



**Newton Solney C of E  
Infant School  
School Brochure  
2016-2017**

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Dear parents/carers,

**Welcome to Newton Solney CE Infant School.**

I am very pleased to welcome you to our school. Everyone involved in the life and work of the school is proud of its reputation as a caring and highly successful school. We are a very small school but everyone involved in school works hard together to constantly maintain and improve our standards and to ensure that the school is a happy and inspirational place for all. We work closely with other schools in Derbyshire and also within the Derby Diocese family of church schools.

This brochure provides you with a wide range of information about Newton Solney Infant School. I hope you will find it very useful and keep it for future reference.

Please do arrange for a visit to the school to see us in action. If you have any queries while your child is at school please pop in to see the class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

H P J Elks

Mrs Heidi Elks  
Headteacher

### About our school

Newton Solney School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided infant school for girls and boys aged four to seven years. It is situated in the village of Newton Solney between Repton and Burton-on-Trent, in the south of Derbyshire, on the border with Staffordshire. There are currently around 60 pupils on roll from Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire. Enquiries and applications for places are successfully made from outside of our normal catchment area each year.

The school was built as a National School in 1860 by Sir Henry Every and continued for many years in the original building. In more recent times the buildings have gradually been extended to provide improved facilities for our pupils. A field, complete with a stable, is used as an additional area for teaching and learning and for playtimes and Forest School. Newton Solney Pre-school has moved on to the school site which enables valuable and very close links for transition.



The school is staffed by committed and enthusiastic teachers and teaching assistants who work closely together to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, taking into account local and national guidelines and requirements. They are supported by an equally committed team of non-teaching staff.

The school serves the villages of Newton Solney and Bretby but applications are received and accepted every year from a much wider area. Families often request places because of the Christian nature of the school, which underpins learning across the whole curriculum. Many refer to the caring family atmosphere of our small school. The school is respected and recognised for its ongoing high standards and achievements.

Newton Solney was judged as "outstanding" following our Ofsted inspection in February 2007 and this judgement was confirmed in our separate Church School inspection in March 2007 and also in May 2012.

"Newton Solney Church of England Infant School is an **outstanding** school where pupils are nurtured and supported as part of an extended Christian family and community."

"This school provides an outstanding standard of education. Pupils enjoy school and are extremely well behaved and rarely absent as a result."

Parents are invited to contribute to OFSTED's "Parent view" questionnaire. The results can be viewed at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

To view the full OFSTED report go to the OFSTED website at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>

## Mission Statement

Newton Solney C of E Infant School  
is a friendly, caring and happy family,  
where children are taught in a creative environment  
to reach their full potential  
within the love of Jesus.

## Tag Line:

Newton Solney School, with the love of Jesus,  
gives us wings to fly.

## Flying High.

The Mission statement and Tag line were written with the help of pupils, parents, staff and governors. The tag line is used every day in school to depict children who have worked hard and achieved great work or behaviour. The tag line is also on display around the school to remind the children to do their best, try hard, never give up and reach for the stars.



## School Aims

The purpose of the school's curriculum is to fulfil the following aims:

To develop a sense of self respect and respect for others

To develop a sense of independence and a willingness to contribute to the welfare of others

To acquire the basic skills relevant to the needs of a changing world

To develop lively, enquiring minds

To appreciate human achievement in its many forms and to experience a sense of personal achievement



## The Curriculum

The curriculum of the school is kept under regular review and includes the core and foundation subjects of the 2014 National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage. Account is taken of local and national guidelines and most importantly the needs of the children. Provision is made for Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Religious Education. The school is organised into three classes with smaller groups for Phonics. Teaching staff share responsibility for reviewing the curriculum and our own school priorities. Emphasis is given to nurturing and developing the whole child. We try to make the most of outside space both within the school grounds and also the village particularly taking account of its interesting History and Geography.

Visitors to school enrich and support our work. Recently, within the current school year, we have benefited from working with a local artist, "Living Eggs" and sports activities have also had a very positive impact. Similarly visits out of school, to an art gallery and Gurwara for example, have been both enjoyable and useful in supporting teaching and learning. Regular visitors who lead Collective Worship enhance the curriculum on offer to our pupils.



## Forest School.



Forest Schools is an exciting development at  
Newton Solney C of E Infant School.

A "Forest School" is an innovative educational approach to outdoor play and learning. It involves positive outdoor experiences in a woodland environment. Children visit a wooded area once a week, in most types of weather, to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks, to use their own initiative to solve problems and to co-operate with others.

Reception and Year 1 children at Newton Solney take part in a Forest School session once a week. We are very lucky that the wood we use is only a few minutes walk from the school. We ask for parent helpers each week to support the children. Many parents and grandparents come back time and time again. The sessions are run by Mrs Gamble, our Reception teacher, who has passed her Level 3 qualification in Forest School and Miss Allan, our Year 1 teacher, who is currently doing her Forest School training. They plan fun activities each week which encourage exploration and investigation. The children play games in the woods and work in teams, for example to build shelters. Each session involves a snack time when the children have hot chocolate and marshmallows.

## Awards

The school recognises achievements both in and outside school. Behaviour and progress awards are presented in a weekly assembly with pupils nominating a child for the "Helping Hands" award.

Certificates for Achievements, Great Writing, Best Handwriting, Most Improved Handwriting, 100% Attendance and cups are presented at the end of each term.

Our "Awards Board" is a permanent reminder and celebration of individual and group achievements.



## School rules and "Do be Values".

The school rules have recently been reviewed by the children and staff and displayed around the school. They are called the school Diamond Rules.

