

# Newlaithes Newsletter



12th January 2024

## Diary Dates:

**9th February** last day of term  
**Mon 19th Feb** back to school  
**14th March** Parents' Evening 1  
**15th March** Comic Relief  
**19th March** Parents' Evening 2

## Parents Evening

Get the dates above in your diaries and keep an eye out for the booking information. We expect 100% attendance at parents' evenings this way we can work together to get the best for your children.

## Attendance

School attendance is slipping a little. Our average attendance since returning to school is 95%. Any class achieving a full week of 100% will achieve their very own non-uniform day and there will be certificates/treat for any child achieving a 100% record through the year. Holidays cannot be authorised unless it is exceptional circumstances. The Government are really pushing high attendance and those whose attendance drops significantly will be in danger of receiving a fine from the Local Authority.

## What's going on

I had a wander around school this morning at 9:10. Even at that time it was great to see all the fantastic activities. Y3 were doing Reading and Science, Y4 were working on French and Perimeter, Y5 were doing History and Long Division and Y6 were doing Art and Money Problems.



Jess Y6—Lowry inspired

## Dear Parents,

The Spring Term is here and from experience it is a term of changeable weather and a lot of hard work for the children. With the excitement of Christmas a distant memory it is now time to ramp up the learning once more.

We have a few families that continue to struggle to arrive at school on time. This has a detrimental effect on the children having to walk into class when all the other children are settled, makes it difficult for the class teacher who then has to go over teaching that has already been covered and puts extra pressure on the admin staff having to take children to classes, often during busy times. Children who are late have to be recorded as such and dependent on how late the child is can be classed as unauthorised absence.

We had a Librarian in to do the yearly audit of books last week. As usual she was very impressed with our library. One thing she did mention was the number of books that needed to be discarded due to water damage, approximately £400 worth. Please can you check with children that their water bottles don't leak or are in a different compartment of their bags. If anyone has any pristine reading books they would like to donate then please send them in to school.

I'm looking forward to another great term, the thought of the days getting longer and lots of outdoor PE.



Arthur Y6—Monet inspired

## Head Teacher's Awards

First HT Awards of the year go to.....



## Governance

We are always looking for new Parent Governors to join our Governing body. We would like to welcome Katie Hall to her first meeting next week. Any parents who are keen to support the strategic development of the school please get in touch with Mrs Rankin in the school office.

## Support

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of your support in your child's learning. We can only do so much in school with the time and resources that we have. Please, please read with your child—every night if possible. Help them complete their homework, give them good routines, keep the screen time to an acceptable level and the likelihood of success is greatly increased.

**We are always on the lookout for parents or grandparents who would like to come into school to listen to readers. I know from experience it is very much a two way thing. Not only do the children get a lot out of the experience but also the listener.**



Ruby Y6—Monet inspired