



Newsletter



10th November 2023

Working to Learn Together

w/c 13.11.23 – Menu Week 1

Welcome back

Firstly, I hope you all had an enjoyable Half Term break and that you managed to spend time together. It has been a very busy return for us, with lots of things happening behind the scenes.

A huge well done to Sebastian Humphries for his monumental fundraising effort in raising £600 for the RNLI by riding a huge 21 miles at the end of September!!!

For more details please follow the link:

[Six-year-old Scarborough RNLI crew ancestor raises £600 cycling Cinder Trail | RNLI](#)



Staffing and Priorities

One of the first jobs to tackle at Newby and Scalby has been to create a new leadership structure following a number of interim positions being held over the past two years. There is still some additional work to be done and finalised for April, but as of January the structure will look like this:

Executive Headteacher – Steve Owen

Deputy Headteacher – Paul Davidson and Sarah Kirkham Knowles

Assistant Headteacher – Sarah Tipple

SENDCO – Rebecca McGuinness – moving to 2 days out of class from January.

As a school there are several whole school policies and procedures that need to be implemented consistently and the focus for the work in January will be on ensuring that these practices are embedded and impactful.

Mrs Tipple will be working on developing consistent expectations around Presentation.

Mrs McGuinness will be working on developing consistent expectations around classroom environments and support for pupils with SEND.

Mr Davidson will be working on implementing a whole school Behaviour Policy.

Priorities for the remainder of the year are just being finalised at present and once these have been agreed we will share these with you.

Vision and Values

We continue to work on developing a new set of values and a clear vision that will inform all of our work. We have a working party that continues to meet regularly and as we have said previously, we hope that this work will be completed by Christmas. Look out for a launch party in the New Year!

Uniform

Thankyou to all of you who have supported the expectations around uniform, specifically earrings and keeping hair tied back. We have had a number of queries around earrings – for clarity North Yorkshire Health and Safety and the PE Association advise schools to ensure that earrings are removed for PE. Whatever the relative merits of this, this is something we cannot compromise on. If children are wearing earrings, we will do our utmost to ensure that they can be involved in some way in the PE lesson; this could be observing or refereeing, this is something the staff are adjusting to as well.

We have been reminding pupils with long hair to ensure it is tied back and providing the odd hair bobble where needs be.

Odd Socks

As part of the forthcoming Anti bullying Week, we are encouraging pupils to wear odd socks to school on Monday to highlight the fact that everyone is unique. Over the course of the week, we will be looking to explore bullying along this year's theme which is 'Make a Noise about Bullying.' Encouraging children to stand up to make a difference.

Pantomime

We are currently working on providing all of the pupils in school with some sort of Christmas experience, however unfortunately, and disappointingly for us, because of the logistics of transport and lack of availability of coaches, we are not able to take pupils, as we have normally done, to see the panto.

We are working hard to secure other opportunities in school at present and so far we are able to offer Year 6 the opportunity to see Matilda being performed by students at Scarborough College and we also have a whole school Rock Day which has been organised for after Christmas.

Tea and Biscuits with the Headteacher- CHANGE OF DATE WEDNESDAY 22ND November 9am

Tea and biscuits with the Headteacher will now be held on the 22nd November at 9am, rather than the previously advertised day of Tuesday 21st November – apologies for any inconvenience. Please feel free to drop in to just chat all things school – no set agenda, but feel free to come in and share your thoughts/ ask questions or just chat etc.

PTA

Thankyou to those parents who attended/ emailed an expression of interest in the newly reformed PTA. It is great to see that there are such levels of support in the school community. At present the school staff are organising fundraising activities for the school – such as the Halloween Disco and Pumpkin Competitions; alongside the forthcoming Christmas Fair on Tuesday 12th December 5-7pm. Ideally, we would like the PTA to take on these kind of activities going forward, with the support of the school staff and we are open to suggestions as to what we could do.

The following was agreed:

- A new PTA Facebook page has been created – please search for Friends of Newby and Scalby School. This will be used to advertise upcoming events and to look for volunteers and support. Please search for it – it is an open group.
- Advertising for the Fair will begin asap.
- Anyone able to assist on the afternoon of Friday 8th December with wrapping/tombola etc please make yourself known to the office.
- Anyone able to volunteer to run a stall at the Fair please do let the office know – we plan on having a rota so that you can still look around.
- Any small businesses who might be interested in having a stall please also contact the office.
- The formal structure of the PTA will be shared and invitations for nominees for the relevant positions will be held before Christmas. Hopefully, this will then mean we have a new committee ready to take things forward in the New Year. More details to follow.

Term Dates 2024-25

Please note that the new term dates for this academic year are now on the school website – please use this to help plan your holiday bookings.

<https://www.newbyandscalby.coastandvale.academy/for-parents-and-carers/term-dates/>

Art Competition

Just a reminder that you have until the 13th December – so quite a long time. The piece needs to be 2D and on the theme of Winter. We look forward to seeing what comes in! Thankyou for those that have come in so far!

Musicians in assembly

I have been delighted with the standard of musical talent we have in school and have really enjoyed listening to the children playing and singing in assembly. We have recently held some additional auditions and have filled slots until Christmas. After Christmas we will open up to other year groups.

Generous donations

Your generosity means that last month we raised almost £830 for school! The Halloween Disco raised just short of £720 and the Pumpkin Competition around £110. We appreciate your ongoing support with these wonderful events.

Again, another huge thank you to the many of you who have donated a book via our Amazon Wishlist – it has been a huge success. If you would like to donate, please follow the link.

<https://www.newbyandscalby.coastandvale.academy/curriculum/reading1/donate-a-book/>

We have been fortunate enough to have received over £500 in book donations so far. We would also like to say a huge thankyou to companies and individuals who have donated around £800 for new sports kit for the school teams. This will make a huge difference at the competitions we will be entering and enable the children to represent their school with pride.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will commence on Monday 13th November. There are still places available for Monday's Year 5 & 6 Dance Club, Tuesday's Year 3 & 4 Benchball Club and Thursday's KS2 Singing Club. Please book via the App.

And finally... this week our focus has been on the theme of Remembrance; the importance of taking time to give thanks for the sacrifices of others and the symbol of the poppy. On behalf of the school community, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all members of the armed forces who serve, and have served, to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.



Best wishes, Steve Owen - Executive Headteacher

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What's On...

Monday	13th	All Day	All pupils	Odd Sock Day - Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday	14th	4:00-5:15pm	Invited pupils only	Tag Rugby Match
Wednesday	15th	2:30-3:15pm		Uniform Shop
Thursday	16th	3:45-5:00pm	Invited pupils only	Girls Indoor Football
Friday	17th	All Day	All pupils	Children in Need

Monday	20th			
Tuesday	21st			
Wednesday	22nd	9:00-9:30am	Parents	Tea and Biscuits with Headteacher
		2:30-3:15pm		Uniform Shop
Thursday	23rd			
Friday	24th	All Day	All pupils	Flu Vaccinations