Newsletter

Thursday 9th January (No. 16)

Message from Miss Fisher

Welcome back to 2025!

I do hope everyone had a wonderful, restful break and stayed well. It has been wonderful to welcome back such happy, smiley children this week. They are all looking super smart in their uniform and thankyou for wrapping them up warm in this cold weather. Woolly hats, gloves and scarves make it so much easier to ensure that the children can get outside for fresh air even when it is very cold. I even had to break out the woolly hat this week!

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of leading the first assembly of 2025 where we talked about the ancient Roman God Janus. Janus was a God of new beginnings and had the ability to look back and forward. The children found this very exciting and then helped me use Mr Marshall's special Janus binoculars to look back at some of their favourite memories from last year. The children mentioned things like sports day; the Christmas fayre; groovy dancing at the disco; designing bridges and robots and many other things.

We then played a game in which the children had to decide which New Year's resolution matched which member of staff. Can you guess who these may belong to?

- To bake more at home.
- Be more cyber safe by changing my passwords more frequently!

The children then had an opportunity to share some of their resolutions for the year and it was lovely to hear them.

- George from Maple class:

"My grandma is an amazing cook and I want to learn more cooking skills from her."

- Vinnie from Maple class:

"I am going to learn how to do my cursive letters so that I can join my handwriting."

- Rupert from Cedar class:

"Be more confident and not worry so much about what other people think as this can hold me back."

- Kamilla from Cedar class:

"Take on lots of new challenges."

- Tilly from Cedar:

"Be more optimistic and think positively about things every morning."



Safeguarding

Happy New Year to you all!

Technology – Keeping our children safe online.

Many of our children may have received new technology for Christmas including mobile phones and games consoles. Access to the internet can take place anywhere and at any time so we need to make sure our children are able to use the internet safely. Many children are unaware of the risks, for example, by having many online friends (who could be strangers), viewing unsuitable content or sharing too much personal information. As gaming is such a popular pastime for many of our children, the staff at Newtown are always keen to support you in keeping the children safe online. To assist you in keeping your children safe online, please find some useful guidance in the web links below

Latest Parent's Guides | Page 1 | Outcyders
Parents guides for many games including Fortnite, Roblox and Minecraft

Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters
Parental controls and privacy settings guides for all common platforms

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
A great website to use with children, a package of resources created by the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command, designed to help 8–10-year-olds learn how to stay safe online.

Google Family Link App- keeping an eye on their phone!

There is an app called 'Family Link Google' which a parent can download and link it to their child's android phone. This means that they can control the use and set timers on the phone. It also means that if the child tries to download an app, a notification is sent to the parent's phone, and they have to give consent in order for the child to be able to download it. It also lets parents set certain digital ground rules for their family.

Parents can also use Family Link to create a Google Account for a child under the age of 13. Once complete, children can sign into their device with their new account. Once the accounts have been linked, parents can use Family Link to help them do things like keep an eye on screen time and manage the content that they use.






INTO THE WILD!
OUTBACK EDITION
Thursday 16th January 2025
MAINS
Bear's Battered Chicken Gryll
Didgeridoo Dog (VG)
Coral Reef Wrap Bar (V)
Boomerang Baked Potato (V) (VG) (GF)
SIDES
Canberra Chips
Gold Coast Corn
Kanga-Roos Spaghetti Rings
Bush Tucker Salad Bar
Kookaburra Ketchup
DESSERT
Jam Tim Tam (VG)
Sunshine Sorbet (VG)
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)
dolce



Football Club Years 4,5&6





We still have a few spaces in football club for years 4,5 & 6.

To book a place for your child, please make payment on Scopay in the usual way.

Dates for Diary

14.01.2025	Beech & Cedar class swimming
16.01.2025	Willow Class visiting the Egg Theatre
23.01.2025	Bedtime Stories for KS1 (5:30-6:30pm)
14.02.2025	Last day of term