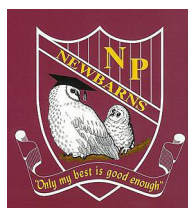


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Value of the month —

NOVEMBER—RESPONSIBILITY

DECEMBER—HUMILITY



AUTUMN (2) 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new school year looks like it is going to be another exciting one! Reception and all the other children who joined us this term have settled in well to their new classes. We are glad to have them as members of our school.

As always, if you want to contact us about anything, can I remind you that Ms Wilson or I are available in the playground most mornings; you can also contact us via phone or email (see contact details above) or call in at anytime and if we are free we will do our best to see you. Teachers from Nursery to Year 3 are available in the mornings and at home times too and you can always make an appointment with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Mr Birkett

DATES

Wed/Thur 2nd & 3rd Nov—photographer in school for children's individual and family group photos.

Thurs/Fr 8th & 9th Dec— 1.45pm Nativity for parents of Reception, Yrs 1 & 2

Fri 16th Dec—School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm and reopens on **Thursday 5th January**.

All holiday dates are available at -
www.newbarns.cumbria.sch.uk

WATER

A lot of children are bringing drinks other than water in their "Water" bottles. Whilst I want to encourage children to drink as much as possible, the [British Nutrition Foundation](http://www.bnf.org) (BNF) gives guidelines for the types of fluid to drink, and water is the only fluid which they recommend drinking "plenty" as it hydrates without calories or risking harm to teeth. The recommended daily amount of fluids for children to drink is: 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 to 8 year olds. 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 to 12 year olds.

Water bottles are on sale in school for £1.50.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Nominations are now being invited for the position of **Parent Governor** on our school's **Governing Body**. Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. For more information about the parent governor role please contact Mr Birkett.

MEET THE GOVERNORS

My name is Matt Messenger and I have been a governor at Newbarns for over five years. I am a Chartered Surveyor by profession and sit on the school's Buildings, Health & Safety and Safeguarding Committee. I have a long association with the school, with my two eldest children (now 18 and 13 years old) attending Newbarns from the age of three. Both thoroughly enjoyed their Newbarns experience and I won't have any hesitation in sending my youngest child (who is about to turn 1) to the school.

In my voluntary capacity as a junior football coach I come across many children who have previously attended Newbarns. Without exception, all are polite and articulate and an ongoing reminder of values developed during their time at Newbarns. When I visit the school I never cease to be impressed by the professionalism and pursuit for excellence of the Newbarns staff and leadership team, the superb learning facilities present in the school and most importantly the politeness and positive attitude of the children and their fantastic work which is proudly displayed around the school.

I am proud to be a part of the "Newbarns team."

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANT

It is important you let us know if you think your child may be entitled to free school meals and a grant towards uniform costs (even if you do not want to take up the offer.) School receives funding for pupils who have qualified at any time during their schooling, even if circumstances change. You may qualify for this "Pupil Premium Grant" if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £ 16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- Universal Credit.

More information on how to apply can be found at <http://bit.ly/1eoNBB5>. Additionally, you can always telephone school for advice.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION 2017

Please tell everyone you know with a child who will be four by the 31st August 2017 that the online application process for places is now open at www.cumbria.gov.uk

The closing date is January 15th 2017.

Places are not automatically given when one of our existing pupils has a sibling of school age - an on-line application must still be made and submitted on time. Prospective parents can make an appointment for a tour of the school with me or Ms Wilson —just ring the office to arrange.

SCHOOL TIES

After requests from parents, we now have elasticated school ties available to purchase at £3 each. If you would like a non-elasticated tie, please let us know.



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO HUMPHREY HEAD.

