

Newlaithes Newsletter

3rd November 2023



Diary Dates:

Last day of term 19th Dec
Back to school –Wed 3rd Jan
Year 6 Susan's Farm 7th Nov
Year 5 Xmas Play 2:00pm
and 5:00pm Friday 8th Dec

Parents Evening

Parents evenings were really well supported, thank you to those who managed to attend with approximately 96% attendance. I dream of getting 100% one day! The link between school and home is really important and cannot be underestimated. We have noticed in school a decline in those reading at home and completing homework. We understand that families have busy lives but I know as a parent how crucial doing such work is for children to succeed and reach their full potential. Children can easily be absorbed for several hours on a console or tablet but find it difficult to read for 15 minutes.



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a great break and you are all ready for the second half of the Autumn Term. As always school is a really busy place with all sorts going on. (I wouldn't have it any other way). This term we have much to look forward to. Christmas is just around the corner and I am sure it will be as magical in school as it always is.



The Year five children had a superb experience on their Robinwood trip before half term. Hopefully you saw some of the photos and could see what an amazing experience we all had.



What a night we had at the Halloween disco. We have a new school representative and many new members who put on a fantastic night. Thank you to all those who supported. Apologies that we did not advertise the sale of sweets and drinks, hopefully children still had a great night. However in such circumstances often something good can come... Jessica in Year three shared what she had and kindly bought her friend something. What a superstar.

Head Teacher's Awards

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



Year Six WWII



Our year six children visited Susan's Farm in Houghton to learn about World War II. The children were given the opportunity to learn about rationing and the kind of foods people would eat during the war. They prepared their own lunch (vegetable pie and apple rice pudding) as well as making their own bread and met some of the many animals on the farm.

Dojo

School dojo seems to be working really well and I have lost count of the positive comments. Please remember to contact the office for absence, illness etc. as the teachers don't always look at the dojo. Not everyone is on unfortunately and all I can say is that you are missing out.

Poppies,

We are selling poppies in school and there are a few of the snap bracelets etc. also available. These will be available during playtime break for children to purchase.



Uniform

I'm not sure I need to remind you all about the Winter uniform being back since half term as the children already look great and really smart. Thank you for the support.

School Lunches

So far so good. Bear with us as we learn the new systems. The meals look good though!

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Chloes Dance Club

Chloe one of our Year Six children came to me earlier this year to ask if she could start her own club. The only thing I provided for Chloe was an old speaker. Chloe choreographed, organised and put together a fantastic performance that the whole school got to watch in celebration assembly. I have been blown away by her determination, commitment and ability to organise. Well done to the dancers and the technical crew who supported.



Site Security

It came to my attention that the front gate that leads to the school office is always open and could be seen as a risk to the school of either someone unwanted entering the grounds or a child leaving the grounds unsupervised. Due to this we are having a new swanky intercom system put in. The gate will be on a magnetic lock and can be opened from the school office or by a fob the teachers have. There may be times when no one is in the office to release the gate (toilet breaks etc!) so please be patient with us.

TT Rockstars

No school challenge at the moment but we have the world competition coming up. Keep practicing.....

