Newbald Primary School

Friday 12th January 2024



Happy New Year!

It is great to have the children back at school and they have all made a great start to the Spring Term. I hope everyone had a truly fantastic Christmas and Father Christmas brought everyone what they wished for. Less said about Lincoln City's results over the festive period, the better!

We have been excited to get the new term started with new topics and lots of fantastic learning going on. If you haven't had chance to see a festive collection of pictures from the last half term, click on the link below (or the TV set below to the right) to see a video of highlights from this half term.

https://youtu.be/G_ACXXCR_10?si=s7rbRP_G_bgtsOwv



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School Games Bronze 2022/23

Riding Forward Teaching School Alliance

We are a Fair Active School

We are a Fair Aware School

Fair Achiever School

Primary Science Quality Mark Gold Award

Ofsted Good

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted!

We are looking for a **lunchtime supervisor** to join our team! This is a great opportunity for someone to join us and work with some truly amazing children!

The role is being advertised through the local authority jobs website and we welcome applications for the position.

If you are interested or you know someone who might be interested in working with our delightful children please point them towards the link below and please contact the school office if you require any more information about the role.

https://www.eastridingcouncil.jobs/job-search/?entry=eryc001486&q=newbald

Dogs

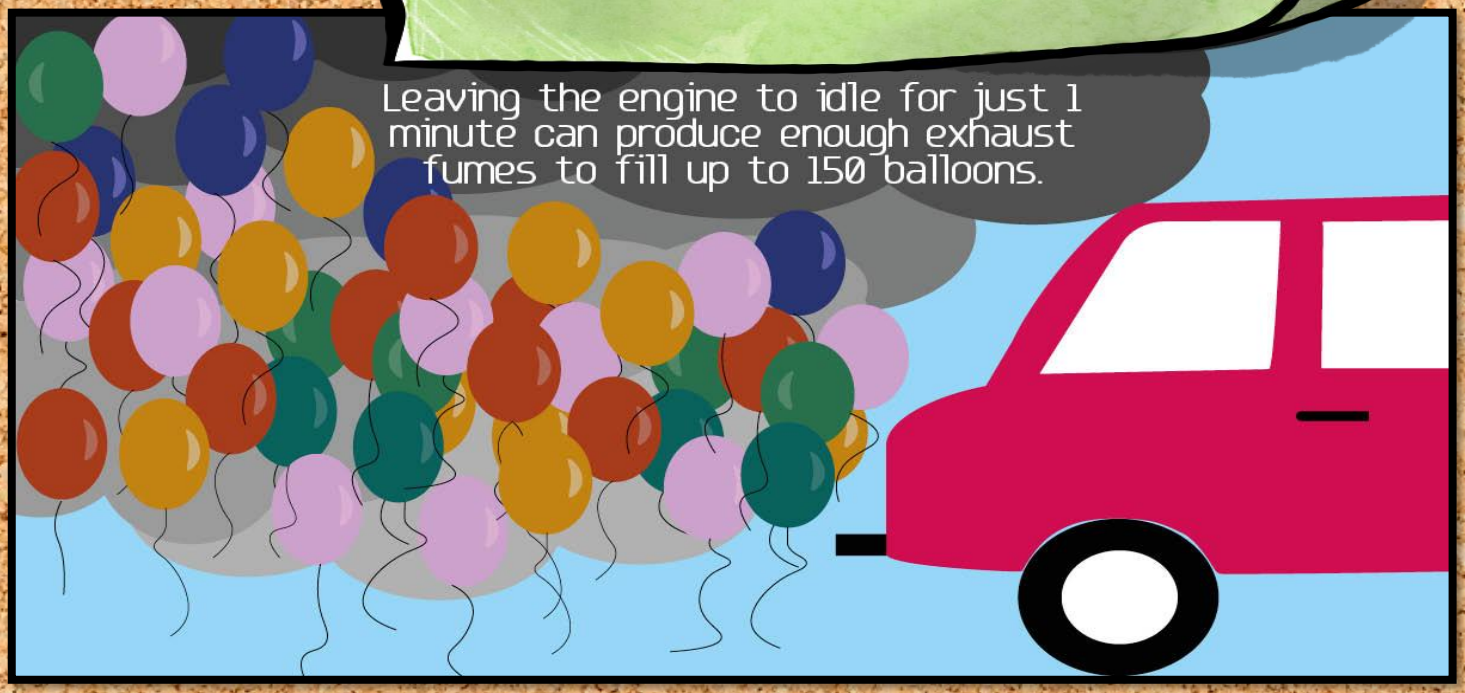
Although we are a dog friendly school, and I understand the joys and benefits of having a friendly family canine companion, dogs are not allowed on the school site. We kindly ask you not to bring dogs onto the school premises as, whilst they may be calm family pets, some children are frightened of them. Some dogs can also react in an unpredictable manor when encountering other dogs or the large numbers of young children at the start and end of the school day. I would also ask that owners keep all dogs on a lead in public areas and please keep entrances free so that children can enter the school, without having to navigate past dogs to access the school gate.



