



# FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## GRAND OPENING OF THE CHATTY HUT

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our brand new PTA funded 'Chatty Hut' is finished! A huge thank you to our fabulous PTA for all of their fund raising efforts which has enabled us to build this valuable resource, which will be enjoyed by our children for many years to come. Mrs Lawrenson will be opening our new 'Chatty Hut' at **2.45pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – all are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there. Children **must** return to class after the opening of the Chatty Hut and normal school pick up procedures will apply.

## BOOK WEEK

Hopefully you will all have received the letter regarding the exciting activities that will be taking place during Book Week, commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. I hope you are all looking forward to the ideas that have been arranged for the week, which were discussed and agreed following a lengthy discussion with members of the

Parent Board. It was felt that the slumber party idea and children coming into school in pyjamas on World Book Day, with a pillow and their favourite book to read, was a preferred idea and more cost effective for parents/carers whilst being a fun and memorable experience linked to reading for the children. The children really enjoyed this last year and have asked for this to happen again!

The book folding activity will last **approximately 1 hour after school** (straight after our reading picnic), where you will be able to use any book that you feel you no longer read to fold pages to make either an animal, e.g. hedgehog, or a pattern for it to go on display on your book shelf. (Please do not use a book of sentimental value.) Rest assured that no book will be damaged by gluing, ripping or tearing, it will simply have pages folded over. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Conreen in Year 2 regarding any of the

events to take place and she will be happy to answer any questions that you have.

We are all extremely excited to be promoting the love of books and reading at Newchurch throughout the year, but especially during Book Week, and we look forward to displaying all the amazing work that the children will be doing throughout the week, so keep your eyes on Twitter, Friday Newchurch and the school website for the updates.

## LGBT HISTORY MONTH

February marks the recognition of LGBT History Month. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have been looking at Alan Turing and Andy Warhol, iconic people who have inspired future generations. They have explored how, historically, society did not celebrate diversity and how we live in a world now where everyone is treated equally regardless of race, gender or sexuality.

## YOUNG VOICES

What a wonderful day our Young Voices choir had on Monday. After many weeks of practising, they performed alongside other choirs in the North West at the Manchester Arena. The children thoroughly enjoyed it! Many thanks to all the adult who supported the choir, and in particular to Mrs Mowbray who prepared the children so well.

**Mrs Narraway:** Looking across at the children during the performance gave me goose bumps. To witness the children's enthusiasm and sheer delight in being part of the 6,000+ choir was memorable. I was extremely proud of our Newchurch robins.

## ONLINE SAFETY

Last week included Safer Internet Day and to mark it children in all classes were looking at ways to keep themselves and others from harm. Children investigated the importance of speaking to adults when concerned by anything online, the importance of protecting their own data and how to interact with the increasingly social nature of the web. As ever, the children were very mature and sensible in their responses; however, we are

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still very aware of issues surrounding social media outside of school. Please could we ask you to remain vigilant and to be very involved in your child's digital life. If you need any support please contact the school or use the following sites.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/beingsmart/>  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

A huge well done to Newchurch's Year 6 netball team who competed in the Culcheth Cluster 5-a-side competition on Tuesday at Culcheth High School. Even though they didn't qualify to the next round, the girls never gave up, (despite the cold and windy conditions) and remained resilient throughout the afternoon. They finished off the competition with a fantastic 4-1 win. Hopefully, this is just the start of things to come.

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## PAN EXHIBITION

Should you find you have time to spare in the holidays, why not visit the PAN Exhibition held at the Gateway and the Pyramid.

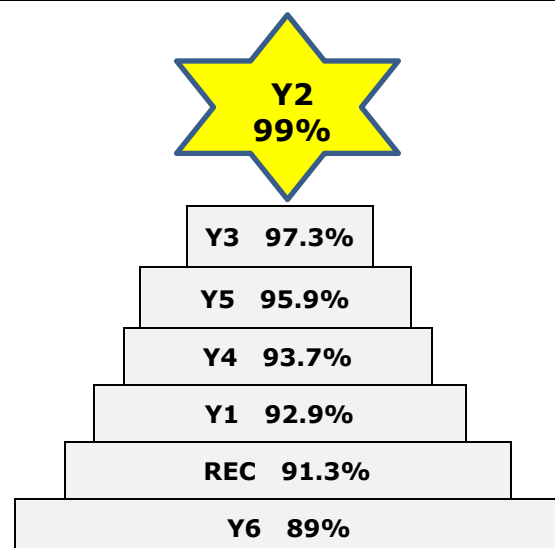
**This year there is chance to win a family ticket (for up to 5) to see 'Elmer the Patchwork Elephant' at The Parr Hall on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. To enter the competition simply visit the exhibition and tweet a photograph of you, or something that you have seen at the exhibition, and include @warringtonPAN in your tweet. We will select a tweet at random to win the tickets. We look forward to seeing your tweets!**

### SCHOOL DIARY DATES

<b>27.2.19</b>	<b>Opening of Chatty Hut 2.45pm</b>
4.3.19	Book Week
7.3.19	Dress up Day
11.3.19	PAN performance
12.3.19	Class photographs plus Y6 individual photos.
<b>20.3.19</b>	<b>Non uniform – Colours for Peace – DONATION VIA PARENT PAY</b>
28.3.19	PTA meeting 7pm school
29.3.19	Thankyou service
5.4.19	Dress down day for Easter eggs
8.4.19	Easter Bingo
13.5.-16.5.19	KS2 SATS WEEK
23.5.19	Summer Disco
28.6.19	PTA BBQ
4.7.19	Y6 Play CHS
12.7.19	Y6 Prom (arranged by parents)

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.

Attendance w/e 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
 Our whole target is 97.5%



Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as unauthorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

### World Thinking Day

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February all members of Girlguiding UK are invited to attend school in their Rainbow, Brownie or Guide uniform to celebrate World Thinking Day.

**WE RAISED £183 FOR CHILDREN IN NEED**

Have a lovely break.  
 Mrs Lawrenson