



NEVILLE'S CROSS BATTLERS

NEWS UPDATE

FEB 2017



PTA Meeting

We had a really productive meeting at the Duke of Wellington on Monday evening, with some lovely ideas and offers of help, but also, some comments on PTA engagement. We hope this newsletter will provide more information on our activities as well as encourage you to come along and help with some of our events.

PTA Help

We rely on volunteers to organise events and activities for the children and welcome all offers of help. The role of the Class Reps is to support the class assembly, dishing out drinks and biscuits and occasionally sort lost property. We are also grateful if you can pass on news and requests for help to other parents in your class, but it isn't too onerous and is actually a great opportunity to see more of how the school and your children work.

We have 2 events coming up in March and April that we need help with.

- On March 24th and 25th we need help wrapping Mother's Day gifts for the children to bring home. Anyone who can spare a couple of hours to wrap gifts please get in touch
- Art Exhibition on 27th/28th March. The week beginning 20th March, we need some help mounting the children's art work onto backing paper ready for display. On Friday 24th March we would really appreciate a small team of people to display the artwork on the boards.
- We will also be hosting a second hand uniform sale during the Art exhibition so will need some help to sort and present any clothing that you wish to donate

Please contact Jackipatrickson29@btinternet.com or the school office if you can help with any of these.

Neville's Cross Cookery Book

Mandy Jardine, being the super chef that she is, has suggested putting together a school cook book of favourite recipes and more information will be sent out next term. This will be a great way of capturing our families best, quickest, most requested dishes and children's drawings and quotes in a book that will be a great gift for family and friends alike.

We would love to hear from anyone who works for or owns a print company or has had previous experience of producing something similar.

Neville's Cross Battlers Progress

Dawn Brown, our Treasurer, has confirmed that we have now raised £25,000 of the £60,000 needed to build the school MUGA. Thank you so much for your support so far. We wondered whether some parents may work in organisations that will match fund our activities.

Matched Funding Opportunities

We would love to hear from any parents who work for banks or building societies and would consider listing the school as a charitable cause for this year. I would be grateful to hear from anyone who can help us with this - if we could match fund monies from the Summer Fair, film nights, Art Exhibition or Mother's Day Wrap that would be wonderful.

The PTA has also been busy in applying for grants from; County Durham Community Foundation, Northumbria Wealth Management, Durham Area Action Partnership, the James Knott Trust, Durham University, Esh Group, Tesco, Sainsbury's, the National Lottery, Sport England and the Football Foundation. We will continue to apply for all relevant grants as we hear about them.

Neville's Cross Battlers Challenges

The Couch25k group are really embracing their challenge and are running 3 times a week following their training plan. Thanks to Jenny Search for leading this group.

The C2C group are venturing out along the muddy railway lines and quiet roads around Durham in search of suitable cake stops. Averaging 15-20 mile rides at the moment this will increase as the light returns in March. Jacki Patrickson is coordinating this group.

Mr Beadle is only one month away from his marathon challenge and is on schedule to run the Dark Skies Marathon on 25th March. Please ask him how his training is going and consider supporting him <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ianbeadle>.

Meeting minutes and details of the MUGA (for those of you who are asking just exactly one of those is) and forthcoming PTA activities can be found on the school website under PTA together with details of our BTMydonate page.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/nevillescrossbattlers>

Lastly, something for half term...

Neville's Cross School World Record

We would like to follow up on one of the children's ideas of setting a world record for the school. We would like your children to do some research over the half term and send in ideas we could use to attempt a world record. Silly or challenging, we hope you have some fun thinking about this. There will be a book prize for the best idea, which will be announced when school returns.



Neville's Cross World Record Challenge

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World Record Idea:

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