



Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils



Rabbits	Lewis for an amazing full day in nursery class
Hedgehogs	Elliot for discovering a love for learning and working independently
Owls	Annabelle for being a caring member of the class
Foxes	Melissa for always smiling and trying her best

Parking and Driving

Sadly, I am having to remind everyone again about the dangers of driving too fast through the village and parking dangerously and inconsiderately outside school and coming through the villages. We have had several complaints from residents both from Newton Village and Stank saying that parents are not following the 20 maximum speed limits when driving through the villages. We have also had several parents complain that we still have some parents/grandparents dropping children off on the Zig Zag lines and leaving large gaps between cars limiting the space available for parking. We have arranged a slightly staggered drop off to ease problems so PLEASE drive and park safely.

Reading Books

Please can we remind children and parents that reading books need to come into school each day. Homework is set so that each child reads every night and they need to bring back their book daily. We have purchased a scheme of books and will need to charge parents for lost books as we require the full set to teach it effectively. Payment requests will be sent home to those parents that have not returned the books.

We have acquired some funding to purchase reading for pleasure books. These lovely books will be sent home with reading book and are for reading and sharing together. We have two copies of each book and some are linked to our topics and themes. Again, please take care of these books and ensure they are returned. We do not have further money to replace them so we will need to ask for payment if they are damaged or lost. Thank you and we hope you enjoy reading them together!

Online Safety

As you will be aware online safety is a big part of our computer curriculum. In particular, we have had some concerns around children using 'Snap Chat' and sending inappropriate and unkind messages to each other. We have covered further sessions this week in class, but please can we remind parents that the legal age for use is 13 year old and it is important that you monitor and restrict your child's access to sites.

First Aid

Year 6 will be taking part in a first Aid workshop on Monday afternoon. This will be delivered free of charge by a local company 'Daisy First Aid'. They offer parents, families, and groups the opportunity to take part in some fun and informative practical sessions either at your home or local venues. If you would like further information, please visit the website <https://www.daisyfirstaid.com>

Movie Week

Next week we will be treating all the children to a movie experience at the Vue cinema in Barrow. All children will be travelling by minibus. There is no charge for this visit as it is being funded by the PTA.

Tuesday morning - Hedgehogs Class

Wednesday morning - Rabbits Class

Thursday morning - Foxes Class

Friday morning - Owls Class

Road to Engineering- BAE Visit

Year 5/6 will be attending BAE to take part in some STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities on Tuesday 7th November. Pupils need to wear school uniform. Lunch will be provided.

Forest School Visits

We will be taking **Foxes class** for their postponed visit to Mill Wood on **Thursday 9th November** afternoon. We will go directly from the cinema so please can all children bring a packed lunch for that day. Children are to wear PE kits and bring a warm coat/hat. Please can they also bring wellies in a carrier bag for the afternoon. Thanks. Let's hope the weather is kinder!

Rabbits Class will be visiting Mill Wood on the afternoon of **Tuesday 14th November** and will need to wear old warm clothes.

Reception Hearing Screening

Hearing checks will take place for Reception pupils on Thursday 16th November in the morning.

Science Workshop -Year 5

Just a reminder that Year 5 pupils will be visiting Ulverston Victoria School on Monday for their next Science Session.

Leighton Hall

We are planning to take the children to Leighton Hall for a Christmas experience this half term. Hedgehogs Class will be travelling by coach on Monday 13th November. Owls and Foxes will be travelling by coach on Monday 27th November. We will be leaving school at 9.00 am and returning for 3.30 pm. Children will need to wear PE kits and bring a packed lunch. The cost for this visit is £20 per child and can be paid via ParentPay. This trip has been subsidised by Orcina.

PTA

The PTA have decided to hold a Christmas fair this year. They are holding another meeting at the Red Lion in Dalton to plan the event and would warmly welcome more helpers. This has always been a great fundraising event for school. The meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th November at 7.00pm**.

School Lottery

If you would like to join our School Lottery, please sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>.

Christmas Pantomime- Forum 28

Each year we take the whole school to see the Christmas Pantomime at the Forum. It is such a fun and festive event. We will be travelling by coach and the cost will be £15. If you would like your child to attend, please pay a deposit of £5.00 on Parentpay by Monday 6th November so we can book the tickets. The remainder will be due nearer the time.

Remembrance Day

We are selling a variety of Remembrance items. We have wrist bands, snap rulers, poppy stickers and clips available and are suggesting a £1 donation for each item..

Foxes and Hedgehogs Class will be visiting Newton memorial on Friday morning to lay a wreath and pay their respects. We will be accompanied by Mr Blenkarn playing his Trumpet.

Young Voices

Please can any outstanding deposit payments for Young Voices please be paid asap otherwise we will give the places to pupils on the waiting list. Final payments do not need to be paid until next year.

Regards, Mrs Fell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
(Some may change)

Monday 6 th November	Daisy First Aid Session	Y5 Y6
Tuesday 7 th November	Science Workshop at Ulverston Victoria	Y5
Tuesday 7 th November	Hedgehogs Class Movie visit to Vue	
Tuesday 7 th November	Road to Engineering	Y5/6
Tuesday 7 th November	Owls Class visit to Abbots Wood	
Wednesday 8 th November	Rabbits Class Movie visit to Vue	
Thursday 9 th November	Foxes Class Movie visit to Vue	
Thursday 9 th November	Foxes visit to Mill Wood pm	
Thursday 9 th November	PTA Meeting at Red Lion	7.00 pm
Friday 10 th November	Owls Class Movie visit to Vue	
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Visit to Village Cenotaph	11am
Monday 13 th November	Visit to Leighton Hall	Y1 Y2
Tuesday 14 th November	Rabbits Class visit to Mill Wood.	Pm
Thursday 16 th November	Reception hearing tests	
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need	Children to wear PJs
Friday 17 th November	Tag Rugby Event- Dowdales	Y5 Y6
Wednesday 22 nd November	Last swimming session for Hedgehogs Class	
Monday 27 th November	Visit to Leighton Hall	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair	3.15 pm until 5.00 pm
Sunday 3 rd December	Dalton River of Light Brolly Parade	
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 8 th December	Athletics Event -Dowdales	Y5 Y6
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Play	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Play	1.30 - 2.30 pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Foxes Class visit to Furness Academy Panto	AM
Thursday 14 th December	Jack and the Beanstalk - Christmas Panto - Forum	Whole School
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Parties	
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas 1.30pm	