

## Newton Village Academy

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils this week



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| Rabbits Class   | Roman for being a pleasure to teach                  |
| Hedgehogs Class | Brooklyn for giving 100% even when things are tricky |
| Owls Class      | Polly for great football skills in the competition   |
| Foxes Class     | Reuben for always working hard and doing his best    |

### Year 5/6 Football Team Success

Congratulations to Mila, Georgia, Sophie, Polly, Ella and Mollie who competed at Furness Academy against lots of the larger Barrow Schools. With determination and great teamwork, they came second overall. Well done!

### Gymnastics Competition- Key Steps- Dowdales

All three teams will be competing at Dowdales on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Key Steps 1 (Y1/2) will compete in the morning and the other two teams will compete in the afternoon. The key steps event will start at approximately 9.30 am with warm-ups and the afternoon event will start at approximately 1.00 pm. Parents can watch from the viewing room. Please can parents plait their child's hair in two French plaits before coming into school. Please let us know if you will require a staff member to plait your child's hair.

### Young Voices

As you know we are taking some children to Manchester on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We will be leaving school at 11.00 am. Please can all parents travelling with us arrive at school on time. Children need to wear PE bottoms and will be provided with their T shirt to wear for the show. They will need a packed lunch with several snacks and drinks for their tea and evening (drinks must be in a sealable container). We will be stopping at the Motorway Services for dinner. Families can purchase their dinner together. Children not travelling with parents can either bring money to buy a dinner or bring a packed dinner. We ask that children do not bring phones or electrical devices.

We will return to the Village at approximately midnight and will park at the Village Inn for collection. We will keep you updated by text and Facebook regarding timings during the evening. **Please can you ensure that all payments have been made by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

### Swimming

Swimming starts for Owls Class on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Parentpay. Please ensure your child has their costume, towel, and a pair of goggles each week.

### Chinese New Year

As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, we will be providing a Chinese meal buffet for lunch on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please book on Parentpay if your child would like this option.

### Foxes Class London Visit

Our exciting city visit will come around quickly! A monthly payment plan has been set up on Parentpay.

Regards,

Mrs Fell

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January    | Whole School Phonics Training Day | Please note change of Menu for Children |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January       | Year 5/6 Dodgeball at Dowdales    | Afternoon                               |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February       | Y5/6 Netball at Furness Academy   | Afternoon                               |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February       | Year 2 Indoor Athletics Event     | After school                            |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February      | Young Voices -Manchester          | Letters have been sent home             |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February      | Safer Internet Day                |   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February       | Gymnastics Competition            | Dowdales                                |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>     |   |

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| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>                        |                           |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February       | Barrow Football visit                          | Afternoon                 |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March           | Year 3 4 Girls football competition            | Afternoon Furness Academy |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March           | Year 5 Taster Day                              | UVHS                      |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March         | World Book Day                                 |                           |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March           | Gymnastic Key Steps Finals                     | Dowdales                  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March          | Hedgehogs Class visit to Grizedale Forest      | Details to follow         |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March        | Year 6 Transition event in Penrith             | Details to follow         |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March          | Year 1 Sports Event                            |                           |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March       | Festival of Colours Workshop                   |                           |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March          | Festival at Colours Show-Forum                 |                           |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March       | School Photographs                             |                           |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March        | <b>BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 1.30 PM</b> |                           |