

Newlands Junior School

October 2024– Newsletter

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Thursday 17th October at All Saint's Church. Years 3 and 4 will be at 9.30 and Years 5 and 6 will be at 10.30. You are invited to join us. Please send in some tins, packets etc. which we will be donating to the food bank.

Our football teams have been training hard and have played their first matches. They have been focusing on teamwork and following instructions from their manager, Mr Freeman, as well as their football skills. Please come along and support your children if possible.



Thank You!

I would like to thank all parents and carers for the efforts made to send their child to school in the correct uniform/PE kit and with their reading diaries/homework. Please remember, it is a plain navy or black tracksuit. Ties must be worn every day and reading books/diaries need to be in school every day.

We still have many children who are not reading at home. This is a vital life skill and no child should leave school with poor literacy skills. Please put 5–10 minutes aside each evening to practice this vital skill and spend some valuable time together. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the book swap on Friday and should now have a new book to read. This week, they will be bringing home a fun reading challenge to complete over the half term break. Please return these by Friday 8th November. Everyone reading 17 times will receive 50 Dojo points. You could also send in a photograph for our website to office@newlands.notts.sch.uk.



We have started very poorly with our attendance which is currently 94.6%. For the first time in my 11 years here, we are below the national standards which are 95.4%. The government are having a big push on raising school attendance and I will be sending out information about the fines that will be issued. Please ensure your child attends school every day. If they are unwell, we will call you if necessary.



There is currently an available post to be a parent governor. This is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and use your skills and experience to ensure that our pupils get the best possible education. If you would like further information, please contact the school office to talk to myself or the chair of governors.



Please can we remind you to book children on to breakfast club via Eduspot so we know who is attending. If you have any issues logging on, please speak to the ladies in the office.

We have enjoyed another action packed half term which has included Hagg Farm, puzzle day, Hello Yellow, Harvest, Faith visits and sporting competitions. Please keep a copy of the diary dates handy for next half term. Remember, we have an Inset day on Friday 18th October. Have a lovely half term break and we will see everyone on the 4th of November.

Kind Regards Mrs Castledine