Courteous Car Use

We know that the majority of our parents and carers are extremely courteous when using vehicles. Newbald Parish Council have asked us to remind our parents and carers of two issues:

1. The need to remind car users that it is an offence to leave a vehicle idling (i.e. with the engine running) when that vehicle is stationary.
2. To ask our parents and carers to please park in legally safe places and to consider if parking blocks access for other road users or access to residents property.



Sunshine Club – Polite Reminder

Please note that Sunshine Club opens at 7:30am. This is the earliest time that children can be left with the staff at Sunshine Club. Staff will only be able to accept children after this time. For anyone wishing to make a booking for Sunshine Club it is important that a booking form is completed and returned to the School Office

Before school – Polite Reminder

Please be aware that **all** children must be accompanied before school and are the responsibility of their parents and carers. Parents and adults waiting to drop off children for the beginning of the school day, are welcome to wait on the playground in the mornings. Children should stay with their designated adult until they can enter the school for the beginning of the school day. Please ensure that children refrain from playing any ball games during this time.

Topics for the Spring Term

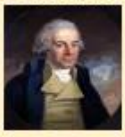
An overview of this term's topics are below. We try to share as much information as possible about our curriculum and what the children will be learning about on their journey through school. This is available to view on our website. Some helpful links are below.

2023 - 2024 Long Term Plan
https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/curriculum/long_term_plan___curriculum/long_term_plan___curriculum.html

Curriculum Pages on the School Website
https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum.html

Bicycles and Scooters

Bicycles and scooters should be wheeled and not ridden on the school site. We positively encourage children to walk or cycle to school and we have our own bike and scooter shelter on site. Please ensure that once on the school grounds that your child gets off their scooter or bike and walks it across the playground. This will keep everyone in the playground safe.

	Hedgehog Class	Squirrel Class	Fox Class	Otter Class
Spring 1	Julia Donaldson 	The Great Fire of London 	The Romans 	Ancient Greece 
Spring 2	Newbald 	Pirates & the Oceans 	Volcanoes, Earthquakes & Natural Disasters 	Human Rights Activists 



Residential Visit Information Meeting

We are all very excited about our forthcoming residential visit to Robinwood, Maes-y-Nant, Wrexham, Wales in April (April 15th – 17th). We would like to invite parents and children who are going to join us in the school hall on Wednesday 7th February after school at 3:45pm. This will be a chance to learn more about where the children will be going and some of the exciting activities that they will be doing including archery, raft building, canoeing, zipwires, indoor caving and so much more. We will give you more information about what the children will need to bring with them and there will also be the opportunity to ask any questions. We want to make sure that all of our children are looking forward to what will be a memorable residential visit and any worries are replaced with anticipation and excitement. There will also be the opportunity to let us know about any important and relevant personal information such as any medication your child requires.

Don't worry if you are unable to join us for the meeting as any information, handouts or documents will be passed on either physically or via our school website.



Wednesday 7th February







Swimming

Parents of Children in years 3, 4 & 5 should have already received a letter about swimming sessions. Swimming lessons start on Friday 12th January and they will continue for 10 sessions. The last session will be Friday 22nd March.



Polite Reminder

Please ensure that lunches are paid for in advance. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Homework



Thankyou to parents and carers for helping the children with their homework. We know that time is precious and with many of our children being very active and going to out of school clubs or having other commitments, that fitting in homework tasks can be tricky. We find that creating a regular routine is a great way to engage children in completing their tasks. Whilst we do not punish children for not doing homework, we have seen an alarming number of children who are not regularly completing some homework tasks and I wanted to clarify our recommendations for what the children should be completing at home.

Reading (10 – 15 mins every day)
Please prioritise reading! It is vital that children read regularly. Ideally every day, but aim for a minimum of 3 reading sessions a week. I think we can all agree that reading is one of the most important activities children do for homework and if your children are short of time, make this a priority. We aim to foster a love for reading and children have a 'scheme' book and also a 'together time' book, this can be a book to share with an adult.

KIRFs (10 – 15 mins at least 2 or 3 times a week)
It is crucial that the children learn their Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs). These facts include number bonds and times tables. Children should do this regularly and the expectation is that they can recall the facts instantly. It is also important to keep previously learnt facts fresh, so challenging your child(ren) to recall these is also important. The children will be working on learning these facts in school and will be assessed on their KIRF knowledge each half term. If a child does not know their half termly facts it is important that they return to them to 'catch up'.

