

Dear Parents and Carers

As the first half term of the new school year draws to a close I would like to share some of the fabulous activities that have taken place in school. Thank you for your kind donations for Harvest festival that have been delivered to the Trussell Trust. The Church was decorated by pictures that the children had produced to celebrate St Matthew's Day. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our Harvest Service, I know it's a celebration that the children enjoy.

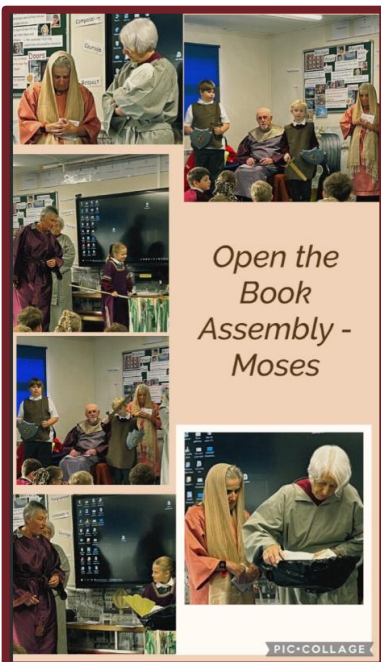


Miss Ford from Nottingham Trent University finishing their final year placements with us.

We bid farewell to Mr Woolley as he moves onto another adventure and we welcomed two new staff members Miss Bray as a learning support assistant and Mrs Chaplin as the new site manager. We also have 3 students, Mrs Green, Miss Iontton and



The students have formed a student council and will be working on organisation fund raising activities in school as well as investigating ways to improve our school with suggestions from other pupils.



The children always look forward to visits from Open The Book who bring our bible stories to life.

The children have contributed towards the story board of our school which we will send to our Minister community. We will also be asking for community input for our whole school community story board, telling the community about our amazing school and community at Newbold.



Robins

We welcomed the new Reception children to Robins this term and they have been getting used to being in school and exploring the topic All About Me. Reception have already started learning their sounds and learning new number concepts together. They have talked about people who can help them both at school and at home and told us about their families and homes. They have produced some lovely artwork using pencil, paint and pastels. They have also started to learn how to ride the bikes safely with Mrs Farmer and this will continue throughout the year.

This half term Robins have been enjoying learning how to play target games in PE and improving their fundamental skills. They have also been practising how to keep a steady beat to music and listen for changes so they know when to change speed.

In RE we have been learning about what it is like to belong to different communities. We acted out a Christian Christening and learnt about the ways that a Muslim family would welcome a baby into their family.



Mastering number is now being taught to all of the class in separate groups each week. This allows them to focus on learning their basic maths concepts and helping them to be able to explain different ideas.

KS1 have been exploring the topic of School Day. We have been very interested to find out some of the history of our school and we are very grateful to the Newbold Heritage group for the information they have on their site and the boards they put up around the village. We found out lots of information from a memoir of a past headteacher John Stacey which gave us a little insight. We were surprised by the number of children who came to this school in the past and that there was a bell rope hanging down inside one of the classrooms.

In DT we have been exploring building shelters. We started by putting up Mrs Greening's tent, practised our knot making skills and then made our prototypes and designed our shelters. It was fun making our own shelter in Cooper's Cutting.

We have been exploring materials, including how they change which has led to use melting chocolate to make crispy cakes and making our own jelly and ice cream.



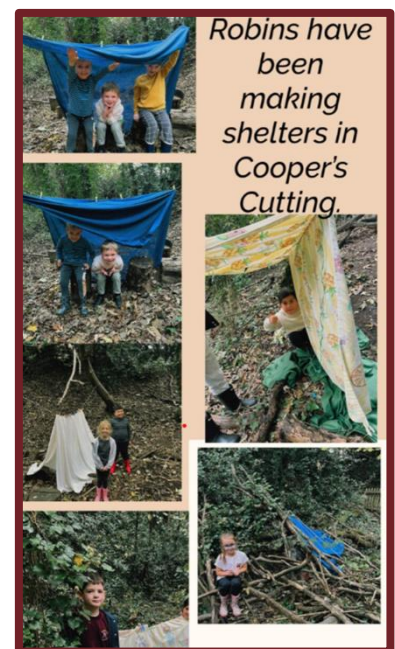
We have carried out experiments to see which materials are waterproof. You may have seen a lot of chalk markings in the playground as the class explored making shadows and practised using a compass to give directions.

