

Newton Village Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils this week.

Rabbits	Fox for super independent writing
Hedgehogs	Renna for working hard in all her lessons
Owls	Mabel for being a delight and giving 100%
Foxes	Honey for a great working attitude

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS 93.06%

Please ensure that if your child is absent/going to be absent for any reason, you must contact us by phone/text/email to notify us of the reason.

As part of DfE's drive to improve school attendance they have launched a major national drive to improve school attendance, 'Moment's matter, attendance counts'. The campaign highlights how good attendance links directly to attainment, wellbeing development as well as signposting to advice for further support. Please find attached a letter from Westmorland and Furness Council regarding absence in term time.

Year 5 Taster Day - Ulverston Victoria High School - 6th March

Year 5 pupils will need to be dropped off and collected at UVHS for a taster day on Wednesday 6th March. A letter has been sent out with more information. They will be given a complimentary lunch.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We ask that children come dressed as their favourite book character. Parents are invited to come and read with their child in the hall from 9.15am. **For seating purposes, we will be limiting attendance to one adult per child.** The children will receive a £1 book voucher. There is a poster on our school noticeboard giving ideas on how to spend the voucher. The PTA will be selling cakes and tea/coffee. Donations for cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be brought in either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Parents that cannot attend can send in money for a cake in a named envelope for their child and they will share a book with staff or their friends.. There will also be prizes for the best child costumes so get creative!

Gymnastics - Friday 8th March

All three Gymnastic teams will be competing at Dowdales for the County qualifying competition on Friday 8th March in the afternoon. Parents can watch and refreshments will be offered. All children will need to return to school with staff to collect their belongings before going home. We still have some leotards outstanding and do not have enough for everyone to wear at once. They cost approximately £60 each and we are unable to keep replacing them. Please can parents check their homes and return if they have one. If any team does get through to the County Finals in Penrith, the date is Monday the 25th of March.

Hedgehogs Class visit to Grizedale- Monday 11th March

Hedgehogs Class are visiting Grizedale Forest to take part in some Science and Geography sessions. They will be travelling by coach and will leave school at approximately 9.30 am and return to school for approximately 3pm. Children can wear warm old clothes and must bring a waterproof coat and a pair of wellingtons in a carrier bag. They may also need a warm hat and gloves. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a couple of drinks in a sealable container. The cost for this visit is £5.00 each and can be payable via Parent Pay. This has been gratefully subsidised by Fussells Travel Service.

STEM Event (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) - Tuesday 12th March

Owls and Foxes Class have been invited to an event at Furness College to take part in some activities delivered by different STEM companies. They will travel by coach and leave after lunch and arrive back at school at approximately 3.15pm.

Year 5 Fitness and Wellbeing Transition Day - Wednesday 13th March

Year 5 pupils will be taking part in a sports transition afternoon at Furness Academy on Wednesday 13th March. Pupils will need to wear PE uniform. Children will return for 3.15pm.

Year 6 Transition Event - Wednesday 13th March

We have been invited to a county event on Wednesday 13th of March. The event is being held at Penrith Leisure Centre and is based around Sports Hall Athletics. The event is designed to help with the process of transition from year 6 into year 7. Students in year 6 will work alongside pupils from Furness Academy's current year 7 students, developing their confidence, teamwork, and communication skills. They will be travelling by coach and will leave at 9.15am and return to school at approximately 3.45pm. Pupils will need a packed lunch and snacks and drinks for the day. Children will need to wear PE kits and trainers.

PTA Bingo - Thursday 14th March

Thank you to everyone that brought in a non-uniform gift for the school raffle. If you forgot, it's not too late! We would welcome any new gift sets, soaps, wine, chocolates, children's toys etc. (perhaps some of those unwanted Christmas presents!) Thank you to all those that replied and expressed an interest in attending the PTA fundraising Bingo Night. Unfortunately, we have had to change the date and venue. It will now be held at the Farmers Arms in Newton on **Thursday 14th March**. It is usually a great fundraising evening and this year we are raising money to enhance the outdoor learning resources at lunchtimes and playtimes.

Please contact the office if you would like to purchase tickets. The cost is £7.50 per adults and £3.50 per child and this includes two games of bingo and pie and peas. There is a choice of meat and potato or cheese and onion pies or hotdogs for the children, so please let us know how many tickets you would like and your order preference. Please complete the slip sent out on a letter today along with payment by Friday 8th March. There will also be a raffle on the night with lots of prizes so don't forget to bring some money.

Easter Raffle

We will be running our usual Easter Raffle, again to raise funds to enhance our outdoor learning resources. Tickets will go on sale next week at £1 per strip and the raffle will be drawn at the end of term Easter assembly. Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Onside Multi-Sports Camp

I have reserved 5 places for the Easter camp that runs at Parkside Academy in Barrow. This is running on 2nd April till 5th April and the 9th of April till 12th April, 9am till 3.00pm. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the office and we will send you the relevant form to complete. This is based on a first come first served basis, but priority will be given to pupils who receive Pupil Premium or are SEND. Deadline for forms returned is **Friday 15th March**.

Clubs

After School Clubs are available on Parentpay.

We still do have some availability for clubs.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Teacher	Cost
Monday	Y2 Football	3, 4, 5, 6	Multisport	£15.00
Tuesday	KS1 Gym	R, 1, 2	Miss Mitchell	0
Tuesday	Rockstar Timetables	3, 4, 5, 6,	Mrs Cowan	0
Wednesday	Yoga	All	Miss Dickinson	£12.50
Thursday	Construction	All	Miss Hanna	£12.50
Friday	Disco Night	All	Miss Dickinson	£12.50

Reminder

Please contact the Office regarding any school queries. The Office is open from 8.45 until 3.45 pm Monday to Friday. We are unable to answer any school questions posted on Facebook outside of school hours.

Regards, Mrs Fell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6 th March	Year 5 Taster Day	UVHS
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 8 th March	Gymnastic Key Steps Finals	Dowdales
Monday 11 th March	Hedgehogs Class visit to Grizedale Forest	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th March	STEM event- Furness College	Y3-6
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 6 Transition event in Penrith	Details to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 5 Fitness and Wellbeing Transition Day	
Friday 15 th March	Year 1 Sports Event	
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Donations can be made on Parentpay
Friday 15 th March	Year 5/6 Visit to Dock Museum	morning
Wednesday 20 th March	Festival of Colours Workshop	
Friday 22 nd March	Festival at Colours Show-Forum	
Wednesday 27 th March	School Photographs	
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Assembly	
Thursday 28 th March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 1.30 PM	