

# Newtown Primary School

## Newsletter

### Weekly News Update

#### Safeguarding Families

Please read this safety information about choking:

**-STAY:** Stay with children when they're eating – it's the biggest thing you can do for them.

**-STILL:** Get children to sit still – it can be a battle but it's much safer.

**-Cut up foods that are round, hard, chunky, doughy, or stodgy.**

**-Sausages or hot dogs** – cut into short, narrow strips lengthways as thin as possible. Removing the skin makes them easier to swallow.

**Meat** – cut into strips and remove any bones, skin, or fat.

**-Fruit** – check for pips or stones and remove them.

**-Round fruit** (grapes, blueberries, cherries, strawberries, and cherry tomatoes)– cut lengthways and then into quarters.

**-Vegetables and larger fruit** (melon, apple, mango, carrot and cucumber) – cut into thin strips, grate or mash, steam, or simmer.

**-Legumes** (chickpeas and butter beans) – mash or steam to soften them.

**-Nuts and seeds** – chop or flake (Whole nuts should not be given to under 5's).

**-Cheese** – cut into narrow batons or strips.

**-Bread** - Cut all types of bread into narrow strips. White bread can form a doughy ball, so brown or toasted bread is a good option.

**-Remove skin** from fruits or vegetables to make them easier to swallow.

**-AVOID these foods** – for babies and young children: popcorn, marshmallows, round hard sweets – including lollipops, mini-eggs, jelly cubes, peanut butter (but ok to use as a spread, whole grapes.

#### Important Dates

-Christmas Jumper Day 07.12.23

-100% Attendance Polar Express Prize 08.12.23

-EYFS Parent Workshop - The Importance of Play 12.12.23 at 8:45-9:45

-Rock Steady workshops 12.12.23

-Christmas Dinner Day 13.12.23

-SEND Parents' Coffee Morning 13.12.23 at 9:00 - 10:30

-Winter Event for Families 18.12.23 between 2:00 - 4:00

-KS1 9:30 & KS2 1:45 Christmas Church Performance 19.12.23

-EYFS Christmas Performance 21.12.23 at 9:00

-Christmas Parties 22.12.23

-Last day of term: 22.12.23

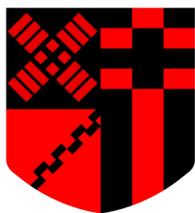
-First day of Spring term 09.01.23

#### Nursery & Reception Places

We have spaces available in Nursery and Reception for this and next year. If your child turns 3 at any point between September 2023 and July 2024 then please contact the school to complete a Nursery application.

If your child turns 3 between September 2024 and July 2025 make sure you secure a place for them by completing an application form from our school office.

If you need support completing a Reception application for September 2024, please come into school on Tuesdays or Thursdays and ask for Mr Patel's support.



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#### Play Parent Workshop



You are invited to



#### Our Early Years Literacy and Play Parent workshop

**Tuesday 12th December 2023**  
**8.45-9.45am**



Come and have fun at our Literacy and Play workshop. The aim of this workshop is for parents and carers to find out more about how we can support children with their early

Literacy and Play skills. We will be learning about the importance of sharing stories and Rhythm and Rhyme from a young age. The workshop will also give us the opportunity to tell you about the little Wandle Phonics scheme that we use at school and how you can access this at home.

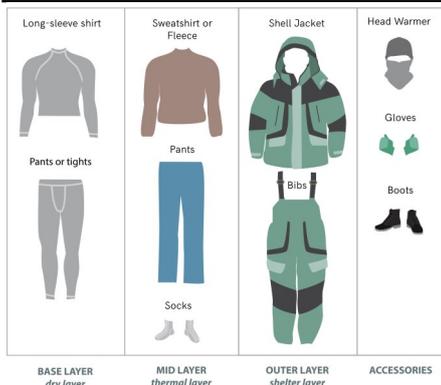
Please tear off the slip and return to your child's teacher.

#### Meet Our New Deputy Headteacher

Mr Clayton, who will be our substantive Deputy Headteacher will be coming into school on Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 20th December. Please feel free to say hello or come and ask any question you may have.

#### Cold Weather

There has been a West Midlands amber, cold weather alert. Please do ensure children are layered up with additional layers that they can remove or add as they choose.



#### Winter Event

On Monday 18th December, we will be holding a Winter event at school from 2:00 - 4:00. For families wanting to attend, children can be collected from 1:30. There will be different stalls eg face-painting, tip-top javelin, hook a duck, cakes, Christmas decorations etc.

If you are interested in having your own stall or have your own business and would like to sell products then please let Miss Littlewood or Mrs Taylor know. There will be a charge £10 to have a stall.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 11th December at £1 per ticket.



#### Outdoor Play - Lunch Times

We will be enhancing our lunch time provision after Christmas. We encourage families to send children in with water-proof clothing and wellies to protect their uniform.

If you have any old items to donate, then please let us know e.g. wellies and all in one water-proofs.

Can I please also ask for large cardboard box donations after Christmas? I'm sure you will have plenty of large boxes that you'll want rid of which we will use for role-play.



# DECEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE



In December's chill, a challenge we face,  
 To rise from our beds in a sleepy embrace.  
 The darkness surrounds, a shroud so cold,  
 Norovirus whispers, tales of the bold.  
 Colds and flu dance in the winter air,  
 Chicken pox joins, a trio unfair.  
 School attendance falters, as illness takes hold,  
 A wintry struggle, both young and old.  
 But fear not, dear Newtown, a solution they bring,  
 Prizes and joy, like the first light of spring.  
 Polar Express on screen, in pyjamas we sway,  
 Hot chocolate and marshmallows, a sweet cabaret.  
 Christmas breakfast with Santa, a magical delight,  
 Spreads warmth and cheer, in the cold, dark night.  
 A Christmas disco, the perfect remedy,  
 For those ailing souls, a festive symphony.  
 So, in December's grasp, when sickness may cling,  
 Newtown's spirit soars, like the sound of bells ring.  
 Prizes and merriment, a remedy so bright,  
 Against the winter woes, they stand and unite.



We understand that December can be a difficult month: dark, cold and lots of wintry illnesses. We understand that for some, 100% attendance for the whole of December is not possible so here are our week by week attendance prizes in December:

- **Advent Calendars:** each class will have a calendar with a treat for one child per day
- **£50 Asda Vouchers:** each week in December a family with 100% attendance for that week, will be chosen to receive a £50 Asda voucher
- **Polar Express:** all children with 100% attendance for the 1st week in December (4th - 8th) will be invited to come and watch the Polar Express in their pyjamas and enjoy a hot chocolate.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** all children with 100% attendance for the 2nd week in December (11th - 15th) will be invited to have breakfast with Santa.
- **Christmas Disco:** all children with 100% attendance for the 3rd week in December (18th - 22nd) will be invited to a Christmas Disco.

This is in addition to our weekly 100% stickers and our weekly 96% or above prize for a family pass to Dudley Zoo.