Spellings (10 – 15 mins at least twice a week)
The children are allocated spellings each week that usually follow a spelling pattern that they have covered in class. The children should be learning their spellings each week. We know that some children find learning spellings tedious, so we encourage these children to use Spelling Frame. This is a great, fun way to engage the children in learning their spellings. The program also informs the teachers which children have been using this program at home. We have found that the children who regularly practice their spelling using Spelling Frame have vastly improved their spellings compared with those who do not use it.

Prodigy Maths & Times Table Rock Stars (15 - 30 mins each week)
Prodigy Maths and Times Table Rock Stars apps are both great for engaging and keeping mathematical learning fun. Both apps inform the teachers how much the children have completed and which questions the children require more help with. Again we have found those pupils who have invested time using Prodigy Maths have seen better than average progress in their Maths assessments.

Teachers may also set their classes homework tasks. Year 6s are also asked to complete sections from past SATs papers as part of their revision for their forthcoming assessments. We are very grateful to our children for the time they give to their learning at home and we reward the children for doing their homework and taking ownership of their learning. If you require any log on details please contact your child's teacher and we can get this to you.

Attendance



Every Day Matters!

We are aiming for our attendance to be as high as it possibly can be. We recognise that sometimes, if your child is ill the best place for them to recover is at home, yet the following document can help with ensuring that the children are not missing out on valuable learning time.

Is my child too ill for school? Guidance:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

I once again urge all of our parents and carers to not book holidays during school time. This can really help in raising your child's attendance. Thank you for your support on this matter. We will be communicating with parents and carers and informing them of their child's attendance for this academic year so far. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss strategies in which may help improve this.



What is a 'persistent absent' pupil?

If a child has too much time off school they will become categorised as persistently absent. This is where a pupil's attendance is below 90%.

So why does persistent absence matter?

Missing school has a huge impact on how well a pupil achieves at school, both academically and socially. The more school a child misses, the harder it is for them to get into a routine of attending regularly and catch up on the learning they have missed.

Research shows that pupils who are persistently absent get lower grades than they would have achieved had they attended regularly. Research also shows that persistently absent children are less likely to do well at school, are more likely to experience crime, either as a victim or perpetrator, struggle financially, and even suffer with poor health in later life.

A few days of absence now could have a huge impact on a child's future opportunities.

Each half term a Local Authority Educational Welfare Officer visits Newbald Primary to discuss any pupil(s) who have less than 90% attendance and the future attendance of these pupils is monitored.

Some School Statistics

The school's attendance for this academic year so far:

95.0%

Whilst a satisfactory attendance figure, we work towards a goal of the highest attendance possible for **all** children and aim for individual attendance to be **97%** or higher.

47.8%

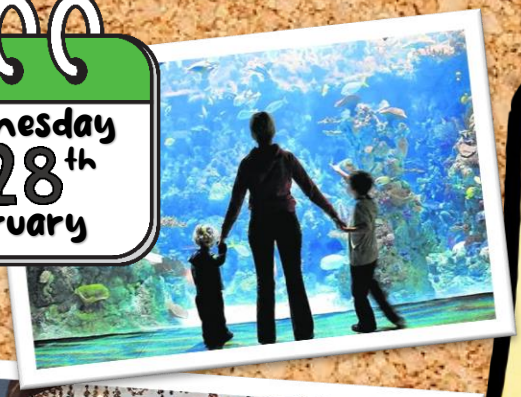
of pupils are on track for an attendance of **97% or better.** These pupils are statistically more likely to have higher attainment.

13 pupils

have **100%** attendance.

Please support us in raising our attendance!

Wednesday 28th February



Monday 22nd January





Visits & Trips

Teachers have been very busy planning and organising some exciting trips for the children in Classes 2, 3 & 4 should have received letters about their forthcoming educational visits.

Class 2 are visiting The Deep to enrich their forthcoming topic of Pirates and the Oceans, whilst all the children in Key Stage 2 have the exciting opportunity to visit the Hindu Cultural Centre and Mosque in Hull.

We are committed to ensuring that our children have a clear understanding of the many different religions that exist in modern Britain and this will be a fantastic opportunity to find out more about Hindu and Muslim beliefs that will also help enrich their RE lessons.

Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to anyone who would like to offer their time to help out at Newbald. We would love some volunteers to listen to our children read, help challenge them to recall their times table facts and more (particularly in Class 2.) If you wish to help out please speak to, or email our office staff to start the process. We do ask that any volunteers work in different classes to their children as we find that in some cases having a family member in class can be a distraction.

