



New Road Primary and Nursery School

# Headteacher Update

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

One of my favourite things to do is to pop down to Reception and meet our new children. It only seems like yesterday when I was taking photographs of my own children on their very first day of school. It is a magical time.

We have 21 children in our reception class. Their teachers Miss Whitehand, Mrs Graham and Mrs Ruggles are a strong team who really do go above and beyond to give our new children a 'flying start'. The children are loving school, making friends, and doing their families proud. This week I have been watching the children learning to read their very first letters. It is incredible to think that in two to three years' time most of the children will be able to read chapter books confidently.

We love this picture of two of our new pupils pretending to be vets, helping the owl and the dinosaurs with their sore tummies.



## Thank you Keshco Ltd

Keshco Ltd, who own the Nisa shops in Whittlesey, have donated £691 to our school. Keshco are good to New Road. They donate the oranges for our Christingle too. We will be using the money to plant an orchard and to extend our woodland area. We are very fortunate to have such lovely grounds and our very own established woodland. Children enjoy using this area for nature study, forest school activities and as a lovely place to play.

Last term a green house was built near the woodland with a grant that Mrs Bains applied for from the Glassmoor Local Environment Fund. This is a really special addition to our school, and we look forward to using it.

## Friends of New Road School (FONRS)

We are very fortunate to have group of parents who can find time to organise school discos, raise funds for the school and support school events such as sports day. Our next meeting is after school on **Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September**. Please come along to the school office and we will be there to welcome you. Children are welcome to sit and listen, play quietly. Meetings do not last too long. We will be planning future events. Hope to see you there.



### The King's Portrait

We are pleased to say the King's official portrait has been safely delivered to the school and now hangs in pride of place.

Hanging a portrait of the reigning monarch in public buildings is a long-standing British tradition. A tradition that our school is proud to continue.

Schools were invited to apply for an official portrait, and I am pleased to say the Cabinet Office were delighted to gift our school this wonderful portrait.

## Kids Club (New Road's very own after school childcare is open for business)

Kids Club is fully staffed, and families have been booking their children into our very own childcare. A huge thank you to Mr Blake, Miss Donnachie and Mrs Donnachie for their hard work to be open in time for the start of term. It's always tricky to get a new business venture of the ground, but they did it!

3.15pm - 4.15pm	£4.50
4.15pm – 5.15pm	£4.50
5.15pm – 6pm	£3.38

All sessions can be booked via the school gateway app or online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). These will need to be paid for upon booking.

## Concerns and Questions

Please remember, if you have a concern, please approach your child's class teacher in the first instance. Appointments can be made by emailing or calling the school office [office@newroadprimary.com](mailto:office@newroadprimary.com). We expect all staff to be friendly and to do their best to support you.

The term dates and a list of future dates are below, these will also be emailed to you. I hope by sharing dates each week, it will be one less thing for you to worry about.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Rob Litten**  
Headteacher



## Future Dates

### Autumn Term

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Individual School Photographs, please see school comm's.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Flu vaccination in school, please see school comm's.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Phonics Reception Classroom 3.30pm
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Phonics Reception Classroom 3.30pm
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: MacMillan Coffee Morning, the main school hall, 9am to 11am.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival, please send you child to school with a can of food.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm, booking link to be sent.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm, booking link to be sent.
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity, Reception, Y1 and Y2 at 2.30pm, save the date
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity, Reception, Y1 and Y2 at 9.30am, save the date
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper/Dress Down Day and Class Party and the last day of term!

## Term Dates

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Term 2024</b> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Holiday</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2024</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> of December <b>Holiday</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of December - Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> of January
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Term 2025</b> Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> of January – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> of February <b>Holiday</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> of February	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Term 2025</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> of February – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> of April <b>Holiday</b> Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> of April - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> of April
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Term 2025</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Holiday</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> of May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> of May	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Term 2025</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> of July

**Staff Training Days** when your child **will not** have to attend school are allocated as follows:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2024**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025**