Newsletter

Friday 6th December (No. 13)

Message from Mr Marshall

Well, what a week it's been!

OFSTED

With regard to the OFSTED inspection which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, the outcome will be published at a later date, probably towards the end of January. There are a number of processes which now happen in the background, which do take time and this is the reason publication dates for OFSTED inspection reports are always some time after the actual inspection itself. As a school, we are very pleased with what the inspector got to see during his time here. He spoke to many children about their experience of attending Newtown School, and asked many questions about their achievements. He also wanted to know what they liked about our school and what could be improved.

The children were incredible throughout the inspector's time with us. Their excellent behaviour stood out and was definitely noticed, as were their great attitudes in the classroom. I am not surprised by any of this, as I see it day in and day out, every single week.

I would also like to say a couple of thank yous to you as our community. Firstly, for your kind words of support on the playground and in cards, and also for all the chocolate that found its way into our staffroom! Additionally, we appreciated the effort you went to completing the Parent View survey and for the time many of you made to speak to the inspector when he was around and about the school grounds.

We are looking forward to receiving the final report, but in the meantime, we will enjoy a more relaxed run into the festive break. We hope you are able to join us for upcoming events ver the next two weeks in-cluding; our annual visit to St James' and our traditional carols around the tree celebration.

Christmas Fayre

Still with festivities and thank yous - what an amazing turnout we had for yesterday's Christmas Fayre. Events like these are only a success because of the community - you make the difference, and it was great to see you all there. These events are also only possible because of the commitment of the FONS organisation, who put in place all the planning and preparation to make them a success. I have included some photos of this great afternoon with this newsletter.









Safeguarding



Christmas technology – Keeping our children safe online.

With Christmas just around the corner, I am sure many of the children will be receiving and using the internet and related technologies, including mobile phones, games consoles and social networks over the festive break.

Socially, our children often use the internet for entertainment, interaction, and communication with 'friends'. 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.

Family Link

St James Church Christmas Service

The whole school will be taking part in a Christmas Service at St James Church on
Wednesday 11th December at 2pm.

Parents are most welcome to meet us at the church to join in with the service

Christmas dinner & jumper day

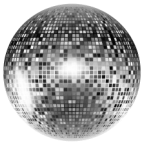
Tuesday 17th December



Disco

Wednesday 18th December

Children can bring in their party clothes to change into for the disco



The disco will take part during normal school hours

Singing around the Tree

Thursday 19th December 1.45pm

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

Clubs

Bookings are open for Terms 3 &4.

To book a place for your child, please make payment on Scopay.



Attendance

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

Sycamore class were the best at being in & on time every day last week. Well done Sycamore Class!

7 Penalty Notice Applications have been made so far this academic year.

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THE CIVIC TROWBRIDGE

Christmas SING-A-LONG

Join in with the Civic Team and other Trowbridge Town Council departments for a festive celebration before Christmas! Enjoy music, singing, and cheer with family and friends!

DECEMBER 22 | 19:00 | £1 DONATION



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THE CIVIC CENTRE - ST. STEPHEN'S PLACE - TROWBRIDGE - WILTSHIRE - BA14 8AH

All £1 donations will go to the Mayor's chosen charities: Stepping Stones and Trowbridge Future.

NATIONAL UK TOUR



Jack and the Beanstalk

THE PANTOMIME THAT'S FE-FI-FO-FUN!

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SCAN TO BOOK

THE CIVIC TROWBRIDGE

CHILDREN £6.50 | ADULTS £8.50

WED 18TH DEC 2024 - 5PM AND 7PM

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Superstars!





Amias,
Rex,
Emilia,
Khaleesi,
Arlo,
Ala & Annabelle

Dates for Diary	
11.12.2024	St James Church Service 2pm-3pm (Parents welcome to attend)
12.12.2024	KS1 Nativity Performance
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13.12.2024	Oak Class to Trowbridge Museum
17.12.2024	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day!
18.12.2024	Christmas Disco afternoon
19.12.2024	Carols Around The Tree
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