Friday 2nd February

FONS

Friends of Newbald School

Friends of Newbald School (FONS)

I would like to say a huge thank you to our friends of the school team and our whole community for supporting their events. The money raised makes a huge difference to our school!

https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/parents/friends_of_newbald_school__fons_/fons.html

The FONS Disco is scheduled for Friday 2nd February and details will be shared shortly.

Messages from School Council

Thursday 7th March

WORLD BOOK DAY!

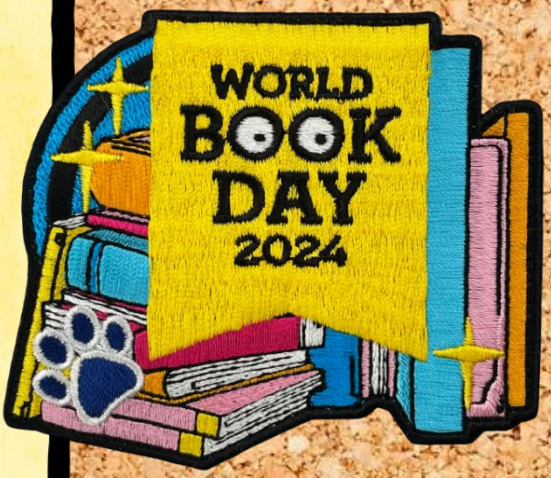
World Book Day is coming soon!

We wanted to give everyone as much notice as possible that after half term, on Thursday 7th March, we are planning to celebrate World Book Day. Along with tradition, we would like to invite children to dress up as a book character for the day.

There is no need to go and spend on costumes. There are plenty of ideas online that don't involve having to buy an outfit, but it would be great if all the children could get involved.

World Book Day is the biggest celebration of books and reading and it provides a great opportunity for the children to talk enthusiastically about books. Once again, the teachers will be planning lots of exciting activities to help us celebrate reading!

As in previous years, children will be receiving a free £1 Book Token, which can be exchanged in all participating bookshops for one of six specially published £1 books. These books cater for a wide age group. If you wish, the token can be put towards the cost of a book with a value of over £2.99. **Top Tip! Keep your voucher safe to use at the school book fair in March!**



Oliver & Ashleigh

Joint Chair of Newbald Primary School Council



Fund Raising

School Councillors have been collecting for some good causes in the Autum term. As a school we raised £144.50 for Children in Need; £190 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and we were also very humbled by everyone's generosity with their donations to benefit our school where £101.40 was raised. Thankyou to everyone for their generosity!

School Councillors have met and have discussed some good causes that we would like to raise money and awareness of this year. We will share details of this as soon as we can.

Diary Dates

(More dates to follow. We will let you know about forthcoming dates as soon as possible)





January 2024

Mon 8th Jan	Training Day
Tues 9th Jan	Children return to school
Fri 12th Jan	Year 3, 4 & 5 Swimming Starts
Mon 22nd Jan	Class 3 & 4 Visit to Hull Hindu Centre & Mosque

February 2024

Fri 2nd Feb	FONS Glow Disco
Wed 7th Feb	Robinwood Parents & Children Information Meeting 3:45pm
Fri 9th Feb	Break for Half Term
Mon 19th Feb	Return to School
Tues 27th Feb	Parent's Evening
Wed 28th Feb	Parent's Evening
Wed 28th Feb	Class 2 Visit to The Deep

March 2024

Wed 6th March	Class 2 & 3 Mental & Physical Health Drama Performance (in school am)
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day
Mon 11th March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tues 12th March	School Book Fair
Wed 13th March	School Book Fair
Thurs 14th March	School Book Fair
Fri 15th March	School Book Fair
Fri 15th March	Easter Egg Non-Uniform Day
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wed 20th March	Easter Bingo
Fri 22nd March	Awards Assembly (9:15)
Fri 22nd March	Year 3, 4 & 5 Last Swimming Session

A huge thank you once again for everyone's continued support. As always, if we can help in any way we will. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Regular Dates for this half term

Daily
Sunshine Morning Club
Sunshine Club After School Session
Sunshine Club After School Late Session

Mondays
School Council Meetings
After School Box 2B Fit Club

Tuesdays
Bark & Read with Murphy
Specialist French teacher sessions in Fox & Otter Classes
Specialist Music teacher sessions in Fox & Otter Classes
After School Gymnastics Club

Wednesdays
After School Chess Club

Thursdays
Bark & Read with Murphy
After School First Steps Hockey Club

Fridays
HSS Sports & Gymnastics specialist sessions for Hedgehog & Otter Classes
Special Mention Celebration Assemblies

The link to the 2023-2024 term dates:
https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/_documents/%5B843397%5DTerm_Dates_2023_2024.pdf