5 dates. If you are willing and able to help on these dates please speak to Teresa in the office.

PE KIT

With autumn's arrival please can we remind parents that children will continue to do PE outside. All children need to have outdoor trainers and warm PE Kit with them everyday.



**Our doors are
open, come in and
look at your child's
work.**

After half term we are going to have a weekly opportunity for you to come into the classroom after school to celebrate the work your child has been doing in class in their books and on the classroom displays.

This will be a lovely opportunity for...
you to keep up to date with their learning.
your child to show off and celebrate their hard work.
you to talk to your child about their learning.

This is a weekly opportunity so you can take it up as much or as little as you like.

Fir & Beech: Mondays
Maple, Oak, Willow & Poplar: Wednesdays
3 - 3.30pm

HOMEWORK CAFE

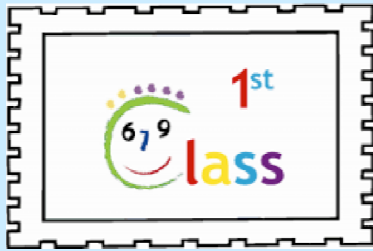
Our Homework Café runs every Friday throughout the year. It's open to all children to attend with their parents on an as and when basis. Drinks and biscuits supplied!

WINTER IS ON ITS WAY

Please can all children have a jumper or sweatshirt and a coat with them each day. Lessons often go outside and playtime and lunch are outside unless the rain is heavy.

MSA VACANCY

We have a vacancy for an Middy Supervisor Assistant on 2 days a week (Monday and Wednesday 12 - 1pm) . For full details and an application form please speak to the school office.



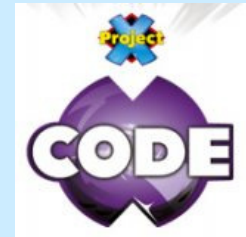
PARENT AND CHILD INTERVENTION MORNING

The school has lots of ways to help pupils stay on track. Interventions such as First Class @ Numbers, Project X, Sound discovery. Lots of pupils are currently being supported through these interventions.

**On Thursday 3rd November
10 - 11am**

If your child is currently being supported through one of our interventions, we would like to invite you to come and enjoy a morning of activities with your child to celebrate their successes.

Personal invitations will be coming home after half term.



**This month at
Café Church**
16th October
10:45 for 11am in School Hall

*Newton Flotman
goes international at Café Church*
*Come and join in our Taste Test -
From which country do our home-cooked
goodies come from?*

Children's Craft and Activities
*Find out about Christian
faith round the world*
*Finishing with a short
time of worship from 11-45*

*NB - If you can bring along
a dish from a country you have
lived in or visited for people to taste, we'd love
to hear from you- Talk to Sally 470762 or email
sally@tasvalley.org*

OPEN TO ALL
For children, teens, parents, grandparents, friends.
No need to reply. Just come along. No charge

Parent Support Advisor

Are you finding family life difficult?
Not sure where to find support and advice?

Why not have a chat with

**Sharon Atyeo
Parent Support Advisor.**

**Open drop in at
Newton Flotman
School
Every Tuesday
8.30 – 9.00.**

Or appointments are available between 9.15 and 12.00.

Phone: 01508 470379

Email: satyeo97r5@nsix.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

- 10th PATHS morning for Parents 9:15 - 9:45
- 13th Bethany & Barnaby visit Fir Class
- 16th Café Church
- 17th Parents' Evening
- 19th KS2 Cross Country Competition
- 20th Willow visit to Anglo Saxon village
- 20th Parents' Evening
- 21st FOS Non Uniform Day



24th October to 28th October - Half Term



31st

- Pupils return to school**
- Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November**
- Special Interest Week - STORY CAVE**
- Open afternoon for Reception 2017 admission
1.30 - 2.30pm



31st



November

- 3rd Parent & Child Intervention morning
- 4th - Willow start swimming
- 9th Flu nasal vaccination for Yr.1, 2 and 3
- 10th Year 2 Step On It training
- 17th - Oak visit to Castle Museum
- 18th - Children in Need Day
- FOS Cake Stall
- 24th Year 4 Seat Belt Awareness Session
- 26th FOS Christmas Fayre



December

- w/c 5th CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS**
- 16th - End of Term Service 9.30am at
Newton Flotman Church



January

- 3rd - INSET DAY
- 4th - INSET DAY
- 5th - Pupils return for the Spring Term

