



January 2017

OUR EXTRAORDINARY PUPILS  
AT OUR  
EXTRAORDINARY SCHOOL!



Years 9's and 10's practical science experiment.



Dara weighing different items, he is having lots of fun!



Our bring and share Christmas party lunch.

Welcome to a new year and a new term

I hope you all had a restful and wonderful break over Christmas. Looking back over last term we did such a lot, and we are looking forward to continuing that this term with many things that enhance our academic learning and help us to have fun!

Last term, we had Children in Need, a Christmas performance, a new member of staff joined us, we ate a lovely Christmas bring and share lunch followed by a fabulous disco, and did many other exciting activities!

Since starting in September, our 2 new pupils have settled in extremely well. They are both enjoying their time here and I am certainly thrilled to have them both on board.

The year 9's and 10's have now begun doing practical science on a Friday with a science specialist who volunteers at the school. They have been carrying out practical activities and learning lots as they begin working towards their qualifications. We now have a practical science lab so that they can carry out more complex experiments, have more space, and use more practical equipment.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank-you to everyone who has supported me, and the school, since September while I have not been well. I am currently back to school part time (working both in school and at home) so am getting there but not quite 100% yet. I will be doing more after half term and, God-willing aim to be back full-time after Easter. Mrs Seager will still be on hand to meet with you, should you wish to speak with one of us.

This term is shaping up to be busy, but fantastic so let's pray for it to be blessed and successful.

*Mrs Bickerton*

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### Winter

It is now very cold outside so please can you make sure that your child comes to school in a warm coat and also has a hat and gloves for playtime (especially the younger children). Please can you also ensure that your child has a full outdoor PE kit (tracksuit, trousers, warm top and trainers) as we still aim to do as many PE lessons as possible outside, weather permitting.

### Supporting Charities

Thank you to everyone for supporting us during Children In Need last year. We had lots of fun whilst raising money for this worthwhile cause. This term, as a whole school, we will be taking part in Comic Relief and also World Book Day. On World book day (2nd March) we will be focusing on fairytales so your child can come dressed as their favourite fairytale character, or alternatively in their pyjamas/dressing gown, also remembering to bring their favorite book. For Comic Relief please can your child come dressed in red and white and bring a pound. We will be taking part in some fun activities and raising awareness of the work of Comic Relief.

### Active Kids

Every year we collect the active kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. Last year we raised many vouchers and we got helpful equipment for the school. We will be doing that again this year, so please ensure your child is sent into school with them if you have them.

### School Council

It is that time of year when new school councilors have been appointed so I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our current council. They have done a brilliant job and have helped tremendously during the past year. to make significant. The School Council is made up of 2 pupils, 1 from each class (from Year 2 and above). On the 26th of January, the pupils democratically voted and have appointed Becky Bickerton and Enoch Ferreira as the new school councillors. The handover will take place at ready for after February half term. Let's pray that they grow in this role and can help the school be the best that it can be!

### Admission

Just a quick note to say that we are now accepting admissions for September 2017 for those starting Reception and all ages up to Year 9. Admission packs can be obtained from the school office. So if you know anyone that is interested please feel free to request a pack. Further information, including an expression of interest form, can also be found on our website: ([www.newlifeacademy.co.uk](http://www.newlifeacademy.co.uk))

### Parents Evening

This term's Parents Evening will be held (week beginning) of the 6th of March. A letter will be sent nearer the time giving further information. Parents of children in years 9 and 10 will be contacted separately for an appointment to discuss progress for towards their child's qualifications.

### Calendar of Events this term

Here are the key events this term. Our end of term assembly will be on Friday 31st March 2.15pm. We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the achievements of the term at this assembly— We hope to see you there!

Date	Event
Week Beginning 23rd January	School Council Elections
Week Beginning 30th January	Celebrating Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Lent
Friday 18th February	School Closes for half term (3.30pm)
Monday 27th February	School Opens (8.30am)
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Week Beginning 6th March	Parents Evening
Friday 24th March	Comic Relief
Friday 31st March	End of term assembly (2.15pm) School closes (3.30pm) End of term
Tuesday 18th April	School Opens for Pupils (8.30am)

If you have any questions, can help in any way or would like any more information about the school please contact:

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