

# NEWSLETTER

## January 2017



**Happy  
New Year!**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after the Christmas break and wish you all the very best for 2017.

### Reading Festival



We are delighted to announce that the Vicarage Reading Festival to promote reading for pleasure started on Monday 9th January. Reading for pleasure aims to ensure children develop a love of reading and become lifelong readers. A variety of storytellers, authors and theatre groups will be visiting and working with us. The children will be taking part in a short story competition led by author Paul Delaney. Children will also be asked to complete a "Reading Quest" booklet where they have a series of missions to complete over the following seven weeks. We will also be reading for fun at different times in the day.

We would like parents to come in to school to read to their child's class. Invitations will be coming to you very soon so please look out for them and join us if you are able to.

The Reading Festival will finish on Friday March 3rd when we will be dressing up for World Book Day and awarding prizes for our excellent reading and writing.

Please make every endeavour to support your child in what should be a fun and engaging project.

### Health & Safety

#### [Play equipment](#)



Just a gentle reminder to parents: the play equipment in the school's playground is for use within school hours when the children can be properly supervised. However, if you wish for your child to use the equipment outside of the main school hours then you must ensure they are properly supervised by yourself or another responsible adult.

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### Icy ground



Please be aware that the ground may get icy during the cold period: please be extra careful walking across the playground especially first thing in the morning.

### Road Safety



As part of safeguarding our children we want to ensure they come to and leave school safely. To support this we have employed a school crossing officer (lollipop lady) to help keep our children safe outside the school building. Please respect the crossing officer and allow her to take you and the children across the road safely.

If you are a parent who drives, we are asking you, for the safety of all our children, not to park in-front of the school or on the sidewalk across from the school. This is posing serious risk to our children. Please think before you park.

Coming soon....

The Council has approved some additional safety features for the school including a raised crossing point and bollards to support safer crossing for our children outside the school gates.

### Standards and Achievement

Throughout the summer term of each academic year, pupils are assessed in different subjects but primarily in English and Maths to identify the progress they have made from the start of the year and how well they are achieving compared to age related expectations. I am really pleased to inform you that in 2015/16, pupils at Vicarage achieved very well and would like to share this information with you. Below is a summary of our school data compared to Borough and National standards.

#### Performance summary 2014 - 2016

##### EYFS (End of Reception)

	2014	2015	2016		
			Newham	National	Vicarage Primary
Good level of Development	58%	63%	73%	69%	68%

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### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

% achieving pass mark	2014	2015	2016		
			Newham	National	Vicarage Primary
Year 1					
Phonics Screening Check	94%	95%	87%	81%	<b>95%</b>

### KS1 (Yr 2) performance summary

KS1 % Expected standard +	2014	2015	2016		
			Newham	National	Vicarage Primary
Reading	82%	88%	79%	74%	<b>81%</b>
Writing	71%	78%	75%	66%	<b>77%</b>
Maths	87%	86%	79%	73%	<b>85%</b>
% Exp standard+ (Re, Wr, Ma)	87%	86%	70%	60%	<b>70%</b>
Science			82%	82%	<b>90%</b>
KS1 % Greater Depth	2014	2015	2016		
			Newham	National	Vicarage Primary
Reading	5%	9%	25%	24%	<b>23%</b>
Writing	0%	1%	18%	13%	<b>18%</b>
Maths	5%	13%	24%	18%	<b>16%</b>
% Greater Depth (Re, Wr, Ma)	-	1%	13%	9%	<b>12%</b>

### KS2 (Yr 6) performance summary

KS2 % Expected Standard +	2014	2015	2016 (unvalidated)		
			Newham	National	Vicarage Primary
Reading	85%	84%	66%	66%	<b>77%(105.1)</b>
Writing	78%	84%	82%	73%	<b>88%(TA)</b>
Maths	89%	87%	78%	70%	<b>91%(108)</b>
% Exp standard+ (Re, Wr, Ma)	75%	78%	59%	53%	<b>75%(TA)</b>
GPS	79%	83%	79%	72%	<b>86%(108.1)</b>
KS2 % Higher standard	2014	2015	2016 (unvalidated)		
			Newham	National	Vicarage Primary
Reading	33%	39%	17%	19%	<b>18%</b>
Writing	22%	12%	21%	14%	<b>11%</b>
Maths	54%	47%	24%	17%	<b>42%</b>
% Exp standard+ (Re, Wr, Ma)	15%	9%	7%	5%	<b>6%</b>
GPS	51%	61%	31%	22%	<b>44%</b>

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I have received letters of congratulations from Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner and Nick Gibb (MP), Minister of State for School Standards to say how pleased they are with the attainment of our pupils.

This is a great achievement for the school and is a testament to the hard work carried out by our pupils and staff. Well done to everyone.

### Parent Questionnaires

I would like to say a big Thank you to all our parents who completed the recent questionnaire that was given out during last term's Parents Evenings. The response was very positive and we will be sharing the findings with you in subsequent Newsletters.

### School Diaries

Please make sure your child brings their school diary with them every day and that the contact details are kept up to date. The diary is a way of communicating with your child's teacher. If there is something you need the teacher to be aware of please write it in the diary.

### Attendance Matters

A polite reminder that Newham's Attendance Management Service require medical evidence if children are absent from school immediately before or after a termly break. Medical evidence is also required for absences in excess of three days and where attendance slips below 95% in any half term period.

You can be fined up to £60 by Newham Council for taking term-time holidays, for poor school attendance from your child or for a range of other school non-attendance reasons.

As a parent/carer it is YOUR legal duty to ensure your child attends school every day on time.

### Dates for your Diary



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term 3  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half term break  
School reopens to children - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - term 4  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Dressing up for World Book Day  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of term 4  
Teacher Training Day - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
School reopens to children - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - term 5

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