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## March News 2018

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – World Book Day at NPS – wear your stripes for a “Where’s Wally?” themed day!

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – First Aid at All Children’s IPS from 5.30-8pm for those parents and pupils who have signed up.

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – P5 Shared Education at St Joseph’s PS. Leaving school at 9.30am and returning 1.30pm. Bring your coat and a packed lunch.

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair arrives in school. More details to follow with regards to opening times.

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – P4 Shared Education at St Joseph’s PS, leaving 9.30am and returning 1.30pm. P7 Shared Education at NPS.

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – last day of Book Fair

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – First Aid at NPS from 5.30-8pm for those parents and pupils who have signed up.

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – P6 Shared Education at St Joseph’s PS, leaving 9.30am and returning 1.30pm, bring your coat and a packed lunch.

P5 Shared Education at NPS.

Schomberg Society visit to NPS for P4-7 at 1.45pm.

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nursery parent/teacher meetings

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Nursery parent/teacher meetings. Last day of term for both Nursery classes.

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – School closes for the Easter break at 12noon. Non-uniform day.

Please, please endeavour to get your child/children to school on time. Many children are arriving late to school and this is proving very disruptive to the teachers and the children who are already in school and commenced work. Arriving after 9.15am means your child is absent for the morning session and this subsequently effects their overall attendance percentage. Pupils’ whose attendance falls below 85% will automatically be referred to Education Welfare for further investigation on behalf of the Education Authority.

When leaving your child to school, please leave them at the front door. For child protection reasons, we cannot allow parents to walk around school unaccompanied. If you wish to talk to a member of staff please speak to them in the playground before school starts or else make an

appointment through the school office. Please do not disrupt their morning routine once the pupils have entered the school building.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February NPS says goodbye to Mrs Bennett, who is going on maternity leave. We wish her well for the pending pitter patter of tiny feet in March! Mrs McCartan will be taking up the reins in P1, on a Wednesday, from the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March we also say goodbye to Mrs Crutchley, who is leaving us to take up a post in Bronte PS. All at NPS wish her well in her new school and hope she will take away many fond memories of her time with us! We are delighted that Mr Neill will be joining the NPS team again for the summer term in P7.

The summer term will commence on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.55am.

Please remember that our exam weeks are 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Please make sure your child is at school and on time during this period.

The school will be closed for the week of 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, so if you intend to take a term time holiday this is the ideal opportunity!

As always, keep up to date with changes or additional activities on our school website,

[www.newcastleps.com](http://www.newcastleps.com)