# Newlyn News

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# Autumn 2021

I wanted to thank you all for your understanding following the changes to Cornwall Council Covid guidance. The good news is that the measures that we have in place at school have so far been successful but we do need to remain vigilant, especially through the next few months. We are very proud of the children at Newlyn School who continue to have the most fantastic attitude towards their learning and are kind and respectful towards each other.

#### Meet the Author

Our Year 6 children took part in a virtual 'meet the author' event on Monday. We got to hear all about Aisling Fowler's debut novel 'Fireborn', with live readings, a special first chapter excerpt and discussion about the book. Aisling told us all about how she created her 'fiery' character 'Twelve' and set the children a number of challenges to have a go writing themselves. The children asked loads of great questions and were a testament to Newlyn School. When asked if anyone wanted to be an author, almost all hands went up.

Aisling's advice to be a brilliant writer: "Inspiration can come from anywhere, you never know when it will strike."

"Before I was a writer, I was a huge reader."

"Write everyday, even if just for 10 minutes." "Find a way to make your readers care about your main character, check in with what your character is thinking and feeling. You need emotion AND action."



#### Clubs

We are delighted that so many children are taking part in our after

school clubs. Please remember to let us know if your child is unable to attend for any reason. Thank you.



#### The School Council Meet Derek Thomas

Our new School Council have been giving the children of Newlyn a brilliant voice in school and had the opportunity to meet our local MP Derek Thomas. The council gave him and his assistant a tour of the school and represented Newlyn amazingly well. The children had an opportunity to grill him with a few questions, from plastic waste to helping the hungry, and impressed with their questions and passion. Derek's advice to the council was 'Find something you can do, then don't give up, something the School Council have taken to heart.



#### **Parking and Driving**

Just a gentle reminder to park safely when you drop off and collect your children. The police have been made aware that there have been some traffic issues around the school and may well be paying us a visit. Please do not park on the lines outside the school gates as they are there for the safety of the children.

We have been made aware that a child was almost hit by a car at collection time this week. Please, please drive carefully and check your mirrors.

Thank you very much.

#### **Secondary School Places**

If your child is in Y6 then please remember to apply for a place at secondary school for September 2022! The deadline for applications is 31 October 2021.

Apply online at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

#### **Primary School Places**

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2022. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2022.** 

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

#### Year 6 Secondary School Visits

Our Year 6 children have been able to visit the local secondary schools this week. We are so glad these visits have been able to take place this year as they are so important. These experiences will help them with their decision making when it comes to choosing the right school.





#### Art Work

The wonderful works of art we had on loan from the National Art Council had to be returned during the summer holiday. However, I am delighted to say that it was so successful our Year 6 children were given the opportunity to choose some more pieces of art and they are now fully installed. This art work will be part of our Arts Mark journey as we work with other schools who have been given this opportunity for the first time this year. We will be working in collaboration with Newlyn Art Gallery to really focus on quality teaching of art and the creative arts and will be supported by artists who will visit the school. It is a very exciting project and will hopefully inspire our teachers and children, bringing art to the centre of our curriculum.



#### **INSET Days**

Last day of term: Friday 22nd October, 3.15pm INSET day: Monday 1st November First day back: Tuesday 2nd November Last day of term: Friday 17th December, 1pm INSET day: Tuesday 4th January First day back: Wednesday 5th January Last day of summer term: Friday 22nd July

#### **Parent Governor Position**

There will be vacancies coming up to join our governing body. If you are interested or know someone within the local community who is interested, then please email me with an expression of interest: headteacher@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk

Please just briefly summarise the skills you have and why you are interested in this role. Thank you very much.

#### **Friends of Newlyn School**

Our Parent-Teacher Association is open to all parents, grandparents and anyone who wants to support Newlyn School. The primary aim is to raise money to provide opportunities or resources for children in school. Last year the money raised was used to pay for trips for all the children such as Paradise Park and the Minack Theatre trip.

On Tuesday the 12th October we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at 2.30pm. The meeting will be held on the school site and hopefully outdoors although this is dependent on the weather. I look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Parents Evenings**

Due to the rise in cases and Cornwall Council advice, we have made the decision that Parents' Evenings will be 'virtual' this year for all except Foundation Stage parents. You will be given the opportunity to book a 10 minute slot through School-Money via a text or email and will be able to talk to the teacher using your iPad, smart phone or laptop. If this is difficult for you then the teachers are all happy to have a phone conversation with you instead. If you would prefer a phone conversation then please contact your child's class teacher by email.

Foundation Stage meetings will take place on Wednesday 13th October. Once again, you will be able to book your appointment through School-Money via a text or email. The meetings will take place on the covered decking area outside the Foundation classroom. If you would prefer a telephone call then please email the class teachers to request one.

**Attendance Matters!** 

Congratulations to Year 5 who achieved 97.7% attendance last week.



#### Academic Year 2021/2022

08.09.21	Start of	Term 1

- 20.10.21 Parents' Evening
- 21.10.21Parents' Evening22.10.21End of Term 1

### Start of Term 2

- 01.11.21 INSET day—school will be closed
- 02.11.21Beginning of term17.12.21End of Term 2**1pm finish**

### Start of Term 3

- 04.1.22 INSET day—school will be closed
- 05.1.22 Beginning of term
- 18.2.22 End of term 3

#### Start of Term 4

28.2.22Beginning of term8.04.22End of term 4 1pm finish

### Start of Term 5

25.4.22Beginning of term2.05.22Bank Holiday27.5.22End of term 5

# Start of Term 66.06.22Beginning of term22.7.22End of term 6 1pm finish

# Change of contact details

# Name of child/children:

Name:

## **Email address:**

**Contact phone number:** 

Second contact details including name and phone number:

Please return to secretary@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk. Thank you