



NEWBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum

It has been another action-packed half term for all of the children at Newby. Year 3 became archaeologists. Year 4 chose to raise funds for homeless people in Bradford and have even volunteered to give some of their attendance prize towards supporting this charitable cause. Year 5 have been learning all about Bram Stoker's Dracula in preparation for their residential trip to Whitby. Years 2 and 6 have worked really hard on their SAT tests. This will be followed by that annual camping trip for Year 6 later this week. Year 1 pupils have been researching animals to work out what would make a suitable pet and Early Years have been visited by aliens!

Packed Lunches



We had a really lovely picnic lunch on Friday 13 May. The children chose whether to eat their sandwich, crisps, salad, fruit and cake on a picnic rug outside or in the school hall. It was great fun.

We offer the children the choice of a sandwich, panini or baked potato with salad and fruit or a hot or cold pudding every day. If you would still prefer your child to have a packed lunch, please provide a sandwich that contains either meat, egg, cheese or fish. A small number of children have jam, chocolate spread or just margarine. Primary school age children need protein in order to make sure that their bodies grow healthy and strong. I feel sure you will support me in trying to ensure that the children eat a balanced diet. If you would like to talk to me about this, please contact school.

Behaviour Policy

As you know, we pride ourselves on good behaviour at Newby. This is because we have a very effective but simple system of rules, rewards and consequences that are consistently applied throughout the whole of our school. This ensures that there is a positive learning atmosphere in school where the children feel safe and are treated fairly. For more details of our school behaviour policy, please visit our school website at www.newbyprimary.co.uk or come into school to talk to us.

Headteacher: Janice Stephenson, BSc (Hons)

**“Mutual respect is the school’s cornerstone
on which its success is built.”**

-Ofsted 2013



Newby Tie

You may remember in my last letter, I mentioned about the change in uniform policy so that Year 5 and 6 children could wear a tie. The tie is unique to Newby (see the inset). I hope you agree that it will look very smart. Because next year's Year 6 pupils will only have one year's worth of wear from the tie, school will provide the ties for any current Year 5 pupils who want one. If your child will be in Year 5 next year i.e. this year's Year 4, the ties are available to buy at the cost price of £5.50.

Ramadan

As many of you will be aware, Ramadhan is likely to begin on Monday 6 June this year. We appreciate how important the month of Ramadhan is for Muslims and I know that this will be a very special time for many of you.

As you are aware, at this time of year the fasts will be very long and difficult. I know you will have thought very carefully about whether your child fasts particularly for those pupils who are below the age of puberty.

In school we will, as usual, make provision for children who are fasting by enabling them to stay indoors in a cool and calm atmosphere for part of the mid-day period. However, we need to make appropriate staffing arrangements for this to occur safely. Please will you make sure that you inform school either by phone, in person or by letter if your child is fasting on a particular day or days.

If you have paid for fruit and milk through our pre-paid schemes and you would like your child to bring these items home at the end of the day, please will you also inform us. If not, we will make alternative arrangements for the fruit and milk in order to avoid waste. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

And finally...

School will close at 3.30 on Friday 27 May for the Spring Bank holiday and will re-open on Monday 6 June.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday.

Best wishes,

Janice Stephenson