

Newton Solney C of E (Aided) Infant School School Brochure 2023-2024

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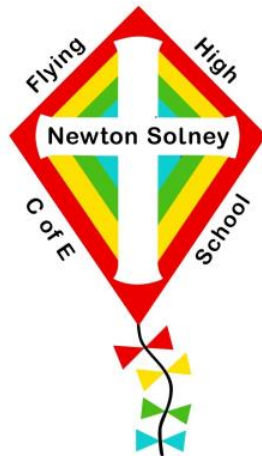
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Newton Solney C of E Voluntary Aided 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 50 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 is on 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 July 2010 and this judgement was confirmed in our separate Church School inspection in July 2017.

"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

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.

We have also recently adopted a Bible verse to use in school which we feel links very well to the ethos of our school.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through God,
Who gives me strength.



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. 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 the 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, a visit from a zoo with unusual animals and sports activities have also had a very positive impact. Similarly visits out of school, to the theatre and Garden Centre 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



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.

We are so pleased to offer "Forest School" to all 3 Year groups at Newton Solney. With the help of parents and grandparents we have developed a part of our school grounds into a magical "Forest School" environment. Each week the children take part in exciting activities that create memories, which will stay with them forever.

The sessions are run by Mrs Gamble, Miss Allan and Mrs Ryan who have all passed their Level 3 Qualification in "Forest School". 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. The children learn how to handle and use tools appropriately. All children also learn to respect fire as they enjoy making food and singing songs around the campfire. Each session involves a snack time when the children have hot chocolate and marshmallows. In the spring of 2023 we have had a new all-weather Gazebo and trim trail added to our "Forest School" field

'The most memorable days usually end with the dirtiest clothes.'



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, 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".

Each class make up their own classroom rules for the year, and the "Do be values" for the whole school are discussed.

"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 Responsible.

Do be Respectful.

Do be Kind.

They are on display around the school written on to 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.

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. 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



Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers

Blue or white shirts/blouses/polo shirts

Blue and white gingham summer dress

Royal blue cardigan/jumper

Black school shoes

P.E Kit

All children are required to have a pair of plimsolls, blue shorts, white t-shirt and joggers 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

Twenty Twelve Clothing (Leanne Wain)

twentytwelveonline@gmail.com

Phone: 07803838023

Facebook: TwentyTwelve

Pupils Schoolwear

35 West Street,

Swadlincote, DE11 9DN

Phone: 01283 224512

WB Global Trading LTD

20, Bells End Road, Walton on Trent, 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 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 help out in the classroom and with Forest School.

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



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 Rebecca Ryan:	Year 2 class teacher
Mrs Debbie Shepherd:	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Jill Langley:	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Rachel Howson- Marshall:	Teaching Assistant/Clerk to Governors
Mrs Sasha Hall:	School Business Officer/Midday Supervisor
Mrs Anne Pritchard:	Senior Midday Supervisor
Mrs Dawn Armson:	Senior Catering Assistant
Mrs Jaide Meyrick and Mrs Jane Thompson	Chair of Governors



The School Day

Morning session 09.00 - 12.00

Lunchtime 12.00 - 13.00

Afternoon session 13.00 - 15.10

Morning school begins at 09.00 and the children can arrive in the classrooms from 08.50. 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 - 2023-2024 academic year

5th September 2023 to 26th October 2023

6th November 2023 to 21st December 2023

8th January 2024 to 15th February 2024

26th February 2024 to 28th March 2024

15th April 2024 to 24th May 2024

4th June 2024 to 23rd July 2024

Training/ Planning days (no children in school)

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 27th October 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

School contact details

For further information or to arrange a visit you can contact Sasha Hall on...

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