We have been working on finishing different stories this term and enjoyed having to use our imagination to decide what happens when we pull the switch hanging from the sky and also entering the door we find in the mountain. It has been great to hear everyone's ideas.

Please keep reading as much as possible and practicing any phonic cards you have in bag as it really helps the children to become confident in their reading skills.

It is really important to make sure we are expecting them to say their sounds correctly mmm not muh, nnn not nuh. Please use the link below to check the pronunciation.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>



Swans

This term, we have welcomed Miss Ford and Miss Iontton to Owls and Eagles as final year teaching students. We are delighted to have their support, albeit for a brief time.

In KS2, we have begun to understand a little more about the World Wars. After learning about the key events that begun and ended WWI, we have looked the impact this had on the beginning of WWII.

We have been lucky to welcome Mr Sims and Mrs Farmer, who have shared some family memorabilia from a soldier's and an evacuee's perspective.

Many of the class have been inspired to bring items in from home to share and talk about. Thank you to all who have contributed to our learning.

Our English lessons have allowed us to explore this point in history more – with stories based in a historical setting, based on Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian and non-fiction, based on Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.





In science, we are learning about how light travels, in preparation for an investigation into what material makes the best black out curtains.

School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday, 27th October – Wednesday, 10th December. Clubs do not run the last week of this term. The signup form is now live on Weduc.

Monday: Mini Trampolining

Tuesday: Art Club all classes

Wednesday: Drama all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports all classes

If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.

Key Dates 2025

Friday, 17th October: School closed for Inset

Monday, 20th October – Friday, 24th October: Closed for Half Term

Monday, 27th October: Term Starts

Friday, 31st October 2.30pm: Parents coffee, chat and catch up in the mobile

Wednesday, 5th November 12.30-1pm: Community Lunch – fully booked

Monday, 10th November: Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday, 11th November 10.30-11.05am: Remembrance Service - whole school community welcome to attend

Friday, 14th November: Children in Need Day - children to dress up in spotty clothing or official Children in Need merchandise in exchange for a donation to Children in Need

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November: FONS Newbold Nearly New and Natter

Tuesday, 18th November: Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition- sign up coming soon on Weduc

Tuesday, 2nd December 2pm and 6pm: KS1 Nativity – Tickets sent out in November

Wednesday, 3rd December 12:30pm: Grandparents Lunch – fully booked

Friday, 5th December: Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a prize for the FONS tombola

Friday, 5th December 1.30-3pm: Whole school community Christmas crafts afternoon - no Achievement Assembly on this day

Wednesday 10th December: Community & Grandparents Lunch – Please book on ParentPay

Wednesday 10th December: Last Day of Clubs

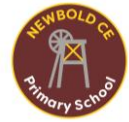
Thursday, 11th December 2.30pm: Christmas Service at St Matthew's Church - no after school clubs on this day

Friday, 12th December: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday, 12th December from 3.15pm: FONS Christmas Fair

Wednesday, 17th December: Pantomime at Diseworth

Friday, 19th December: Finish for Christmas



Headteachers Message

We have an action packed Autumn term two to look forward to, with lots of events planned to include parents, grandparents and the community, with drop in for coffee, lunches and the Christmas craft day as well as FONS running a clothes sale and a Christmas fair. We will also have Robins Nativity, school pantomime visit and parties to entertain us on the run up to Christmas.

We continue to enjoy your support in achievement assemblies on Fridays as the children are delighted to share their successes with you.

FON's would like volunteers to help to plan and run events to raise money for the school and the community please let the office know if you can help with this and we will pass the message on.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk if there is anything we can support you with.

Take care & thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sherryl Hitchman'.

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