

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Families

A warm welcome back to the new school year, I hope you've had a restful and enjoyable summer. Also, a special welcome to all our new children who are starting Nursery and Reception and to those who have moved here from another school and/or area. All the children look "Super smart" in their new uniform and they have settled in amazingly well to their new year groups and classes.

At the end of September, representative staff members will be attending a celebration ceremony to receive our "Inclusion Quality Mark" award. The full report can be found on the school's website and include the following quotes:

*"Newbury Park is an exceptional school providing a high quality inclusive learning environment."*

*"The children are a shining example to everyone in the Newbury Community."*

On the home page of the school website you will also find links to:

1. School Term & Holiday Dates
2. Recent letters of information including school uniform
3. Summary of school events for this academic year (2017-2018)
4. Staff List for 2017-2018

### **Homework**

Following feedback from last year we are finalising the evaluation of our homework guidelines to ensure a consistent approach is applied across the school. Our aim is to establish an effective, manageable and balanced provision. Whilst this is being carried out, homework for the month of September will consist mainly of reading, spelling and number work skills. Further information about homework will be provided shortly.

### **Beginning and end of the day**

The new lining up system is working very well so far. There are some important safety reminders:

- 1) When leaving the school grounds at the beginning and end of the day, please avoid standing at or near the school gates as it can get very crowded, particularly at home time.
- 2) The school gates open at 8.30am. For the safety of all children, please do not leave your child unaccompanied before 8.30am.

The following events have been planned for this autumn term (see below)

## Reminder of Important Dates

Date	School Event
Wednesday 6th September	First day of school for children
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery children start full week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Bleu class start (8.45-1.00pm)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Rouge class start (8.45-1.00pm)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Vert class start (8.45-1.00pm)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Jaune class start (8.45-1.00pm)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Family Learning (English) Course Starts
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Early Years Superhero day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Tie Ceremony
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Class Talks for Year 6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Parent Class Talks for Year 5
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Class Talks for Year 4
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Class Talks for Year 2
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Class Talks for Year 3
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Class Talks for Year 1
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Years Open Family Friday begins
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Class Photographs
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Victorians Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of school after half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Photography workshops (part 1)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed - Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Photography workshops (part 2)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 visit to Imperial War Museum
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 visit to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 visit to Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 visit to Natural History Museum
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closed for Christmas holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School reopens for pupils

We very much look forward to building on our successes of last year and working with you to continue to improve the education provision and quality for your children.

Best wishes



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(Headteacher)

*"Inspiring Learners"*