

Newsletter

21st October

Dear parents,

We have been very impressed with how well the children have settled back to school this term and with all their hard work. We hope they have a well-deserved rest over the half term. We will not be setting holiday homework but please remember to keep reading with your child, and practicing phonics. All children from Year 1 to 6 have access to Numberblocks or Times Tables Rock Stars, and Oxford Owl provide a wide range of free online reading material.

Half Term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Pro stars Holiday Club Monday 26th- Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th – Thursday 29th

Informing the school about absences or medical needs

If you are emailing to let us know that your child will be absent or has a specific medical issue please email admin@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk and copy in the class teacher. Teachers are unable to read emails during the school day

The Tyre Park

Please can you ensure that your child is not playing on the tyre park during drop off and collection times. The tyre park is reserved for one class bubble at any one time.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs K Harbin as our new SEND Co. Mrs Harbin is an experienced SEND Co who will be working with us one day a fortnight. We will be introducing Mrs Harbin to parents of children on the SEND register next term.

Half term scarecrow challenge

Over the half term holiday we are challenging all our families to make a scarecrow that tell others about your favorite foods. Display your scarecrow in your window or front garden for others to see. Perhaps you can also take a photograph and email it to Mrs Nolan: head@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk.

On the first day back to school, bring your scarecrow with you and we will create an outdoor display for everyone to see. There will be a small prize for every entry with extra prizes for the best three. At the end of the day we will be inviting everyone to have a look at our display and providing an opportunity for you to make a donation to the local food bank (money only this year by request from the Food Bank). This will be in place of our normal harvest service.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are continuing to support the village's Friendship Club with the Christmas Shoe Box appeal this year. This year we are asking that items be taken straight to St Peter's Church which will be open throughout the half term. At the beginning of November, a team from the Friendship Club will pack up the shoe boxes and wrap them in Christmas paper ready for them to go on their journey. Any financial donations are also welcome, and the Friendship Club will use these to buy additional items for the boxes.

Items for Christmas Shoe Boxes:	
Shampoo/Shower Gel <i>Maximum 300 ml each</i>	Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Felt Tips
Soap/flannel (new)	Gloves/Scarves/Hat (<i>new or knitted</i>)
Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Wind up Torch/Radio
Pens/paper	Small Games
Colouring books	travel size: draughts, dominos/playing Cards
Reading Glasses/small magnifier	Foldable Brush/Comb
Small Mirror	Craft/Sewing Kit
Safety Razors	Socks/Tights (new)
Plasters	Candles and Holders
Small Toys	Sweets/chocolates
Yoyo, skipping rope, toy cars	<i>EU origin and best before June 2021</i>
Mug/wooden spoon/cutlery	Writing Pads
Screwdriver/tape measure/diy tool	Simple Calculator <i>Solar powered</i>
Teddy/Doll/Soft Toy	Tissues/Handkerchiefs
Hair Accessories	
Work gloves	Cloth hankies (<i>men's sizes</i>)
Nail clipper/brush/small scissors	Hot water bottle
Shopping bag – strong cotton cloth	Sensory Items
<i>beany item</i>	<i>eg wind chimes, lavender bag,</i>
<i>No to food; No to medicines; No to out of date items; No to books or Literature; No to tea and coffee</i>	

Remembrance Poppies

Children will be able to buy poppies from school at the start of next term. We will be working with Rev Joe to explore the theme of Remembrance during the week of November 11th.

Plans for Christmas

Although our Christmas arrangements will be different this year we are working hard to ensure that the children still have a lot of fun. Several children like to bring in cards for their friends. We are asking that children bring in cards on December 1st or December 8th only. Cards will then be kept for 72 hours before being handed out to children to take home.

We will not be able to hold our usual Christmas service but will be preparing an online version instead with contributions from each class. We will share arrangements for the Christmas meal and class parties nearer the time.

Wrap- Around Care

A reminder that wrap-around care is available before and after school. After school sports clubs continue to be available with one for each year group from Year 1 -6. This term we have ensured that each club has an indoor option.

If you would like to book a wrap- around care session or sports club please contact Jo Young earlybirds@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk.

Term 2 starts Monday 2nd November. Please make sure your child returns to school with a warm coat, wellie boots and a water bottle.

This month's value



RESPECT

*So whatever you wish that others would do to you,
do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

(Matthew 7:12)