

## Newton Village Academy

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**Friday 15th December 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

### Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Athletics Team who competed at Dowdales last Friday. Well done to Melissa, Honey, Ella, Mila, Sophie and Mollie who represented the girls' team and Henry, Stanley, Charlie, Reuben, George and Freddie who represented the boys. They all showed great skill and determination but most of all had great fun!

### Christmas Raffle

A massive thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets. We have made a staggering £1041.86. This will be used to purchase outdoor equipment to enhance lunchtimes. I would like to thank everyone who donated or collected a prize. It has been a real team effort. Well done to all the winners. The raffle has been drawn and prizes will be sent out today.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thanks to everybody who donated. We raised £47 for Save the Children.

### Christmas Parties

The children have loved their parties today and looked fantastic in their party clothes. A special thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit and spend some time with the children in his grotto allowing the children to choose a toy from his workshop.

### Christmas Nativity

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas nativity performances. I think you will agree they were wonderful, and the children sang and performed amazingly! Unfortunately, due to being ill I didn't make the final performances, but I hear they were fantastic. A special thank you to Mrs Moore and the rest of the staff for all their hard work.

### Christmas Tree Festival

As you will be aware, St Mary's Church in Dalton holds an annual tree festival, where local charities and schools decorate a tree to raise money for their chosen charity. This year we have decorated a tree in line with the nursery rhyme theme of 'pat a cake pat a cake'. This year our chosen charity is Macmillan Cancer Support. Please take time to visit the Church and see the wonderful tree our children have made and decorated. A special thanks to Miss Bolt for leading this project.

### 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 3pm. We ask that children are dressed in old warm clothes and bring wellies if they do not have any in school. They will need to wear a warm coat, hat and gloves. **Please can they bring a packed lunch.** We will be travelling by school minibus. There is no charge for this visit. Please let the class teacher know if your child **WILL NOT** be attending.

## Swimming KS2

Owls Class and some of Foxes Class (those that cannot swim the requirement of 25 metres) 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.

## Reception Places

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for Reception Places is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. All parents of children currently in our Nursery will need to apply online at <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>. If you know of anybody who would like a place in our school, please ask them to contact the school office.

If you have any siblings that would like a place this year or next, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can get them on the list and arrange home visits and play dates.

Just to remind you that we finish school on **Tuesday at 1.30pm** and there will be no after-school club on that day. Children will return to school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

This will be the last newsletter for 2023, so on behalf of all the governors, staff and children we would like to wish you a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Regards, Mrs Fell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rabbits visit to the Zoo	See above
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas 1.30pm</b>	<b>No After School Club this day</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school	