

Newsletter

23rd September 2021

Welcome back

We are delighted with how quickly the children have settled into a new school year, new classes and new routines. Our new pre-school and reception children have particularly impressed us. It was lovely to be able to welcome new parents into school last weekend with a PTFA coffee and cake morning from families in Pre-school to Year One. We are looking forward to further opportunities to welcome you all back on site this year.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this year. Year 5 and 6 are excited about their residential this weekend!

Children's school committees and new awards this year

We really value the contributions that the children make to school. This week we are inviting the children to apply for some committee roles. Some of these roles are open to the older children only. All children may apply to be considered for school council and all children from Year 1 can apply to be Play Buddies. To give the children as many real life experiences as possible:

- Years 1 and 2: make a poster
- Years 3 and 4 write a letter
- Years 5 and 5: complete an application form

Closing date: Friday 1st October

We are also launching a brand new awards this year, 'Celebrating Service'. This is linked to our school vision: *Cherish Others ~ Flourish Together ~ Serve Others*. All children can take part in the award and there will be seven different levels making it accessible to children from pre-school to Year 6. If you have any suggestions of activities children can complete to show service, at home, at school, in the community and of the wider world please share these with Mrs Nolan.

PTFA events this term

The PTFA AGM is on Tuesday 5th October, 6pm to 7pm in the School hall. This is open to all parents and is a chance to meet other as well as sharing ideas for fundraising and social events. There will be cheese and wine and a crèche for children if you do not have childcare arrangements.

On the 16th of October there will be a school working party day, focusing on the outside areas, from 10am to 4pm. All welcome, no skills needed- just enthusiasm (and gardening tools/ brushes to paint fences etc. if you have them).

To receive school and PTFA news and events please like the following facebook pages:

Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School and Pre-School

Pre-loved Uniform - Newnham St Peter's School PTFA

Holiday Free School Meals Vouchers

Diary Dates

September

24th 27th—Manor Adventure Year 5/6

October

1st Flu immunisation

5th PTFA AGM 6pm (school hall)

15th Year 5 /6 pottery workshop

16th Work Party

For the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week. Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term are open until **midday Friday 24 September**. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30th of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website. For any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

If you feel you may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding, please contact the office for details or visit our website <https://www.newnhamstpetersschool.org.uk/catering.html> Please do this even if your child is in Reception to Year 2. Entitlement to Pupil premium funding will enable you to enrol on the holiday programme and will provide additional income to the school to enhance the support we offer.

COVID Measures

Thank you for your ongoing support with managing COVID, especially with proactively booking PCR tests when children have symptoms or have been a close contact. We are continuing to ask the children to wash/ hand sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day and are ensuring rooms are well ventilated. Both these measures reduce the risk of contamination. There is no longer a one-way system in place for the start and end of the school day, please can parents enter and exit by the gate to the play park. Whenever we have confirmation of a positive Covid case in your child's class we will inform you by letter. In the event of risk increasing, nationally, locally or in on school setting then we will reintroduce more measures. See our school website for details:

<https://www.newnhamstpetersschool.org.uk/docs/Newnham%20Cof%20E%20School%20COVID%20continuity%20summary%20September%202021.pdf>

Food in school

A reminder that we are a nut free school, this includes lunch boxes. Please bring fruit or seeds only for snack. We also have free fruit in school for children in pre-school, reception and key stage one.

This month's value ~ Friendship

