



# Newton Farm Primary School Newsletter



## HT Message

We have had a wonderful week here in Newton Farm with so many events taking place. It has been a joy to see and hear the children talking about reading, sharing books, enjoying reading in new and fun situations and being so excited to hear stories being read to them. Thank you to everyone who made the week such a success and to all of you for contributing to the Readathon and Book Fair. These events will help us update all class libraries and also help towards our new system of sharing reading skills at home – more information on this will come home soon. Thank you again for all of your support!

*Mrs C Meechan*

## Dates for your Diary

### March

Parents' Evenings:

21<sup>st</sup> March – Rooms 7, 8, 9 and 18

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Rooms 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 20

24<sup>th</sup> March – Rooms 16, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 23

### April

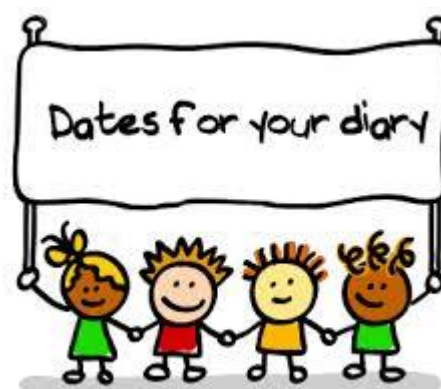
Spring break/Easter - School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 1st April

Pupils return - Tuesday 19th April

### May

2<sup>nd</sup> May – May Day Holiday

5<sup>th</sup> May – Inservice Day



## Eat Them To Defeat Them

We have had a great first week of Eat Them to Defeat Them, with carrots being on the menu. Next week, our focus will be peppers.

All of the information about what's on the menu each day can be found on the school blog.



We all had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day and all things reading. We read, talked about our favourite books, shared stories with others, created characters, made reading rivers, had Teddy Bears Picnics and so much more!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Readathon. We are blown away by the amount raised – over £3000!! This will allow us to continue building our library and supplementing class libraries too. Thank you!!

**Communication** – Parents and carers can contact us at any time and we are always pleased to hear your views and for you to update us on any concerns you or your child has. We would much rather you let us know as soon as you or your child are worried so we can help as best we can. Please don't wait but contact us on **0141 642 0333 for school** or email [gw17newtonfarmoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17newtonfarmoffice@glow.sch.uk) and your query will be dealt with by the relevant member of staff.

### Parents Evenings

You will have seen on the school blog and on the app that the booking system for Parents' Evenings opened today (Friday) at 9am. Video calls continue to be used at present as the guidance for visitors being in the building has not yet changed. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress and achievements with you. You can access the booking system by clicking the link below:

<https://newtonfarm.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have any problems accessing the booking system, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

Don't forget parents evening!

### Car Parking and Disabled Bays

We have had further complaints from members of the community regarding unsafe driving and parking.

We kindly ask again that everyone is mindful when stopping to drop off your child in the morning. We have had a number of concerns regarding double parking within the car park, cars stopping abruptly to let children out of the car and of cars parked on the road outside of the school, blocking traffic.

Our disabled bays should **only** be used by Blue Badge Holders or designated taxis.

### Scottish Rugby Schools Week

From the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> March, we will be taking part in Scottish Rugby Schools Week. Primary 4 pupils will be having Rugby Taster Sessions and everyone across the school will be taking part in Rugby themed activities.



### House System

A few months ago, we relaunched our updated House System here in school; something we have always had. Our houses used to be named after planets, but following much discussion from our pupils, the decision was made to vote on new House names and change the way we collect points.

In a landslide victory, the winner was Elements, so we now have Earth, Air, Fire and Water as our school Houses.

Every child in the school is in a House and can earn points for their House by displaying the school values, working hard, being kind and helpful and lots more!

Every week, our House Captains and Vice Captains visit classes to collect any completed House Point sheets and certificates are awarded to children.

25 points will earn a Bronze Certificate, 50 points will earn a Silver Certificate, 100 points will earn a Gold Certificate and 200 points will earn a special prize.

If we have a focus week, we will post on the school blog and share what the focus will be. For example, this week we will be focusing on being inclusive.



## Sporting Events

We are delighted that some of our pupils have been able and will be continuing to take part in SLC wide sporting events. This week some of our P6s and P7s represented the school in Cross Country Running with one of our pupils returning with a Bronze medal – well done Alana! Charlotte and Jess from P6 and Holly and Alana in P7 will now go on to represent the school in the SLC Final.

We have also had Primary 5 – 7 pupils out at football games – both our girls and boys football teams. They will be going out again next week.

Our Netball team will also be attending a Netball festival very soon!



## Big Walk and Wheel

Please see below for information about an initiative from our Junior Road Safety Officers.

### Big Walk and Wheel 2022 Info sheet

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge that inspires pupils to be amazing and take active journeys to school.

#### The 2022 challenge

See your local area from a new perspective, learn about the benefits of active travel and discover amazing journeys to school from around the world.

This year the challenge will run from 21 March–1 April. Register for the challenge from January 2022 at [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk).

#### How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel certificate.

#### Be part of something BIG

Our vision is a society where the way we travel creates healthier places and happier lives for everyone.

#### Prizes

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.

**In 2021,**  
**3,131kg**  
of nitrogen oxide avoided as a result of the 10-day challenge\*

**In 2021,**  
**1,488 tonnes**  
of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided as a result of the 10-day challenge\*

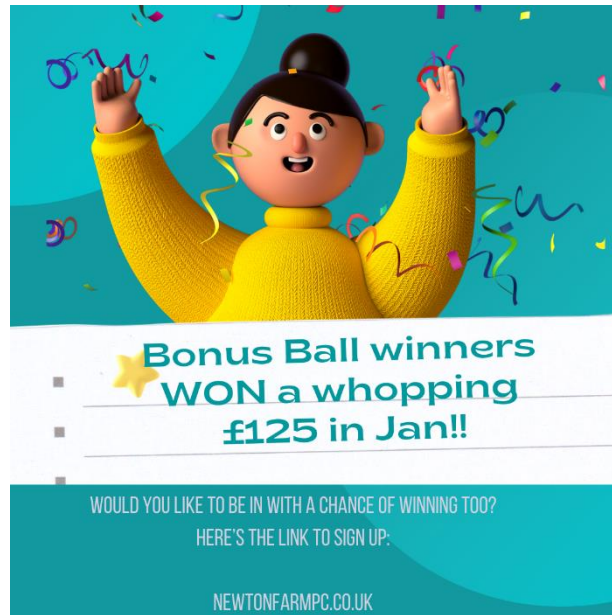
**In 2021, pupils at**  
**1,468**  
schools made  
**2,031,397**  
journeys to school by foot, wheelchair, scooter and cycle

\*Based on the assumption the journeys logged in the challenge would otherwise have been made by car.

# Parent Council News

Here at the Parent Council we are always looking at ways to raise funds for our school, the more we raise the more money there is available for the pupils and the school to utilise to make the school an even greater place to be!

We currently offer every parent the opportunity to join our Bonus Ball - subscriptions to this start at £5 a month and gives you the chance to win significantly more back! Gotta be in it to win it!



We are also launching our Easter Raffle where you can win more cash prizes and tickets for this start from only £1!



Without the support of the teachers, parents and pupils we wouldn't raise these funds so we want to say Thank You for all your contributions so far this year and please get involved with the new and exciting opportunities coming your way!