



# Newker News



## April 2024 Newsletter

Newker Primary School, Waldrige Road, Chester-le-Street, DH2 3AA  
Tel: 0191 388 7099 E-mail: [newker@durhamlearning.net](mailto:newker@durhamlearning.net) **Web-site:** [www.newkerprimary.co.uk](http://www.newkerprimary.co.uk)

### Headteacher's Message

Hello Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. We have had a great start to the Summer term, with Gold Cards already being awarded to the children. A warm welcome to our new members of staff: Mr Bell- Deputy Headteacher teaching in Year 5, Mrs Armstrong teaching in Nursery and Mrs Daly our new School Business Manager. We have lots of school events taking place this half term, so please check the dates below. Kind Regards, Mrs Kirkland- Headteacher



### After School Clubs



A letter will be sent home next week with choices for Clubs this term. The letter for the Family Gardening sessions starting next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April was sent out yesterday. This is an opportunity for parents and carers working with the children to grow some fruit and vegetables on the school grounds and have lots of fun in the process! Please remember to hand your forms in for this as soon as possible.

### Class Assemblies

We are holding Class Assemblies this term. Please check out the dates list below for when your child's Class Assembly is. They will be held in the Key Stage 2 Hall, entry via the No Access door. There will be refreshments and small raffle.

### Class visits and trips

Teachers are busy planning their Class visits and trips. Letters will be sent home with more details on about these over the next few weeks.

### Length of the school day



We are currently reviewing our school day times for the amount of hours recommended by the DFE for schools. This may involve increasing the start or finish times to ensure that we are compliant, which will start in September 2024. We will keep you all fully informed in the next few weeks.

### School Uniform reminder

Red crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the Newker logo

White polo t-shirt or plain white school shirt with or without the Newker logo

Dark grey or black school trousers/leggings/skirt/pinafore dress

**(We do have some pre-loved uniform available in school of various sizes. Please ask at the school office)**

Black flat sensible school shoes (plain black trainers are acceptable)

Our **Uniform Policy** can be found on the school web-site. Please can you make sure that children are also wearing sensible small size (no large size) bows or hairbands (no animal ears/unicorn horns) and that no make-up, false nails or nail polish is worn for school.

**PE kits-** to be brought in a bag and left on pegs. Children will change into PE kits for lessons. T-shirts in their house colours: South- red, North- blue, East- yellow, West- green. Navy or black shorts or track-suit bottoms, spare socks and trainers. Trainers can be worn or brought in to wear on PE days and then taken home.

**Please could children still bring in their coats to wear during breaks and lunchtimes and their OPAL outdoor clothes.**



### Summer Term dates for your diary

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School re-opens to all pupils
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024	9.15 am- Class 1R Assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	9.15 am- Class 1M Assembly
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	9.15am- Class 3C Assembly
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	9.15am- Class 3L Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	School closed for Polling Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank Holiday- school closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	9.15am- Class 4O Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Photographer in school- Class photographs
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Y6 SATS week. Y2 SATS will be completed during May
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	9.15am- Class 5L Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	9.15am- Class 5S Assembly & Outdoor Classroom Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Inset Day- school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School re-opens to all pupils. Year 4 Multiplication Check over 2 weeks
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	9.15am- Class 2AF Assembly
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	9.15am- Class 2M Assembly
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (weather dependent)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Year 6 residential visit to Kingswood
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day (weather dependent)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Summer Fair (weather dependent)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School French Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reports go home
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	New Classes Transition afternoon
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Nursery Graduation morning & Reception fun afternoon
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10am & 1.30pm- Year 6 Leavers Assemblies
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Newker-Fest fun day! School breaks up for Summer Holidays

