



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Volume 1- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our first week back at St John Henry Newman has gone by in flash! It was very moving for me on Tuesday to see so many new children and families enter the school and join us for their learning journeys. This week we have welcomed well over 100 new children across the school, and I have been so impressed with how the established children have supported and guided them. Our new Reception children have settled into life at here very quickly and I know that both Miss Bates and Mrs Lopez have been extremely impressed. Finally, I would like to thank you all for how you welcomed our new staff this week. They have all said how at home you have made them feel each morning and night. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

***'If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one' St Mother Teresa of Calcutta***

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

#### **Attendance**

Well done to Year 5 for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.2% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

#### **Parking**

We have seen a significant increase to the number of cars using our car park this week. Therefore, I strongly urge that everyone always drives carefully (5mph) as children will be walking around this space. **Also, please respect the disabled parking spaces and only use them if permitted to do so.**

#### **PE Days**

Next week we will begin our PE teaching. Please see below your child's PE Days.

- Reception – Monday
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday and Thursday

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to speak with Mr Pepper.

#### **Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)**

All the adults in Reception have been extremely proud of how your children have settled into their first week of primary school! It has been a busy week of exploring the classrooms, making new friends, learning school routines, and learning on the new outdoor play equipment in the lovely sunshine. We have enjoyed 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' and 'Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School' in our class story times as well as learning how to say 'Hello' or 'Good Morning' in different languages through singing too.



### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)**

In Armstrong Class, this week we have been spending our time getting to know our teachers, new friends, routines, and expectations. In English we have been writing sentences about ourselves and our lives focusing on remembering our full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. In maths we have been recapping some of the basic skills we learned last year including getting our numbers around the correct way, accurate counting, number recognition number bonds to ten. It has been a fun and enjoyable week, and we cannot wait to get going with our Year One curriculum next week!

### **Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)**

We have had a lovely time in Chanel class this week learning all about each other and our new classroom routines. This was embedded nicely in our English learning where we have been writing sentences all about our families, hobbies, and favourite things. Within this we have been taking care to include capital letters, full stops and forming letters correctly. We have been busy in Maths recapping basic skills to help ensure we are ready for our learning next week. We have practiced our number formation, recited number bonds to 10 and 20 as well as played games to support our number recognition to 20 and 100. We have had a fun and exciting week and looking forward to all working together as a class throughout the year.

### **Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)**

This week in Year 3 we have completed lots of fun activities. We have got to know more about each other and are very excited about being upstairs. We have started our maths work on place value and have looked at the front cover of the book we will be reading in reading lessons which is called Voices in the park. Computing has been a focus for this week, and we were eager to learn more about what a belief, opinion and fact is.



### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)**

Our Year 4 children have settled into life here very well and have been sharing their own expectations of the class and have written promises to their new classmates too!





### **Year 5 Learning (Frank)**

We have been busy reacquainting ourselves in Frank classroom and we have some very welcome additions to our ranks. We have discussed how we can create the best learning environment and how we will need to apply ourselves as we take on the challenges of Upper Key Stage two. We started in English reading all about our class patron: Anne Frank. The story was powerful and quite sad. However, it is also very inspirational and led to extremely in-depth discussions over this week. Alongside this story we are looking at the lead up and events of WW2 and we created a timeline to understand where in our history that this conflict occurred. In maths we began by looking at place value in numbers and used various models and equipment to display the value of each digit within a number. We began our PE focus on skills of football, with Miss K, outside on the playground (although it was hot!) A very satisfying and enjoyable week.

### **Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)**

The children have settled into Year 6 fantastically this week and have got stuck in with activities across the curriculum! We have looked at numbers up to 10,000,000 and solving problems in Maths, started our new class book; Holes, looked at and created our own census in History, met our new PE teacher and started looking at football skills, and have begun writing first person narratives!



### **Parent WhatsApp Groups - A message from our Parent Governors**

A few classes have set up parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, the currently existing groups are:

Reception Attenborough-<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC007U>

Year 1 Chanel -<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BqNcyl3mcjjG4zw9fZMI2O>

Year 3 Yousafzai-<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

### **Autumn Term 2023 Dates**

11-9-2023	Reception in Full-Time
26-9-2023	4.30pm Welcome Ceremony – Reception Parents
29-9-2023	Schools Mass in Norwich
2-10-2023	Black History Month
5-10-2023	11.00am Harvest Celebration
9-10-2023	Feast of St John Henry Newman
10-10-2023	Parent Meetings
11-10-2023	Parent Meetings

### **Half Term (23-10-2023 – 27-10-2023)**

7-11-2023	9.30am School Photos
13-11-2023	Anti-Bullying Week
27-11-2023	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
29-11-2023	4.30pm Advent Service
5-12-2023	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
12-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
13-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
14-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
15-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
18-12-2023	Christmas Jumper Day
18-12-2023	Christmas Lunch
19-12-2023	1.30pm Last Day