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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Weekly Newsletter Week 7

#### **Newstead Time Capsule**

We have sent home a very special form this week for you to complete with your child over the weekend. As part of our official opening next Thursday, we are going to be burying a time capsule on our field. We would like to include each families hopes and dreams for their children. If you are happy for this to be included, please complete the activity and add a photo and we will laminate it ready to be put into the capsule next week. We thought it was important for our first ever cohort of children to do something special and have to capture life as it is now. We will also be putting a copy of the Barnsley Chronicle in there which we will be featuring in as well as other photos and pieces of future history.

#### **Safeguarding - Is my child too ill for school?**



Tina has found this useful resource from the NHS which includes information and guidance around common childhood illnesses and the recommendations around your child being in school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

#### **Waterton Parliament**

On Thursday Newstead attended their first ever Waterton Parliament meeting and we were represented admirably by Archie and Emily. We are so incredibly proud of both of them and how well they managed the new experience. Mr Dickinson, the Trust CEO, who chairs the meetings gave them both a special mention for how 'impeccably behaved' they had been. I'm not sure I could sum the experience up any better than Archie did when he said it was "The best day EVER!" The children were asked to consider and vote on important issues such as school dinners, the charities which the trust will support this year as well as trust-wide events which are going to be held during the year. Well done both of you, you showed one of our core values of aspiration and achievement at it's absolute best!

#### **Harvest Collection Reminder**

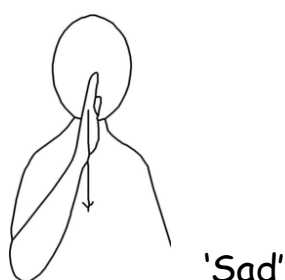
On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we will be collecting tinned and boxed food to donate to our local food bank. If anyone would like to bring a donation in that would be fantastic and greatly appreciated. Our school council representatives and a couple of other pupils will then oversee the donation on behalf of the school.

## **Toys in school**

We are starting to have a number of children bringing an increasing number of toys into school from home. We know and understand that for some children they have a specific item, piece of jewellery or sensory toy which they use regularly on a daily basis however more and more children are bringing other toys or general items in. These are causing issues in school where the children are not willing to leave them in their school bags or are trying to take them from each other and for some children this is causing distress and periods of dysregulation which we obviously would like to avoid. Could we please ask that you ensure that your child does not bring any additional items in to school other than those which they may need/use on a daily basis.

## **Sign of the Week**

This week our sign has been Sad.



## **What have we been learning?**

This week Craig's class have taken their literacy sessions online using the Ipads to practice letter writing and spelling, the children have enjoyed this and been interested in exploring upper and lower case letters.

In Vic's class they have been learning about shapes. The children have matched and sorted the shapes and enjoyed playing a game to feed shapes to the Shape Monsters. They enjoyed making Scarecrow faces and exploring different textures during their creative learning.

## **Official Opening**

This Thursday sees the official opening of Newstead. Please remember that this is now an inset day and we will be closed to pupils. We will however be having a party in the afternoon for the children and their families between 1:30 and 2:30.

We have one week left of the half term. A few parents have asked about fancy-dress next Friday for Halloween; this is not something which we are going to explore at this moment in time but we do have some special Halloween themed activities (and maybe even some dancing!) in the afternoon.

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton,

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