Newsletter

Wednesday 18th December (No. 15)

Message from Mr Marshall

It never fails to surprise me how quickly we get to the end of a term. It seems only a short time ago that we were welcoming children back to school after the summer break! Plenty has happened during this time, including our recent OFSTED, which I will be able to share more about after the break. Throughout the last two terms we have seen both great attitudes towards learning and brilliant behaviour. It really is a pleasure to work with such lovely children. This last couple of weeks in particular has been very enjoyable with performances, the Christmas Fayre, the cinema morning and a disco amongst other Festivities.

Many of you were able to watch the recent performances put on by Willow, Sycamore and Maple. Personally, I was bowled over with the quality of their singing and their acting - a very impressive feat from some of our youngest children. This is an example of how, even at a young age, children can rise to the challenge of learning lines, songs and then perform these with genuine confidence and enjoyment. One of the things I know was noticed during our inspection, was just how well the children at Newtown develop character - these performances enabled the children to do just that! Of course a lot of preparation did go into the shows, and I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Potter, Miss Pountney, and to Mrs Dowler (who after Christmas will be known as Miss Hallam) for all their hard work. They, along with all the adults involved, brought together a wonderful experience for the children.

We do hope you are able to join us, if possible, for our traditional 'Carols around the Tree' afternoon. We will be starting at 2:00pm on Thursday. There may well be a mince pie for those able to attend!

Have a safe and lovely break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the new term.



Safeguarding



Keep control of what your children view online!

Many children might be lucky enough to receive mobiles or games consoles this Christmas. However in today's technological world we sometimes lose our children to these devices. Often, in bedrooms or locked away from view of parents, your children may accidently come across some things on the internet that they are not yet ready to view or understand.

There are filters you can set up on devices, that mean search engines and other platforms will block inappropriate content. This is one of the easiest ways to ensure you are helping to protect your child from the online world. It is also really important to have an insight into what your child is doing online. Do you regularly check their messaging? The group chats they may be on? Do you check their search history or watch history on you tube?

None of this is snooping, it is about being safe in a world that is very easily not for children when living online.

This link is for the NSPCC website. There are some great resources that support you in how to set up parental controls and discuss how this can be achieved and why it is so important.

Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact our trained helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.

With this being the final newsletter of 2024, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing everyone safely back at school in January.

Message from Miss Fisher

A big well done to our headteacher commendation winners who have been recognised for their incredible achievements by their teachers. Words such as resilience, kindness, determination and respect were used repeatedly to describe these amazing learners. Headteacher's commendations are a way of recognising exemplary behaviour and is awarded to children who have gone above and beyond with their learning but also a recognition of those who always share the school's value of kindness. The children will be rewarded with a special trip down to Waterstones to choose a new book and of course they will also enjoy a Shakeaway milkshake before heading back to school. Well done to Juniper, Alfie L, Carter, Jonah, Libby E, Ala and Arianna – you need to be very proud of yourselves.





THANK YOU FONS!

The wonderful Christmas Fayre and Parent Presents raised an incredible **£1024.89** for the school.

Thank you to the amazing FONS team for arranging such brilliant events and thank to all our Newtown families for their support.

Singing around the Tree

Thursday 19th December 2pm

Please join us at school to sing songs around the Christmas Tree

Christmas Jumper Day raised

£63.26



For Save The Children

Superstars



Reuben, Alan, Kacper, Oscar, Abigail, Teddy & Tadiwa

Attendance

151 children had 100% attendance in the last week, you are awesome!

Beech class were the best at being in & on time every day last week.
Well done Beech Class!
7 Penalty Notice Applications have been made so far this academic year.

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Dates for Diary

19.12.2024	Carols Around The Tree at 2pm
20.12.2024	Last day of term
06.01.2025	INSET Day-School closed to children
07.01.2025	First day of term 3
07.01.2025	Beech & Cedar swimming lessons
16.01.2025	Willow Class to the Egg Theatre
23.01.2025	Bedtime Stories for KS1 (5:30-6:30pm)