

## Newton Village Academy

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday. It has been such a lovely positive week and it has been such a pleasure to see all those smiling faces.

### **Building Work**

As you will have seen we have had quite a few changes and improvements made to the school building. As part of the DFE safeguarding requirements we have a new security fence and cameras around school. The gate to the back playground will be opened in the morning for breakfast club and again for home time. Nursery children collected at lunchtime must be picked up at 12.00 noon from the front door. Please arrive on time and we will have them ready. We will be unable to have them ready any earlier.

The fence for Rabbits Class has yet to be finished which means the children will have supervised access to their playground and the larger playground throughout the day. Please ensure your child does not play in the Rabbits Class play areas at drop off and pick up as activities will be set up for learning. This also applies to Hedgehogs Class.

Inside we have a newly built entrance, corridor, and a larger Foxes Class. They have all been decorated and look lovely. We also have new interactive whiteboards in each class.

### **Organisation of the Day**

School starts at 8.50 am. Children can be dropped off from 8.40 am at the class door. Hopefully, this will stagger some of the traffic in the morning.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45 am until 8.45 am and there will be one cost of £3.50. This will include a breakfast. You will need to book in advance and drop off at the hall door as usual. There are twelve places, and it is based on pre-booking, first come first served. We are unable to accommodate children who are not booked on in advance. This is to ensure we have the correct ratios for health and safety requirements.

Please can Foxes Class use the front door to enter and leave and can Owls Class use their class door to enter and leave.

School finishes at 3.10pm.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle containing water only.

Tuck shop is £6.60 for this half term. Please could this be brought in as cash and given to the class teacher in a named envelope.

### **Dinners**

Hot meals need to be booked and paid via Parent Pay. Due to changes within the system, we cannot always guarantee that we can book them from the classroom and may need to call parents to bring a packed lunch. Please can any outstanding payments from last year be paid promptly. Any negative accounts will not allow bookings to be made.

## PE Days

PE sessions will start next week. Please can you ensure your child is wearing sports uniform on the following days.

Rabbits and Hedgehogs- Wednesday and Thursday

Owls and Foxes- Monday and Friday

## Swimming

Hedgehogs Class (year 1/2) will start swimming sessions next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. There will be ten sessions and they will take place in the afternoon at Dalton Leisure Centre. Children will be traveling by minibus and a staff car. If you would like to collect your child from the baths at 3.00 pm (every week) please call the office to arrange this before Wednesday. The cost will remain the same, £4 a session and can be paid via Parentpay. Please ensure this is paid as soon as possible.

## Clubs

Miss Dickinson's Afterschool Club can be booked online. Payment for the first hour until 4 pm will be £3.00 and until 5pm will be £7.00 and this will include a snack and drink.

## Uniform

It was fabulous seeing all the lovely smart uniforms this week. Please ensure your child has all their uniform items clearly labelled with their name. With the sunny weather children have been taking off their jumpers and we have noticed that lots of children do not have their names in their clothing.

## Staffing

I would like to warmly welcome Senior Teaching Assistant, Mrs Stokes who will be supporting in Hedgehogs Class and also Mrs Davies our new Family Support Worker. Mrs Davies will be in school on a Thursday to support families and children. Please contact the office if you would like any advice or support and we will arrange a meeting.

We would also like to welcome new pupils, Mila in Year 6, Dylan in Year 2, Wren in Year 1 along with Bailey, Bruce, and Rory in Nursery.

Thank you for your continued support and see you all on Monday.

Regards

Mrs Fell

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming starts for Year 1 and 2	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Westmorland Show	Rabbits Class
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee Morning	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Cyclewise Week	Foxes Class
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	9.15am