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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Weekly Newsletter Week 8

## **Our Official Opening Ceremonies**

Yesterday was the official opening of our school. David Bartram OBE cut the official ribbon for us in the morning but in the afternoon all of the children who attended (and wanted to) got the opportunity to cut a second ribbon, the sheer delight and excitement on their faces was something which I will treasure forever.



I am so incredibly proud of our school community and the amazing progress which we have made in the past 8 weeks. Thanks need to go to our fantastic staff who helped to ensure the day went smoothly and who come to work every day to ensure that our children get the very best; they really do help to ensure that our values and ethos of 'Nurturing and preparing children for the future' and 'Aspiration and Achievement for all' are not just words on the wall but values that we live and breathe!

Thankyou so much to you all for all of your support, your children are the reason we all come to work and love our jobs so much and knowing that we have your support makes this so much easier. I cannot wait to see where our journey takes us next and we look forward to sharing our successes with you all.

Special thanks also need to go to Tina for making the incredible cake which the children have been able to try at snack time today, it was exceptional!

## Newstead Time Capsule

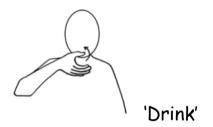
Please remember to send in your time capsule page for us if you haven't already, we will be burying this after half term. I have attached a copy to the end of the newsletter if anyone needs another copy.

#### **Harvest Collection**

Thankyou so much for all of the donations for our harvest festival food bank collection. We had planned to take the food to the Co-op today which is our nearest food bank donation point. Our school councillors helped to prepare the food to be taken, unfortunately owing to the poor weather they were unable to have a walk to make the donation on this occasion but we will be taking it after half term and doing other events in the future!

## Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been Drink.



### Twitter

If you don't already follow the school twitter pages please look out for us, we are @NewsteadAcademy and @NewsteadHead we like to share our successes and celebrate achievements on here so it would be nice for you all to be able to see these too!

## Headlice

A parent has made us aware that they have needed to teat their child for headlice, please could we ask that you check and treat your child's hair as necessary to prevent any further spread. The child in question has had full treatment and the parent is confident that the issue is resolved but we wanted to inform others so action could be taken if needed.

School is closed next week for half term and we will be back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We hope you have a happy and safe half term and that if you do anything for Halloween or Bonfire night that you have fun but keep safe!

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton,

Head of School

## Newstead Academy Time Capsule Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

To mark the official opening of Waterton Newstead SEND Academy we have asked each of our families to complete a hopes and dreams activity with their children which will be buried in our time capsule.

Name:

# HOW I WOULD DESCRIBE YOU IN THREE WORDS:

# MY HOPES AND DREAMS FOR YOU ARE:

# MY FAVOURITE PHOTO OF YOU THIS YEAR IS:

Newstead Academy

## I HAVE SOME WORDS OF WISDOM FOR YOU:

WHEN YOU GROW UP I THINK YOU'LL BE:

## MY BIG FUTURE WISH FOR YOU IS:

LOTS OF LOVE FROM:

