



Newlands Primary School

Welcome Back!

As we begin another academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff and pupils who have just joined us. I would also like to welcome our new reception pupils in Robins and Wrens class; who will be starting full-time with us this week.

Last year saw an improvement in Key Stage 2 results and we will continue our work to build on these. As a school we will also be concentrating on the importance of enrichment activities linked to class topic work. Every topic will be coupled with a memorable activity or experience, such as fun workshops and educational trips to enhance the children's enjoyment and build on their learning.

This year we will be promoting a "**Reading Culture**" at Newlands. Reading is a skill that is crucial to success in all other areas of academic learning. Our school library has been renovated! We have had a new supply of books and reading materials courtesy of the book fairs that we have run and that you have supported. I'd like to thank our parents for your continued support. A simple way in which you can help is by encouraging reading at home. This can include listening to your child read, reading to them or sharing a picture book. When we work together our children get the best out of their education. At Newlands we believe in '**Creating New Futures**' for all of our pupils, promoting a life-long love of learning and opening the doors of opportunity to them.

Mr D Bailey
Head of School

Mr Atkinson's Welcome:

Dear parents and families,

I welcome you all back for another year that promises to build on the success of the last.

The children, as always, make me proud and we are excited about the opportunities to learn and grow that will be on offer. Newlands goes from strength to strength and your part in this is much appreciated.

Mr S Atkinson
Executive Head

Attendance

Our attendance is currently at **95.57%**

There is always room for improvement and we hope this percentage rises as we progress through the academic year. Classes with the highest attendance are rewarded with non-uniform days and fun activities. Winners are announced on Fridays in Golden Assembly.

What's New on our website?

Kitchen Science

Fun Experiments you can try at home.
Check out the latest: <https://bit.ly/2mkzlxo>

Important Update from Kent Police- "Don't Be Fooled Campaign": <https://bit.ly/2IzvTgE>

Follow Us on Twitter: @NewlandsisGreat

Principals Catering

Our School meals are still being provided by Principals Catering. School meals cost £2.15 per day; £10.75 a week. Meals must be paid for via the Principals Catering website. To set up an account please visit:

https://meals.principals-catering.com/accounts/sign_in

Principals are now paperless, to view the seasonal menu and for full allergen information please visit: <https://www.principals-catering.com/about/>

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Executive Head Teacher

Mr S Atkinson

Head of School

Mr D Bailey



Term Dates 2019/20:

Half Term:

Monday 21st-Friday 25th October

Return to school: **Monday 28th October**

Christmas Holidays:

Thursday 19th December- Friday 3rd January

Return to school: **Monday 6th January**

Inset Days:

(Staff will be undertaking training and the school will be closed to pupils.)

Monday 25th November

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th February

Future Diary Dates:

Term 3: Monday 6th January- Friday 14th February

Term 4: Wednesday 26th February- Wednesday 1st April

Term 5: Thursday 16th April- Friday 22nd May

Term 6: Monday 1st June- Wednesday 22nd July

School Photos:

Wednesday 25th September

Parents consultation:

Tuesday 15th October 1.30pm-7pm

Important Safeguarding Changes



Welcome to our new Safeguarding Lead Miss Clare Lawrence.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Miss Lawrence in the first instance.

Miss Lawrence works with our families across both Newlands and Dame Janet and is contactable Monday to Friday 8am-4.30pm.

[Contact Details](#)

Tel: **07557 340801**

Email: clare.lawrence@newlands-tkat.org

Safeguarding our children is our top priority but it is **everyone's** responsibility. Our staff receive Safeguarding training and the Senior Leadership Team are trained Designated Safeguarding Leads. **If you see or hear something you are concerned about report it!**

In case of emergency, or out of school hours, social services have staff available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to talk to you about your worries. Their details are as follows:

Concerned about a child?

Call **03000 41 11 11**

(text relay 18001 03000 41 11 11) or email social.services@kent.gov.uk

Out of hours and in an emergency?

If you need to contact social services outside of normal office hours, for example during the night call **03000 41 91 91**.

If you think someone is in immediate danger, the best thing to do is call 999 for the emergency services.

Staffing Changes

Welcome to our new staff!

This Term we give a warm welcome to the following members of our team:

Miss G Kardimitsis- Teacher Snowy Owls Class

Miss D Brenton- Teacher Swans Class

Miss K Setterfield- Teacher Seals Class

Mrs N Taylor- Teacher Penguins Class

Mr J Coot- Sports Coach

Miss C Lawrence- Safeguarding

Miss A Goacher- TA & Midday Meals Supervisor

School Discos

Thank you for supporting last year's school Discos. They were very successful and helped to fund a number of exciting activities for the children.

This year we have plans for disco's during Halloween and Christmas.

Keep an eye out for more information nearer the time.



Open Days

We are offering open days for pupils starting school in September 2020. Parents can come along to have a look around the school and speak to the teachers.

Appointments will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 7th November 10am & 2pm

Thursday 21st November 10 am & 2pm

To sign up for a space please call the school office or register online via the following link

<https://forms.gle/7hoypvc9A3qAXd2f7>