



# Newton Farm Primary School October 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely September holiday – and another break coming up soon! The school will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm and we will reopen on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9am as usual. We also have our Parents' Evening coming up on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, appointments will be live from 3pm today. I hope to see many of you then.

Kind regards

*Mrs C Meechan*



## Emotion Works Award



As part of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum at Newton Farm we use Emotion Works as a teaching tool to develop emotional literacy. This involves introducing emotion words and helping the child identify events and 'triggers' that prompt these emotions.

We have been using Emotion Works for many years now and last year, we were focused on working towards achieving our Bronze Emotion Works Award. We were awarded this last session and we are delighted to announce that we have already achieved Silver. Many thanks to all of the teachers across the school who have been working on this in their classrooms, and to our Wellbeing Ambassadors who have led learning on this.

This year, we'll continue the excellent work and we will be going for Gold!



## P1 Learning Showcase

All our primary 1 classes had their showcase afternoon on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The children had a great time showing their adults around their classrooms. They had the opportunity to share everything they have been learning and show their families the kind of activities they do in class and how they learn. It was an amazing turnout and there was a great buzz in all the classes.

Thank you to everyone who came and participated in all the activities so enthusiastically. Thanks also to our senior pupils who helped to gather family feedback for our learning showcase. The feedback was very positive; everyone just loved having a hands-on experience of the different ways our children learn and the progress they have made so far



## Pupil Voice groups

At Newton Farm, we have always had a range of pupil voice groups such as Head Pupils, House Captains, Pupil Council and more. This year, we are extending these so that every child in the school has an opportunity to be part of a group and have their voice heard and take forward new ideas across our school. Our pupil voice groups will cover a range of areas from reading to gardening, diversity to children's rights, digital technologies to sport and much, much more!

Pupils have been learning about these groups at assembly this week and we will be sending home more information today so that parents/carers can see what we're offering and have a chat with their children about the groups. Next week, pupils will choose 5 groups that they would like to be part of and from there, we'll organise our groups, ready for the first meeting at the end of the month. An exciting time ahead!



## PB Group

Since returning to school in August our Participatory Budgeting Pupil group have been extremely busy working together to gather the ideas of our whole school community as to how they would like to spend our PB money. All the children within the group have been involved in speaking to all our pupils at assemblies, gathering suggestions for spending our PB money from our parents/carers, adults and children. Once all suggestions were collated, the group had to then identify the 5 most popular ideas and share these with our families and our children through assemblies. The group then organised voting for every class to ensure all views were heard from both children and adults alike. They were involved in creating the questionnaire that went out to our parents/carers last week. This week our group met again to count all the votes and identify the winning suggestion. You will need to watch this space.....the winning idea will be announced next week at our assemblies and then shared with our parents/carers!



We would like to thank all our families and friends that took the time to share ideas and then vote through our Google Form. Your views are very important to us at Newton Farm and participation in this has meant a great deal to all of our children and staff.

## JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers)

We are very aware of some issues with drivers both inside and outside of our school not keeping our pupils safe.

There have been a number of occasions now where cars turning into our school car park are not giving way to allow our pupils to cross safely. There have also been some instances where drivers (also entering our school) are beeping impatiently at cars who allowing pupils to cross. We would like to remind all drivers coming into our school of the Highway Code and that pedestrians have right of way when crossing at a junction. Here is the exact Highway Code section lifted from the website:



**Rule H2 - Rule for drivers, motorcyclists, horse drawn vehicles, horse riders and cyclists**  
**At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.**

We have also once again had complaints from residents and parents of pupils in the school regarding drivers parking on the pavement in the street and this is preventing them from leaving a junction safely and also from having a safe place to walk on the pavement with children and prams. As this is a public road, we will pass all of these concerns onto the police.

Please keep our pupils safe and drive and park with care and consideration. Thank you 😊

### Absences

Can we please remind all our Parents and Carers if your child is sick and absent from school please call our school office and leave a message on our absence line. This will help our office staff when completing daily registers. If your child is likely to be absent for more than one day, please inform us of the day they will return to school. Any other absence requests e.g. appointments, should be given to your child's class teacher in the form of a letter. Stating the day and time of appointment.

### A Biscuit and a Blether

On **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** we welcome you to come along to our Biscuit and a Blether morning. This is open to any family members to come along and have a chat about our school with members of our management team. You can chat about specific areas of the curriculum, school routines or how your child is finding school this year. It is a very informal time we would love for you join us for A Biscuit and a Blether. Please come through the front entrance at around 9:20a.m. once you have dropped your child off.

### Dates for your Diary

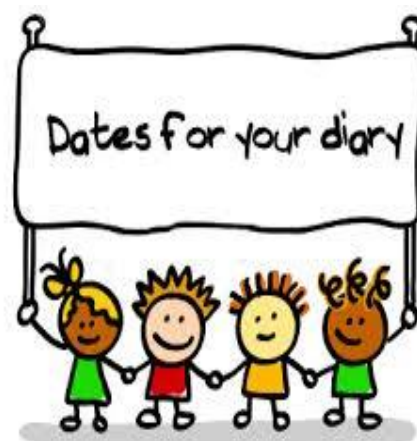
#### October

10/10/24 – Parents' Evening  
11/10/24 – School closes for holiday week @ 3pm  
21/10/24 – School reopens  
29/10/24 – Biscuit and Blether 9.20am – 10.20am  
28/10/24 – PC Discos – P1 – 6-7pm, P4&5 – 7.15-8.15pm  
29/10/24 – PC Discos – P2&3 – 6-7pm, P6&7 – 7.15-8.15pm  
31/10/24 – School Halloween parties / dress down day

#### November

6/11/24 - Parent Council Meeting  
11/11/24 – Inservice day – school closed to pupils  
14/11/24 – P7 Learning Showcase 1.40pm – 2.40pm  
15/11/24 – Children in Need Day / Dress Down Day  
21/11/24 – P6 Learning Showcase 1.40pm – 2.40pm

All other dates for the year can be found on our school blog in the Parent Year planner 😊



### Please remember...

- We are a nut free school. Please do not send your child in with nut products for snack or lunch. Some of our pupils and teaching staff have severe allergies.
- Our disabled spaces are for the use of our school transport and Blue Badge Holders only. **Please have your Blue Badge on display at all times when using these bays.**
- Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds, even on a lead or being carried. This is to ensure pupil safety as well as to help pupils who are afraid of dogs or have allergies to them.

### 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 or email [gw17newtonfarmoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17newtonfarmoffice@glow.sch.uk) and your query will be dealt with by the relevant member of staff.