

# New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - March 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Important Notice - Parking**

Again, I am asking to you to please be respectful of our residential neighbours. In the last couple of weeks alone, I have personally seen parents and children walking across the grass of residents gardens, cutting through residents driveways and hopping over their fences, a parent parked in a residents driveway that is marked for a disabled resident, parking across footpaths and people littering. If parents and carers are going to park in the new estate please be mindful and respectful for the residents that live there. I thank you in anticipation of your ongoing help and support.

## **Parents Evenings**

Our attendance evenings were well attended. For those parents/carers who did not attend, teaching staff will be contacting you to make an appointment.

## **Huggg Vouchers**

Huggg vouchers will be issued soon for the Easter holidays to those eligible families. Please make sure we have your current working contact number in school.

## **Reception Places September 2025**

Parents of children starting Reception Class in September 2025 will receive an offer on 16th April 2025.

## **Easter Activities**

KS2 Easter Performance - will take place on Wednesday 9th April, all KS2 parents should have received a letter at the end of March to reserve seats

## **Easter Crafts Afternoon**

Our Easter Craft Afternoon will take place on Thursday 10th April - a letter will be issued to parents soon.

## **Easter Raffle**

Tickets will be on sale from the school office from Monday 7th April and at both of the above events priced at £1 per number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mr Struthers'.

**Mr P Struthers**  
Headteacher

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We are delighted to announce that we have received a grant from the Foyle Foundation which has enabled us source a number of new books for our School Library.

The books will be of enormous help and support to the development of Character Education at New Delaval Primary School.

### **School Lunches and Free School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch under the Universal Offer provided by the government.

**EVEN** if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and you are in receipt of benefits and entitled to Free School Meals it is very important that you apply ( please call into the school office to complete a form or apply online via the Northumberland County Council website.)

Thank You

### **Residential Trip Wooler (Y4)**

Can we ask that the cost of the trip is fully paid by **Tuesday 29th April** please. If this will cause any problem contact Mrs Henderson or Mr Struthers to discuss.

Thank You

### **Swimming - Year 6**

Year 6 will start their swimming lessons in the Summer term (Friday 2nd May).

Boys are requested **NOT** to wear surfer shorts as they drag in the water.

Please note Swimming Caps must be worn.

**Please note school does not have any stock of swimming caps to purchase.**



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## New Delaval Primary School Attendance Update

Our attendance since we returned from the February half break has improved since Christmas **with an overall school attendance figure of 95.4 %, the school target is 96%**.

Whole school attendance since September is now **94.3%**. This is **positive**, but our target for attendance is **96%** and we are still a long way from that target. National average attendance is **94.6%**.

Every day we share our attendance information with the Department for Education. We can compare our attendance to other schools in Northumberland and nationally. Compared to other Northumberland schools, we are ranked 105 out of 127. Compared to other schools nationally, we are ranked in the 8<sup>th</sup> decile, which is the bottom 20 to 30%.

Children who have attendance lower than 90% are known as **persistent absentees**. Having 90% attendance is the equivalent of missing one afternoon a week every week. Currently we have 19% of our children with less than 90% attendance. That means that 37 children have missed the equivalent of one afternoon a week every week. Compared to other schools nationally, we are ranked in the 8<sup>th</sup> decile, which is the bottom 20 to 30%. **This is really worrying.**

We know that children can be genuinely unwell and therefore should not be at school. If you're not sure about whether to send your child in to school or not, the NHS website is usually a good source of information. If your child is brought to school and we feel they need to go home, we will ring you. Medicine can be administered by staff. Please call into the school office to complete a medical form.

Regular school attendance is so very important.

It is no coincidence that children who miss school often do not go on to achieve their potential.

**Please see the graphic below, figures as at 27th March**

|  |   |                           |  |   |   |                                 |
|--|---|---------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 175 days to spend on family time, go on holiday, visit special places, do shopping and carry out jobs, have appointments |   |                           |  |   |   |                                 |
| 365<br>days<br>per<br>year   | 190 school days<br>0 school days<br>missed<br><b>100%</b>                           |                           |  |   |   |                                 |
|  | 180 school days<br>10 school days<br>missed<br><b>95%</b>                           |                           | 171 school days<br>19 school days<br>missed<br><b>90%</b>                                | 161 school days<br>29 school days<br>missed<br><b>85%</b> | 152 school days<br>38 school days<br>missed<br><b>80%</b>   |                                 |
|  |   |                           |  |   | 143 school days<br>47 school days<br>missed<br><b>75%</b>   |                                 |
|  | <b>GOOD</b><br>Best chance of success.<br>Gets your child off to a<br>flying start. |                           | <b>WORRYING</b><br>Less chance of success.<br>Harder for your child to<br>make progress. |   | <b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b><br>Very little chance of success.<br>Your child is being massively<br>disadvantaged. |                                 |
|  | 100%<br>16 children   | 95% - 100%<br>97 children | 90% - 95%<br>44 children   | 85% - 90%<br>23 children                                  | 80% - 85%<br>8 children   | Less than<br>80%<br>11 children |
| <b>113 children</b>  |   | <b>67 children</b>        |  | <b>18 children</b>  |   |                                 |


