



New Pastures Primary School

Newsletter

1st March 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians

Once again we have had a very busy term with lots of exciting things happening in school. The children have been working really hard and it is good to see them happy and engaged in their learning.

PARENT MEETINGS

We are happy to say that parent meetings will now go ahead within school. These will take place after school on the 23rd and 24th March in both the lower and upper school buildings and you will have the opportunity to look at your child`s work. Staff will be distributing information for you to make appointments.

PUPIL VOICE

The school council consists of members throughout the school. They meet on a regular basis to discuss issues or organize events and fundraisers. I recently received a letter from them on behalf of pupils in school to ask if we could allow sugar free flavoured water or dilute squash in school. Council had researched the effects of staying hydrated and believed some children were not drinking enough in school. After listening to their views and discussing with staff, we have agreed to give this a trial period and sanction this. **Please note- drinks must be sugar free.** As you are aware, we have to trust you with this. The school council will also be part of the review process.

ON LINE SAFETY

We take on line safety very seriously in school and policies and procedures are followed. Protected software is in place so that pupils cannot access inappropriate material. Currently there are more pupils talking about playing on games at home that are not age appropriate and some with violent scenes. We have also been made aware of various comments on social media and pupils using apps such as snapchat to communicate with groups of friends and inappropriate comments have been made. Thank you to those parents that have brought devices into school to share this information with us.

The internet on the whole is an inspiring and positive place to be. It is constantly changing and children need advice and protection to stay safe on line. Can I please draw your attention to the on line safety section which is written under parents on the school website. There are lots of useful guides, advice and information for you to access.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Thank you for the positive feedback received on the extra-curricular activities that we have provided over the last term. Pupils who have accessed these have thoroughly enjoyed sessions. The program is displayed on the school website. As a reminder, some of the after school clubs may be free to your child and paid for by school and some may be with a small cost to cover staffing and resources.

WORLD BOOK DAY and COMIC RELIEF

Information has already been sent out about World Book Day on Thursday and everyone in school is looking forward to it. Further details of what we are doing in school for comic relief on the 18th March will follow. Red noses are currently on sale for £1.50 from the office.

COVID

Information has been given on the updated guidance and procedures for you to follow. If you have any doubts, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Monday 7 th March	C9 visit Crucial Crew
Wednesday 9 th March	School Photos
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief
Wednesday 23 rd March	Parent Evening
Thursday 24 th March	Parent Evening
Thursday 31 st March	School closes for Easter 3pm
Friday 1 st April	Staff Venn training day
Tuesday 19 th April	School reopens

Thank you for your continued support in school

P. Belnavis

Head teacher