

Newton Village Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and had the opportunity to spend some quality family time together. We are already in full flow of learning this Spring Term and are excited to start planning lots of new experiences and events.

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome our new pupil Charlotte in Owls Class.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a priority for our school. On average, we are currently below the government expectation of 96%, the large majority of which is due to holidays taken in term time, in addition to illness. We are seeing a significant increase in holidays being taken in term time and this, alongside any illness, is impacting on children's time in school. Please carefully consider the impact on your child's education when taking children out of school for holidays. Some of you will have received letters for those that have children whose attendance fell below 90% last term. Attendance and punctuality will continue to be monitored and I will be in touch to discuss further if required. Support can be provided by the Family Worker 'Michelle Davies' if required. Michelle is also available to discuss any other matters that you may require help and support with.

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.8%.

Swimming

Swimming starts for Owls Class on Wednesday 31st January for 10 weeks. To meet the PE (Physical Education) swimming 'end of Key Stage 2' curriculum expectations, all pupils must be able to swim 25 metres and complete water survival. Therefore, some pupils from Foxes Class will also be attending. Parents will be notified if their child is required to attend. The cost of £4 a session can be paid on Parent Pay. Please ensure your child has their costume, towel, and a pair of goggles each week.

Clubs

Clubs for the Spring term have started and can be booked on Parentpay. Gymnastics Clubs will now finish at 4.30 pm to allow some extra practice time.

PTA

The PTA will be holding their next meeting on Thursday 18th January. They are hoping to discuss and organise the Valentines Disco and Bingo Night both to be held this term. We warmly welcome everyone to join us at the Red Lion in Dalton at 7.00 pm. Please let the office know if you will be attending. Thank you.

Payment for London

We are excited and busily planning all the wonderful city experiences for our year 5 and 6 pupils this Summer. Please ensure that you make regular payments to ensure so that the visit is paid in advance.

Regards,

Mrs Fell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 19 th January	Year 5/6 Football girls' competition	Morning
Wednesday 24 th January	Whole School Phonics Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th February	Young Voices -Manchester	Letters to be sent out
Friday 9 th February	Break up for half term	
Monday 19 th February	Return to school	
Friday 23 rd February	Barrow Football visit	Afternoon
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 8 th March	Gymnastic Key Steps Competition	Dowdales
Wednesday 27 th March	School Photographs	
Thursday 28 th March	Break up for Easter Holidays	1.30pm