

Newlaithes Newsletter

14th September 2023



Diary Dates:

Non uniform day 19th Sept
Last day of term 20th October
Back to school - Mon 31st Oct
Robinwood Year 5—Oct 18th-20th
Year 4 Susans Farm 20th Sept

Parents Evening

Parents evenings are in the diary for October 12th and 17th. Keep an eye out for more information on booking a slot.

PTA

The school PTA are meeting next week to put together their program of events for the year. Any parents wishing to join please can you get in touch with the school office. It is a great way to give support to school, the events organised are so important to our community and any funds made are a huge bonus to the activities we can provide. Even if you cannot make the meetings being able to support and organise the events is a great help.

Attendance



School attendance is extremely important. Our average attendance since returning to school is 96.8%. 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.

Dear Parents,

BOOM! And the holidays seem like a distant memory!

What a fantastic start to the term we have had. There is a really great feeling around school with children smiling and happy to be back with their friends.

The children looked so smart coming back to school and hopefully with the new additions a little cooler. Can I ask that parents keep an eye on the length of the girls skirts? A very short skirt can be a little inappropriate and uncomfortable when they have to sit on the hall floor during assemblies etc.

Did you know it's Newlaithes Junior's 60th birthday this year. To celebrate we have booked Oliver by the M&M theatre company to perform in school on Tuesday 19th. It will be a non uniform day and a fun afternoon, extra points if you dress in something 60's ish.

We now have 214 parents added to the New Class Dojo, pretty good for just a few days! If you are not yet added or need help joining please get in touch. It is a great place to see what is happening in school and where we will share information. Please do not use it for any important messages as we are much more likely to respond quickly to emails and phone calls. Please continue to call the office for absence as Mrs Rankin and Mrs Harris are the ones who have to complete the daily attendance registers.

We have our new prefects, peacemakers and helpers in place and it is so great to see children desperate to have a role in school. Below are the new prefects proudly wearing their badges.



Head Teacher's Awards

Well done to our first Head Teacher Awards of the year. You should all be really proud of yourselves.



School Photos

We managed to get all the children's photos completed this week. I was asked by a parent if we could do sibling photographs with the Infant School on Sept 20th. Mrs Willows is happy to oblige. Please complete the online form sent out if you would like your child taken over to the Infants. Any difficulties please get in touch. Unfortunately we cannot provide the opportunity for those children in Year 4 who are going on a school trip.

Governance

We are always looking for new Parent Governors to join our Governing body. 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, please read with your child—every night if possible. Help them complete their homework, give them good routines, keep the screen 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.

