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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils



Rabbits	Lewis for super mature behaviour on our school visit to the Westmorland Show
Hedgehogs	Charlie for being a super role model and settling into Year 2 amazingly
Owls	Errin for working hard in all areas this week
Foxes	Freddie C for amazing concentration and for working incredibly hard all week

It has been a great first week and already we have lots planned for this half term. Thank you to everyone for reading last week's newsletter and helping with the smooth running of the day.

We would now also like to introduce a slightly staggered pick up to help with parking. Children can be picked up between 3.00pm and 3.15pm. Please remember to drive slowly and park safely with consideration. Cars parked without leaving large gaps may allow further cars to park. Also remember NOT to park on the zig zag lines or turning bay at the bottom on the road. Thank you.

### **Interventions**

As you know we have various interventions for the children to help support the children and close any gaps the children may have in their learning. These have started this week. For some sessions you may have received a letter.

**Smart Moves** - This is a weekly session led by Miss Mitchell and focuses on developing fine and gross motor skills through a variety of activities and games.

**SERIS** - (Social and Emotional Resilience in Schools) This is a weekly session led by Mrs Cowan for children who require some support with their emotions, feelings, friendships, loss, and behaviour.

**Phonics/Reading Intervention** - This is a daily intervention that takes place in the afternoon and is led by Ms Bolt. This provides extra support with the Read, Write Inc programme and helps children become more confident readers.

**Maths Intervention** - This is a weekly intervention led by Mrs Bolt and provides extra support in maths.

Children selected for interventions may change each term depending on their progress and assessments.

For more information, please contact the office and we will arrange a phone call or meeting to discuss.

### **Year 6 Stem (Science/Technology, Engineering and Maths)**

Year 6 will be visiting Furness Academy to take part in some STEM activities on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. They will travel by minibus. They will leave school at 9am and return for lunchtime.

## Year 5 Science Workshops

Year 5 pupils will be visiting Ulverston Victoria School to take part in some Science Workshops on the **2nd October (Fizzy Experiments)** and the **6<sup>th</sup> November (Balloon Buggy)**. They will travel by minibus in the morning and return for 12.15pm

## PTA (Friends of Newton School)

This year we really want to develop our PTA and actively need volunteers to help and support with planning and organising events for the children and fundraising events to allow these activities to take place. We really do rely on the PTA funds to subsidise visits, support with the running costs of the minibus, purchase extra-curricular resources etc so fundraising is very important, plus it provides fun events for the children, parents and staff alike. Mrs Mc Gerty our previous Clerk to the Governors has offered to take on the role as Chairperson and she will be in touch soon to recruit and organise some meetings.

We are hoping to organise a Coffee Morning, Halloween Disco and Bingo Night this term so we would really appreciate your support. Please contact the office if you would be interested in joining or getting involved. We will then forward your details to Karen McGerty who will then discuss the best venue and times for the group to meet. Thank you.

## School Governors

We have two vacancies for 'Parent Governors' at Newton Village Academy which we need to fill as soon as possible. Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. They bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing body.

An email containing more information has been sent to you today. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact the school office for a nomination form and information pack (self-nomination is acceptable). The deadline for applications is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held and parents will be sent a voting paper.

## Clubs

Themed clubs start next week Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September for 5 weeks. Please book via Parent Pay.

Day	Club	Time		
Monday	Onside Multiskills - Y1-6	3.15 pm - 4.00 pm	£15.00	Onside
Tuesday	Art - Y1-3	3.15 pm - 4.00 pm	£15.00	Miss Moore
Tuesday	Football KS2	3.15 pm - 4.00 pm	£1.00 booking fee	Miss Mitchell
Wednesday	KS2 Gym	3.15 pm - 4.00 pm	£15.00	Miss Balfour
Thursday	KS1 Gym	3.15 pm - 4.00 pm	£1.00 booking fee	Miss Mitchell

Please note that Miss Mitchell's clubs are funded by Sports Premium

## Uniform

Please ensure that children come into school wearing their full school uniform including the correct footwear. A list of school uniform is available on our website. As the weather is starting to break and we welcome Autumn in, please all children remember to bring in a coat. Please ensure all clothing is named.

The Rabbits fence is due to be installed this weekend. We look forward to seeing our outdoor play area completed very soon.

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Furness Academy are having an Open Evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September followed by Open Sessions on the 25-29<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 am (booking not required)

Ulverston Victoria High School are having their opening evening on 28<sup>th</sup> September

Dowdales will be holding their open evening on 4<sup>th</sup> October

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2023**

YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATION FORMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM COUNTY BUT PARENTS CAN APPLY ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://EMS.WESTMORLANDANDFURNESS.GOV.UK/CITIZENPORTAL\\_LIVE/EN](HTTPS://EMS.WESTMORLANDANDFURNESS.GOV.UK/CITIZENPORTAL_LIVE/EN)

### **Staffing**

I forgot to mention and congratulate Miss Corkish on her marriage in the Summer Holidays. We wish Jamie and Charlotte every happiness. Miss Corkish has changed her name and is now Mrs Cowan.

Regards

Mrs Fell

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Some may change)**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Furness Academy Open Evening	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee Morning	9.15 am - 10.30 am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 STEM	Furness Academy
	Year 5 Science Workshops	Ulverston Victoria
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Fizzy Experiments	Ulverston Victoria
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations	Consent Letters have been sent home
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Cyclewise Week	Foxes Class
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	9.15 am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Owls and Foxes Class Halloween Disco	5.00 - 7.00 pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Rabbits and Hedgehogs Class Halloween Fun day	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Hedgehogs Class Movie visit to Vue	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Rabbits Class Movie visit to Vue	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Foxes Class Movie visit to Vue	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Owls Class Movie visit to Vue	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Last swimming session for Hedgehogs Class	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	1.30 - 2.30 pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk - Christmas Panto - Forum Whole School	1.00 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas 1.30pm	