



Newton Farm Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of our first term. Pupils have been very busy settling into their new classes and getting used to school routines once again. Many of our pupils have taken on leadership roles, and we will have a focus on their varied roles in school in our next newsletter. After the October holiday we will be asking families if they would like to volunteer to come and be helpers at sporting events, outings or to help in classes and around the school, so if you or anyone in your extended family have any free time available, please look out for this information in the weeks ahead. Have a lovely holiday when it comes and thank you for all your support this term.

Kind regards, Mrs Meechan

Biscuit and a Blether

Around once a month we have a "Biscuit and a Blether" in school where we invite parents who are available to come into school and have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee with members of the senior management team. This is a very informal occasion where you have the opportunity to chat about the school and what we do here. If you have a spare half an hour please come along and have a chat, we would love to see you. The dates are on the year planner on our blog and on our notice board.

Traffic Survey

We have recently taken part in a survey of traffic in and around the school which was carried out by SLC. Their staff observed the use of the car park and the surrounding area. We have had several complaints from residents who live across from the school due to people blocking their driveways and also creating a dangerous area by parking on the road itself. We have been asked by SLC to contact the police to monitor this situation. As always we ask parents to park safely in the school itself, not to double park, park in bus zones, disabled bays without a Blue Badge or in drop off areas or on the grass as this creates a hazard for pedestrians and other drivers. Our Junior Road Safety officers led the recent WOW walk to school event which was very successful. They will also share road safety advice with pupils and families throughout the school year. We continue to ask for a crossing patrol to be put in place to aid pedestrians crossing the road at the main gate and have highlighted to SLC that parents have concerns about this too. We will keep you updated on any progress on this issue.

Uniforms



We have a huge pile of sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans unclaimed in our lost property. None of these items have names on them. If you are missing any clothing please ask at the school office and you can have a look for your items.

Unclaimed items will be sent to a charity so they can be used as they are all in very good condition.

Please put your child's name on all of their belongings so that they can be easily returned to them if they are misplaced.



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 and your query will be dealt with by the relevant member of staff.

Dress Down Days

We have had our first dress down day today and we have many others planned throughout the year, the dates for these are on the year planner which is on our blog. Today dress down day was just for fun and we will work with the Pupil Council to plan for charities they wish to support in the months ahead. If a charity or school funds are linked to a dress down day and you would like to support that cause, we would ask for donations to be made on Parent Pay. The Pupil Council will update everyone on the amounts raised.

P7 Residential trip

Over 60 of our P7s headed off to Inverclyde from the 6th to 8th September where they took part in a wide range of activities. As well as sports like rugby, hockey and handball that the pupils were familiar with, they also got the chance to try their hand at archery, lacrosse, orienteering, boccia and lots more. They also had a ball in the large gymnastics hall which was definitely the highlight for some. At nights, they enjoyed a movie evening and a walk down to Nardini's for some tasty ice cream - much needed in the terrific heat! Our P7s did us proud and had a great time trying new things. Thank you to all of the staff members and Ross from the chaplaincy team for volunteering to go along with the pupils.

P7 Activity Days

Some of our P7 pupils stayed at school, but don't worry, we didn't make them do more work. Instead, they helped plan some fun activity days that they could take part in. They enjoyed sports with Miss Finch, free time to enjoy art, ICT, reading or just have a chat with friends and they baked (and ate!) a variety of sweet treats and watched a movie in the gym hall. They also had a day out to Amazonia and Cosmic Bowl where lunch was also provided – a real highlight!



Parent Portal

Can we ask any parents who have not yet registered with Parent Portal to contact the school office where staff will help you set up your page. This system is used to share all school letters and messages and is in use in all schools in SLC. It will also be used to set up appointments for parents' nights.

Playground collection of pupils

As the new system for collecting pupils at the end of the day is working well, we will keep this in place for the rest of the school year. P1 and 2 will exit from their classroom doors and P3 and P4 from the front door at 3pm. P5 – 7 will exit from the side gate at that time. Can we again remind adults that dogs are not permitted in school grounds to ensure pupils safety at these busy times.

Dates for your Diary

October

3/10/23 - Biscuit & Blether
12/10/23 - P1 Learning Showcase 1.40pm - 2.30pm
HOLIDAY - October Week - 16/10/23 - 20/10/23
31/10/23 - Biscuit & Blether
31/10/23 - Hallowe'en Dress Up/Dress Down

November

2/11/23 - P7 Learning Showcase 1.40 - 2.40pm
13/11/23 - Inservice Day
16/11/23 - Parents' Night
17/11/23 - Children In Need Day
23/11/23 - P6 Learning Showcase 1.40pm - 2.40pm

December

5/12/23 - Biscuit & Blether
11/12/23 - Nativity Rms 1&2 and P1s from Rm 10 - 9.20am & 1.30pm
12/12/23 - Nativity Rms 3&4 and P1s from Rm 25 9.20am & 1.30pm
13/12/23 - Christmas Concerts Rms 5- 13

Rm 5 - 9.30am

Rm 6 - 10am

Rm 7 - 11am

Rm 8 and Rm 10 P2 & 3 pupils - 11.30am

Rm 9 and Rm 25 P2-6 pupils - 1pm

Rm 11 - 1.30pm

Rm 13 - 2pm

14/12/23 - Christmas Concerts Rms 14 – 20

Rm 14 - 9.30am

Rm 15 - 10am

Rm 16 - 11am

Rm 17 - 11.30am

Rm 18 - 1.30pm

Rm 19 - 2pm

Rm 20 - 2.30pm

15/12/23 - Christmas Concerts Rms 21 – 27

Rm 21 and Rm 22 pupils - 9.30am

Rm 23 - 10am

Rm 24 - 11am

Rm 27 - 1.30pm

Rm 26 and Rm 12 pupils - 2pm

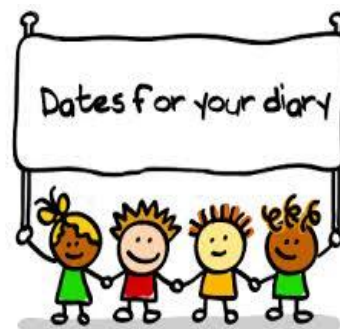
18/12/23 - Christmas Parties Rms 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 & 27

19/12/23 - Christmas Parties Rms 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

20/12/23 - Christmas Parties - Nursery

21/12/23 - Christmas Parties Rms 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13

22/12/23 - Christmas Parties Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25



Parent Council News

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

HALLOWEEN DISCO



OCTOBER

MONDAY

23

P1 - 6 till 7
P4 + 5- 7:15 till 8:15

TUESDAY

24

P2+3 - 6till 7pm
P6+7 - 7:15 till 8:30pm

Tickets on Sale 9th Oct

£2 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay