

Date: 22nd July 2022



# 'Newsham News'

Day	What is happening
Monday 5th September	School closed to pupils - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6th September	School closed to pupils - Staff Training Day
Wednesday 7th September	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 8th September	Galleons swimming - 1.10pm onwards
Friday 9th September	Assembly with Mr Jones - Head of School

**Star of the Week**  
W/B 18th July 2022

- Reception - Starfish** - Hanaa
- Seahorses** - Jaxon
- Year 1 - Puffins** - Alex
- Penguins** - Reuben-Joh
- Year 2 - Lifeboats** - Ethen
- Coastguards** - Arahna
- Year 3 - Kittiwakes** - Max
- Oystercatchers** - Ellie
- Year 4 - Whales** - Lacey
- Dolphins** - Lacey
- Year 5 - Galleons** - Trent
- Submarines** - Shay
- Year 6 - Neptune** - Libby
- Atlantis** - Arsel

**Star of the Month**  
July 2022

- Reception - Starfish** - Darcy
- Seahorses** - Finn
- Year 1 - Puffins** - Thomas
- Penguins** - Lily-May
- Year 2 - Lifeboats** - Lola
- Coastguards** - Amelia
- Year 3 - Kittiwakes** - Tayla-Jay
- Oystercatchers** - Bobby
- Year 4 - Whales** - Isaac
- Dolphins** - Emily
- Year 5 - Galleons** - Matthew
- Submarines** - Ashtyn
- Year 6 - Neptune** - Kenji
- Atlantis** - Matthew



## **Birthdays**

The following pupils are celebrating their birthday over the our summer break:  
 Laina-May, Jaxon, Kira, Amber, Oscar, Syrenah, Grayson,  
 Harley, Grace, Freddie, Akira, Coby, William, Rome, Max,  
 Amaya, Wiliam, Ellie, Isabelle, Alfie, Jessica-Jo, Minujan,  
 Amelia-Lily, Miles, Grace, Jakub, Poppy, Sofia, Jacob, Riya, Callum,  
 Callum, Alisha, Matthew, Adam, Carter, Aleisha, Arsel, Skyla, Evie,  
 Dylan, Leo, Lena



Happy Birthday, everyone!

### **Team Points:**

Bamburgh  
 109,728

Alnwick  
 110,759

Warkworth  
 110,533

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How incredible that we've reached the end of our academic year already! It seems five minutes since I was welcoming you all back to school in September and at that stage nobody knew how the children would respond after so many periods of lockdown, or how the school year would unfold.

It would be fair to say that the pandemic has left a significant impact on the majority of children in terms of learning lost and / or the social and emotional issues that have developed as a consequence of the pandemic. To be fair, there have been long-lasting challenges for everyone, but Newsham has risen to those challenges and helped everyone in our school community in any way possible as we've journeyed through this year.

Throughout the year, I've been thrilled to see the gradual reintroduction of extra-curricular activities across school and the opportunities to welcome families back onto the school premises. This week we've been able to invite Y6 parents and carers back into our school building for the first time to watch our Y6 leavers' assembly. It was wonderful to all be together again and to have the chance to celebrate the children's time at Newsham. They go off to their new schools with all our love and every best wish for an exciting future that lies ahead.

Children in other year groups visited their new year groups, classrooms and staff last week. There was great excitement on transition day and everyone seemed happy and excited by the adventures that lie ahead in September.

In terms of adventures, as I mentioned in my last newsletter, Mr Jones has been appointed as Head of School from September and I will be Executive Headteacher but only working in school for two days each week. I find it difficult to accept that 41 years ago I was preparing to leave my home in Northumberland to train to be a teacher and all these years later (that have disappeared at the speed of light!) I am preparing to end my final week of full-time work. It all feels very strange, and I've probably experienced every emotion possible. Thank goodness this is just a partial retirement however and I'm very grateful to know that I'll still be at Newsham for part of each week from September.

I'm sure you know how strong and collaborative our staff are at Newsham. We work so well together. That said, partnership working is fundamental to everything we do at Newsham, and you all are an important part of that partnership. We can't wait to see you all again soon and continue working together to help and support your children.

Finally, I wish you all the happiest, most relaxing and safe summer possible.

Kindest regards

Mrs Armstrong