

## Newton Village Academy

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### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils



Rabbits	Jaxon for amazing blending and a super <i>Gruffalo</i> list
Hedgehogs	Jack for being a credit to the class and always having a smile on his face
Owls	Aidan for working hard on his handwriting this week
Foxes	Harvey for striving very hard and working at his best on his tests

Well, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! The decorations are up, and we are excited to start our fun and exciting Christmas festivities.

### Nativity Play

Rabbits and Hedgehogs Class will be performing their delightful Nativity Play from the 11 December.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - This is a rehearsal performance, but we invite the elderly from the village and if there are any grandparents that would like to attend this show they are very welcome.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 6.00 -6.45pm - Please can pupils performing arrive at 5.30pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 1.30pm

Tickets will be available on ParentPay from Monday and cost £2.00 each. Due to health and safety regulations, we must limit numbers in the hall. Therefore, families can book two tickets per performance. All proceeds will go to the PTA to fund our Christmas parties.

### Christmas Jumper Day -Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to come into school wearing a festive jumper/t shirt. Please don't go out and buy a jumper especially for the day, we may have one in school you can have. Contact the office. Donations can be made via Just Giving. Details will be sent next week.

### Christmas Dinner- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Staff and children will be having a festive lunch which will be bookable on Parentpay closer to the time. A menu is attached. We are hoping all children will enjoy the festivities with us. Children not having a festive lunch will need to bring a packed lunch.

### Christmas Pantomime- Forum 28 - 14 December

Thanks to everybody who has paid their deposit for the local Pantomime. Tickets have now been ordered. Those children who are not attending will be expected to remain in school. We will be travelling by coach and minibus and hope to be back at school for 3.30pm

## **Christmas Parties**

The children will be having a Christmas party in school on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school wearing their party clothes.

## **Zoo Visit**

We will be taking Rabbits Class to visit the Zoo on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be leaving school at 10.30am and will return for 3.00 pm. Please can children be dressed in old warm clothes and bring wellies if they do not have any in school. They will also need to wear a warm coat, hats and gloves. They will need to bring a packed lunch. We will be travelling by minibus. There will be no charge for this visit.

## **Athletics**

We will be taking a group of Year 5/6 pupils to compete in an Athletics competition on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Individual letters have been sent out to the parents of those children participating.

## **PTA - School Lottery**

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

## **Swimming KS2**

Owls Class and some of Foxes Class (Those that cannot swim the requirement of 25metres) will start swimming sessions after Christmas for 10 weeks. Sessions will start on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Sessions cost £4.00 session (£40.00 in total) and can be paid via Parentpay.

## **Residential visit to London - Foxes**

A deposit of £50 is due by the 8<sup>th</sup> December - please pay on Parentpay

## **Reception Places**

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for Reception Places is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Application Forms for Nursery Class can be obtained from the Office.

We also have places in other classes if you know of any parents who may be interested.

Regards, Mrs Fell

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

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Dalton River of Light Brolly Parade	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Athletics Event -Dowdales	Y5 Y6
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
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Foxes Class visit to Furness Academy Panto	AM
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk - Christmas Panto - Forum	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rabbits visit to the Zoo	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas 1.30pm</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school	