

Newton Village Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils this week.

Rabbits	Bruce- For being enthusiastic towards his learning
Hedgehogs	Dylan- For being kind and helpful towards others
Owls	Ted R- For having a positive and focused week
Foxes	Ella- For always being sensible and a great role model to others

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS 93.64%

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.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are very excited to announce that we have started a new outdoor project at school. OPAL is a community interest company dedicated to providing services to schools and organisations to improve the quality of play opportunities for all children. The programme offers school a structures process, with mentored support to enable schools to permanently change both their environment and their culture to enable provision of amazing playtimes every day. A letter and further information are attached. Ms Roberts has agreed to join as our 'Play Leader' and we will be sharing lots more information as we go along. Hopefully you will begin to see some of the fabulous changes both in the playground and in the engagement and happiness of the children.

We will be collecting lots of resources to help us create the different areas and activities. Please see the attached list and if you have anything you could kindly donate, we would greatly appreciate it. We will put a crate by the front gate for your collections. Thank you.

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 Furnes 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 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.

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.

PTA Bingo - Thursday 14th March Thank you to everyone that have returned their slips and payment for the bingo night next week. The pub has just informed me that if you would like to purchase drinks it will be cash only.

Red Nose Day- Thursday 14th March (Change of Date)

We will be celebrating red nose day on Thursday 14th March. Children can wear non-uniform/something red and of course they can wear their red noses! They can also wear creative hair styles if they wish! We ask for a charity donation, and this can be paid via Parent Pay.

Year 1 Sporting Event - Friday 15th March

We will be taking all the year 1 pupils on Friday 15th March to Dowdales to take part in some sporting activities. We will travel by minibus and return to school for 3.15pm. Please could children wear their PE kits on this day. Thank you.

Foxes Class London Visit Tuesday 12th June- Friday 14th June

As June draws closer, we are getting very excited to visiting London on our residential. Thank you to all the parents that have paid their instalments. Please can the next instalment of be paid via Parent pay by If you would like to discuss the visit further or have any issues regarding payment, please get in touch with the office and we will do our best to help.

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 Competition

This year we will be holding a competition for pupils to make a Easter themed hat at home. You can be as creative as you like, and we ask for entries to be brought into school on Wednesday 27th March for judging. There will be two prizes per class and prizes will be given at the Easter Assembly.

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.

Parents Evening

We will be holding a Parents Evening on Wednesday 17th April for Hedgehogs, Owls, and Foxes Class. Appointments will be available from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. Rabbits Class will have their evening on Tuesday 16th April. Please book your slot via the classroom door.

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

Thursday 14 th March	Red Nose Day	Donations can be made on Parentpay
Thursday 14 th March	Bingo Farmers Arms Newton	5.30pm
Friday 15 th March	Year 1 Sports Event	
Friday 22 nd March	Festival at Colours Show-Forum	
Monday 25 th March	County Gym Finals	
Wednesday 27 th March	School Photographs	8.00am family followed by individual and class
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Assembly	
Thursday 28 th March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 1.30 PM	

Monday 15 th April	Return to school	
Tuesday 16 th April	Rabbits Class Parents Evening	Rabbits
Wednesday 17 th April	Parents Evening	Hedgehogs Owls Foxes
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	
Week beg 13 th May	Year 6 SATS Week	
Monday 20 th May	Felt Art Workshops	
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term	