

# Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Many thanks for all the many ways you support the school as parents and carers**

## School Vision

This year we have been looking at our school vision. The children have been very involved in this process and some of them have rewritten our school prayer.

We want Newnham St Peter's to be:

A nurturing, inclusive school, **rooted** in Christian values, where everyone feels safe, **grows** and takes **flight** as valued members of the school, local and global community.

### **We will deliver our vision by:**

Enabling the curiosity to question, confidence to challenge, resilience to be challenged

and

Providing the knowledge and tools to succeed

So that we may:

Ignite a life-long love of learning.

### **We will live our vision by:**

Being valuable members of society, making meaningful contributions to the local and wider community and enriching the lives of others

## Diary Dates

### February

12<sup>th</sup> Years 5 and 6 swimming

Year 5 and 6 Parents PGL meeting

13<sup>th</sup> Church

14<sup>th</sup> **INSET day** – no school at start of half term

24<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4

### March

4<sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 swimming

6<sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 trip to Carleon

18<sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 swimming

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 PGL residential

### April

1<sup>st</sup> Year 3 and 4 swimming

Year 1 and 2 Dean Forest Railway visit

3<sup>rd</sup> Easter service and end of term 4

20<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

### May

22<sup>nd</sup> End of term 5

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Start of Term 6

### July

17<sup>th</sup> Leaver service and end of year

To help us to celebrate our new vision parents have kindly offered to help create a work of art with the children in the centre of the school. The art work draws its inspiration from the vision and the parable of the mustard seed that underpins the vision. If you would like to be involved in this project, please see Rev Joe or Louise Bayfield. Equally, if you have any spare newspapers at home that you are able to donate this would also be very welcome!

### Book Bag Project

Some of our talented parents have been helping by sewing books bags for us. This is part of a larger project to provide books that can be shared at home with guidance as to how to share them with children and extra activities to do. If you would like to be involved in this project, either by sewing more bags or by helping to develop the contents please see Mrs Nolan, Mrs Broady, Mrs Murdock (Laura) or Tracy Castell.

### Choir gowns

It has been lovely to watch our school choir performing at events within the community. Zoe Snell is looking for sponsors to raise money for some proper choir gowns. If you can help with this or know a company who may be interested in providing sponsorship, please speak to Zoe or Mrs Nolan

### Games

We are looking at the ways we can improve playtimes as well as wanting to encourage children to play traditional board games. If you have any outdoor toys or board games that you no longer use but are still in good condition, we would love to give them a new home. Please contact Mrs Harris, Mrs Broady or Mrs Nolan.

### Work Party

Last summer we held a very successful work party on a Saturday. As we move into Spring there are plenty of jobs to do around school again, including tidying up the Spiritual garden. If you would be interesting in helping please see Mrs Nolan with some dates that work for you.

### Swimming

A reminder that children in Years 5 and 6 will be swimming this **Wednesday**. Year 3 and 4 will be swimming from next term, every other Wednesday starting from the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. A notification will be sent via school money regarding payments.

### PGL

There will be a meeting in the school hall for year 5 and 6 parents at **2:30 this Wednesday** to discuss PGL.

### St Peter's Church

We will be attending Church **this Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**. Please drop children off at the Church from 8:30 am

### School Dinners

We are delighted that Cater Cater have been able to step in at very short notice to be our new dinner supplier. The Head boys and girls, and myself met with Cater Cater last week where the children asked them several challenging questions. We were very impressed with their responses and the food they

brought along for us to sample. Please ensure you have given your menu choices to Mrs Tetlow.

#### Parent Discussion Groups

We have been very lucky to have been given the opportunity to run some parent support groups in school. These will only be provided if we can show that we have sufficient interest. Forms were included in the newsletter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Nolan will have paper copies of these available in the playground before school this week. Please do take a copy. As well as the sessions on offer we are also looking for ideas of what else you might be interested in.

This week's value - Friendship