### The Diamond Rules.



### "Do be Values." and "British values"

The "Do be Values" have been introduced to help children to understand the values that underpin acceptable behaviour and reflect the British Values of:- Democracy; The Rule of Law; Individual Liberty; Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. They are linked to themes that we follow in Worship, RE and circle time work (PSHE and RTime).

**Do be friendly.**

**Do be helpful.**

**Do be polite.**

**Do be responsible.**

**Do be kind.**

They are on display around the school written onto kites to tie in with our "Flying High" tag line and school song "Let's go Flying High."

### **School Lunches**

Everyday there is a hot meal served with a choice of fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, salad and a vegetarian choice. Milk, fruit juice and water are on offer. Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

National requirements ensure that school meals include plenty of fruit and vegetables, oily fish, bread and drinking water each day and healthy drinks. A vegetarian choice is always available.

Chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits, sweets and savoury snacks such as crisps are not included. Food containing nuts is not supplied in case there are children with nut allergies.

Children have an hour for lunch time and two Midday Supervisors are on duty at this time.

From September 2014 all infant age children will receive a free school meal.

### **Pupil Premium.**

**If you are receiving any of the benefits below we would kindly ask you to inform school.**

For each child, school will receive extra funding of £1,320. This money is used to help employ a full time Teaching Assistant in each class who will work with individual children when extra support is needed.

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance or an Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with a family income of less than £16,190)
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance

School cannot claim the extra funding if you are claiming Working Tax Credit

## School uniform



## Girls

Grey skirt/ pinafore dress/shorts/trousers

Blue or white shirts/blouses

Blue and white gingham summer dress

Royal blue cardigan/jumper

black school shoes

## Boys

Grey shorts/trousers

Blue or white shirt

Royal blue jumper

## P.E Kit

All children are required to have a pair of plimsolls, blue shorts and white t-shirt for P.E.

Please bring these to school in a named drawstring bag which will be kept on the child's peg.



School jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, P.E kits, baseball caps, fleeces and reading wallets can be bought with the school logo from Pupils Schoolwear

35 West Street,

Swadlincote, DE11 9DN

Phone: 01283 224512

WB Global Trading LTD

20, Bells End Road

Walton on Trent

Derbyshire, DE12 8ND

Phone: 01283 711538

## Parents and Community

Liaison with parents and carers is essential to our ongoing work. We believe in an "open door" policy enabling any comments or questions to be raised as they arise. Some parents come in on a regular basis to work alongside pupils and staff.

Regular meetings with parents to review progress are held during the school year with written reports being distributed towards the end of the summer term.

Our link with St Mary's Church in the village is important to us as a church aided school, as are links with the wider community. Ongoing community links enrich the life of the school and support our involvement in events locally and worldwide.

Services to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter are held in church. Parents and local residents are invited to join us, with other events being included from time to time. A banner in church made by pupils and parents is a visual reminder of our link with the church.

Community Collective Worship is held each month during term time in the school hall. Parents, friends and local residents are very welcome to join us and we are pleased that so many do. Once a month the children walk down to church for a school Worship.

## School Governors

The governing body works hard for the benefit of the school. The governing body is made up of 12 people:  
7 foundation governors who are appointed by the church,  
2 parent governors who are voted for by the parents,  
1 Local authority governor,  
Headteacher and senior teacher.

The governors meet six times a year to discuss school policies, progress data, improvement plans and areas for development within school. Some of our governors come into school to lead Collective Worship and to hear readers.



## Friends of Newton Solney School- FONSS

The Friends of the school offer strong and valuable support to our ongoing work. They regularly arrange social and fundraising events often involving fun activities for the children e.g. discos, pancake races and chocolate bingo at Easter. Christmas and Summer Fairs have a regular place in their calendar of events. A warm welcome is always extended to new parents and friends. For more information on current events ask for the Secretary of the Friends Committee on the school contact number.





## Admissions Policy

Children are admitted full-time into Reception in the September of the academic year in which their fifth birthday occurs. Part-time attendance can be arranged for younger children with summer birthdays. Applications are made through Derbyshire County Council which acts as a "clearing house."

Details about the school's admission policy and the application process can be obtained directly from the school office or from the Derbyshire County Council's "How to apply for a place at Primary School" booklet.

Tel: Admissions on 01629 537479  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Staff list

Mrs Heidi Elks: Headteacher.

Year 2 class teacher

Mrs Davinia Gamble: Senior Teacher.

Reception class teacher

Miss Victoria Allan: Year 1 class teacher

Mrs Kate Cross: Year 2 class teacher

Mrs Susan Doherty: Teaching Assistant

Mrs Debbie Shepherd: Teaching Assistant

Mrs Jill Langley: Teaching Assistant

Mrs Rachel Slater: School Business Officer

Clerk to Governors

Mrs Anne Pritchard: Senior Midday Supervisor

Miss Allison Kowolik: Midday Supervisor

Mrs Dawn Armson: Senior Dining Assistant



## The School Day

Morning session 9.00am - 12.00 noon

Lunchtime 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Afternoon session 1.00pm - 3.10pm

Morning school begins at 9.00am and the children can arrive in the classrooms from 8.50am. There is a 15 minute morning break with a fresh fruit snack and a 10 minute break in the afternoon.

All classes follow a timetable with special themed days during the year when the focus is on particular subject areas. Science, Numeracy, RE and Book day are regular features in school.



### **School term times - 2016/2017 academic year**

6th September 2016 to 21st October 2016  
1st November 2016 to 20th December 2016  
3rd January 2017 to 9th February 2017  
20th February 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 25th May 2017  
6th June 2017 to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

### **Training/ Planning days (no children in school)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## School contact details

For further information or to arrange a visit you can contact school by

Telephone: 01283 703461

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