

# Newsletter

13.1.2023



Menu Week 3 – W/B 16.01.2023

**The highlight of the week ...** has been the excellent examples of what is known as pupil voice. This does not mean singing, although that has been very good this week as well, but rather the way that children have stepped up when they have been given the opportunity to lead something in school. Nowhere has this been better demonstrated than clubs. Clubs have begun again this week. Teachers have been very impressed by the way that some of our Year 6s have taken the challenge of thinking of a club that other children would like to attend. They have had to plan, prepare, organise support from teachers and teaching assistants and then lead drama or puzzle club for different age groups of children. They have been very well received by all the children who attended. Well done.

Elsewhere, the school council have put the finishing touches to their review of the school rules. Their next job will be to work with designers and printers to mock up design ideas before letting the world see their great work. The Eco Warriors are investigating ways of improving the school environment and the Charity Committee are planning an assembly for Number Day in February.

## Other news ...

- The concert with Mrs Alder and musicians from the North Yorkshire Music Service that was planned for Thursday had to be cancelled when one of her ensemble was ill. We will be rearranging as soon as possible.
- The first competitive sports fixture took place on Wednesday. Y5/6 boys' football team played at a small tournament at Pindar Leisure Centre. They played very well and looked like they would finish the evening unbeaten only for their final fixture to be ended prematurely. I am very grateful for parents who transported the children and supported and to Mrs Smith and Miss Hall for organising our team.
- We are taking part in a table tennis event next week.
- The Year 1 classes have visited Newby and Scalby Library today. As we expected, the children enjoyed their trip and were praised by the librarians for their enthusiasm and sensible attitude when they were there.
- Next week, in a first for our school, Mr Moss and Mr Gregson will be visiting Year 1 to help the children understand what coastguards do, why they are important to where we live and how to stay safe on the coast.

**And finally ...** next Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, is the Spring term school census day. It is a day on which the Department for Education collects information from schools that can help with the funding that schools receive to provide resources for children. Further information is attached to the newsletter. We always try to ensure as many children as possible have school lunches on Census day – it all helps our school.

*Best wishes, Paul Davidson Interim Headteacher*

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## Newby and Scalby Primary

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13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**For every child that receives Free School Meals (FSM) school receives additional Pupil Premium funding. Even children in EYFS and KS1 who already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) can apply for Free School Meals, allowing school to benefit.**

### What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for Free School Meals
- Have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

For 2022-23 we get an extra £1,385 funding for every eligible pupil who is registered for Free School Meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education and support we offer as we use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources.

### Infant Free School Meals

Currently all pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Free School Meal thanks to a government funding scheme known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). However, if your child is in reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for Free School Meals according to the criteria below, **you should still complete a Free School Meal application** because school will receive the extra Pupil Premium funding.

### Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because school will receive funding which can support your child in other ways.

### **How do I apply?**

Applications can now be made online following this link <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

If you have further questions regarding any of this information, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P Davidson

Headteacher