## Attendance for February 2025

| Class        | Authorised | Unauthorised | % Attend |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| Reception    | 1.1        | 2.1          | 96.8%    |
| Year 1       | 6.1        | 1.0          | 92.9%    |
| Year 2       | 3.2        | 0.7          | 96.1%    |
| Year 3       | 2.9        | 2.5          | 94.6%    |
| Year 4 PM    | 4.3        | 1.0          | 94.7%    |
| Year 4 DW/SK | 1.9        | 4.2          | 93.9%    |
| Year 5       | 3.3        | 0.3          | 96.4%    |
| Year 6       | 3.1        | 4.9          | 92.0%    |



**Thank you!**  
New Delaval  
Primary  
raised  
£187.78

**Year 1 organised a tea party and invited their parents & carers. They raised £80.00 in aid of**



Thank you!

Our Lego League pupils made and decorated shark shaped biscuits and sold them to parent and carers. They raised £41.20 in aid of

 **SHARK STEWARDS**

| Holiday                     | Date on which school will close | Date on which school will reassemble |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Easter 2025</b>          | <b>Friday 11th April 2025</b>   | <b>Tuesday 29th April 2025</b>       |
| <b>Summer Mid-Term 2025</b> | <b>Friday 23rd May 2025</b>     | <b>Monday 2nd June 2025</b>          |
| <b>Summer 2025</b>          | <b>Friday 18th July 2025</b>    | <b>Monday 3rd September 2025</b>     |

**Pick Up Information - IMPORTANT**

The school office is receiving increased requests to pass messages on to class teachers which is disrupting teaching time. Please add details of any adult who may be required to collect your child to the forms held in individual classrooms, once this has been done there is no need to contact school.

**Thank you for cooperation.**

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Notice Board

| <b>Date &amp; Time</b>                    | <b>Event</b>                                    | <b>Who?</b>               |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Thursday 10th April<br>2:00pm-3:15pm      | Easter Crafts Afternoon                         | All welcome!              |
| Friday 11th April<br>2:00pm               | School Closes at 2:00pm for<br>Easter break     | All pupils                |
| Monday 28th April                         | School INSET Day<br>School closed to pupils     | All pupils                |
| Tuesday 29th April 8:30am                 | School reopens to pupils for<br>the Summer Term | All pupils                |
| Monday 5th May                            | Bank Holiday - school closed<br>to pupils       | All pupils                |
| Wednesday 7th May-Friday<br>9th May       | Wooler Residential Trip                         | Y4 pupils                 |
| Monday 12th May-Friday 16th<br>May        | KS2 SATs week                                   | Year 6 pupils             |
| Monday 19th May - Friday<br>23rd May      | KS1 SATs week                                   | Year 2 pupils             |
| Friday 23rd May All Day                   | Year 6 Goblin Car Event                         | Year 6                    |
| Monday 26th May - Friday<br>30th May      | May Half term Break                             | All pupils                |
| Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th<br>June      | Year 4 Multiplication Tests                     | Year 4                    |
| Monday 9th June - Friday<br>13th June     | KS1 Phonics Screening                           | Year 1                    |
| Wednesday 11th June<br>All Day            | Cullercoats Kayaking Trip                       | Year 5                    |
| Monday 16th-Friday 20th<br>June - All Day | Full Attendance Week                            | Whole School              |
| Saturday 21st June - Monday<br>23rd June  | High Borrans Residential Trip                   | Year 6                    |
| Thursday 26th June<br>2pm                 | Summer Fayre                                    | All welcome!              |
| Wednesday 2nd July                        | Reception Class Visit Blyth<br>Beach            | Reception Class           |
| Thursday 3rd July                         | Nursery Sports Day                              | Nursery                   |
| Friday 4th July                           | Sports Day                                      | Reception to Year 6       |
| Friday 11th July                          | End of Year Reports sent out                    | Whole School              |
| Tuesday 15th July                         | Awards Assembly                                 | Reception, Year 1, Year 2 |
| Wednesday 16th July                       | Nursery Graduation                              | Nursery                   |
| Thursday 17th July                        | Awards Assembly                                 | Year 3, Year 4, Year 5    |
| Friday 18th July                          | Leavers Assembly                                | Year 6                    |
| Friday 18th July                          | Picnic Lunch                                    | All pupils                |
| Friday 18th July                          | School closes 2pm for<br>Summer Break           | All pupils                |

**Please check the calendar on the school website for additional information and any changes.**