

Newton Village Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful couple of days we have had back at school. All the children look so smart in their uniforms so thank you. It has been a pleasure to see their smiles and excitement, ready for another busy year.

We have been busy setting the rules and routines along with expectations for the year with the children this week. We have also been recruiting for our School Council and Sports Leaders. Well done to everyone that completed an application form and congratulations to the pupils who were voted for by their classmates.

I am sure you will be aware from previous letters and correspondence from both myself, the government and the media that attendance is a focus for improvement across the Country. This week's attendance for our school is 98.25%. Please remember to contact school as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent.

Parent Meetings

We shall continue to work in partnership with parents on supporting children with their learning. To help us do this we will be holding meetings for all parents to attend. These will run afterschool from 3.30 pm in the hall and will last approximately 45 minutes. We will be sharing information on the curriculum, homework, reading and expectations along with general information. It will also provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. Children can attend the meeting with you. We really do hope you can attend.

Parents from Foxes, Owls and Hedgehogs Class are invited into school on Tuesday 17th September

Parents from Rabbits Class are invited into school on Wednesday 18th September

Emergency Contact and Medical Details

It is essential that our records are kept up to date. Forms for completion by parents have been sent home. Please ensure that these are completed and returned by next week at the latest.

Themed Clubs

Monday	Gymnastics Open Club - Year 1-3 - 12 places - Miss Mitchell
Tuesday	Sport Club Tag Rugby - Year 3-5 - Miss Mitchell - 20 places
Wednesday	Gymnastics Open Club - Year 4-6 - 12 places - Miss Balfour
Thursday	Football Club - Y3-6 - 24 places - Jack from Onside Soccer
Friday	OPAL Club - Whole School - 12 places - Miss Jones

Open Gymnastics Club is for any child that would like to practice the Key Steps routines and try out for the team to compete in this year's competitions. The Team will be selected from this Club. **Clubs need to be booked on Parentpay and will cost £10 for 5 sessions. All clubs run until 4.15 pm. Please remember to collect your child promptly.**

Teachers will run the following Clubs at lunchtime. Children can sign up at school. There will be Choir, Craft Club and Recorders.

Miss Dickinson's Clubs

Monday	Construction
Tuesday	Board Games Club
Wednesday	Scooter/Bikes
Thursday	Drawing Club
Friday	Film Club

All Clubs run from 3.20 pm until 4.15 pm and cost £3.50. **Please book via Parentpay.**

PE Days

Monday	Rabbits	Hedgehogs
Tuesday	Rabbits	
Wednesday	Foxes	Owls
Thursday	Foxes	Hedgehogs
Friday	Owls	

Ukulele

All children in Owls and Foxes will be participating in weekly Ukulele tuition from a music teacher starting on Thursday 19th September. This will continue for the whole year. We request a donation of £30 to pay towards this cost. This should be paid via Parentpay.

Swimming

Swimming will start next week on Wednesday 11th September and will run for 10 weeks. The cost of this is £40.00 per child and can be paid via Parentpay. This payment pays for pool hire, a lifeguard, a swimming instructor, staffing and transport. This term we will be taking Year 4 and Year 5.

Drinks Bottles

We have clear drinks bottles available to purchase from school. We have 2 sizes available. (500ml for £2.50 and 750ml for £3.50) These can be purchased via Parentpay or cash and will be available to collect from the Office. These will be stored in drink boxes that can be easily stored and transported. We will write each child's name on, and they will be sent home daily to clean and wash.

Children need to fill class bottles with water only. Water/juice is provided for all children at lunchtime. If children would like their own drink with their lunch, they would need to bring this in a separate bottle.

Tuck Shop

Please can tuck shop be paid to the class teacher. The cost is £1.25 per week. Children can bring their own healthy tuck shop (cereal bar, fruit, bread sticks, etc) We do not allow chocolates, crisps or sweets.

McMillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be having our annual coffee afternoon to raise funds for the McMillan Charity on Friday 27th September. We would really appreciate donations of cakes (made and bought). We thought we might try an afternoon this year! It would start at 1.30pm until 3pm. We hope lots of you can make it!

Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with a sad heart that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Blenkarn in two weeks time. For those that know Mrs Blenkarn well, you will know she has a passion and affection for dogs! She has been offered her dream job working with dogs and has decided to begin a new dog chapter in her life. We wish her every happiness.

Just to let you know that Miss Hanna had her baby girl Bonnie Willow on 23rd August. Mum and baby are both doing well.

Regards, Mrs Fell

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11 th September	Swimming starts	Year 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 17 th September	Parents Meeting for Foxes, Owls and Hedgehogs Class parents	3.30 pm-4.15 pm School Hall
Wednesday 18 th September	Parents Meeting for Rabbits Class parents	3.30 pm - 4.15pm School Hall
Thursday 19 th September	Roald Dahl Day	Owls Class
Monday 23 rd September	STEM Session Furness Academy Y5/6	AM
Friday 27 th September	McMillan Coffee Afternoon	1.30 pm-300 pm
Friday 4 th October	Work of the Month Assembly	2.45 pm-3.15 pm
Monday 7 th October	Author Visit Y5/6	AM
Thursday 10 th October	Mental Health Day- Wear something Yellow	Whole School
Friday 18 th October	Harvest Festival	9.00 am -10.00 am
Thursday 24 th October	Halloween Day and Disco	
Friday 25 th October	Break up	