

Newbury Park Primary School

a community school in the London Borough of Redbridge



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Newsletter

Dear parent,

Thank you very much for your help and co-operation during this period of bad weather.

I am very pleased that Newbury Park has been one of the very few schools able to remain open regardless of the snow.

We have been able to stay open because of the dedication of all our staff and their determination to get into work despite the difficulties of travel.

The children have been brilliant this week even though they have not had normal playtimes outside.

When the playgrounds are out of action our most difficult task is to get 850 children into school safely each morning and handed over to you at the end of the day.

Your help in avoiding congestion at the entrances to the school has been vital in ensuring that we can achieve this safely each day.

We shall continue with the current arrangements until the playgrounds become clear and are fully back in use.

Mornings - All pupils to enter at the main entrance. Please leave your child at the door with staff - it really helps if your child is already carrying their own bags.

Evenings- Parents come into the school and collect their child/children from the classroom. The older children will go to their younger brother or sister's class. **Please leave buggies outside the school building.**

A number of parents are still phoning the school in the morning to see if we are open. Please avoid doing this. If you phone the school and hear the normal greeting at or after 8 am the school is open as normal.

We would only close the school in **really exceptional circumstances**. If this were to happen parents would receive a text message from us. The telephone message would change by

8 am to say we are closed and the website would give further information.

Community Recycling

At the end of last term our newsletter mentioned a recycling project for clothes and shoes. The weather has delayed this scheme but we are now ready to start again.

On Friday your child will bring home a leaflet and a black plastic sack.

If you have any unwanted clothes or shoes please put them in the sack and bring them into school on Monday morning. There will be a collection point at the main gate. The sacks will be collected later on Monday morning.

This is a great way to recycle clothes and shoes that you have either grown out of or are just no longer worn. If you want to make some space at home and send out clothes and shoes no longer used this is a good way to do it.

Please ensure that shoes are in pairs (no single shoes) and pairs are tied together by the laces or held together with an elastic band.

Events later this term

8th – 11th Feb British week – we shall be learning about what it is to be a citizen of Britain

Friday 12th Feb Parent Consultation Day – the school is closed for lessons - parents & children to meet the teacher.

15th – 19th Feb Half term holiday

22nd – 26th Feb European Week we shall be celebrating our links with partner schools in France, Italy & Netherlands and learning about being part of the European Union.

29th March – 1st April Science and Technology week

Thursday 1st April last day of term