



TJS Newsletter - 24 January 2025

Welcome to our Newsletter!

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Attendance Matters



Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 96.01% and for this week was 96.48%.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024.**

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

PTA Glow Disco - Wednesday, 5th February



As mentioned in a recent Parentmail email, the PTA are arranging to hold two Glow Discos in The Stocksman on Wednesday, 5th February as follows:-

Years 3 & 4 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Tickets are £3.50 each which includes admission and a glow wrist band (these will be provided on arrival), and are on sale in the shop area on Parentmail until 6pm on Wednesday, 29th January. Please note, this is a strict cut-off and tickets will not be available after 29th January to give sufficient time for arrangements to be made and a risk assessment to be completed.

Refreshments including hotdogs, sweets, crisps and drinks will be on sale at the events, as well as some glow products. Further details of prices for these will be shared in due course.

We are hoping to be able to provide face-painting, however we would need some extra help with this. We are looking for creative parents/adults to help with simple tattoo designs. If you are able to volunteer your services, please contact the school office. If we don't get any additional helpers then we may not be able to provide the face-painting. If any children have had an allergic reaction to face paint in the past then they should avoid having their face painted.

We have moved to accepting electronic payments only for this event which allows payments to be made over a longer period and if this goes well, we hope to continue this system going forward for future events. This saves the PTA members and our staff time, as we will not be handling cash payments, issuing tickets etc. It also means tickets aren't being lost, forgotten etc. Adults helping at the event will have a list of children who have purchased a ticket - there will be no printed tickets.

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health week is 3rd to 7th February. As part of this, we have arranged a variety of activities for the children.

The week's focus is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself", with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

On Wednesday, 5th February, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and we invite donations of £1.00 to raise money for The Windmill Trust - they are a charity in Wigton

which provides creative therapy services in the local area and have helped some of our pupils.

Water Bottles



We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school without a water bottle, especially on days when they have PE. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them EVERY DAY. Thank you for your support.

Parents Evenings - Advance Notice



Advance notice - we will be arranging two Parents Evenings on Thursday, 6th March & Thursday, 13th March, from 3.40pm to 6.30pm in our school hall.

Further details about how and when to book will be sent out nearer the time.

Message from PTA



If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, please could they be brought into school – we will recycle them as Mother’s Day and Father’s Day gifts for the children to buy later in the year. We especially have a need for male gifts as we didn’t have many last year. Thank you for the donations we have received so far - please keep them coming!

Cleaning Relief Vacancy



We are seeking a relief cleaner to cover temporary absences ASAP. The hours are 3.15pm to 6.15pm, Monday to Friday, to cover occasional absence, sometimes at short notice. If you are interested, please contact our School Business Manager, Karen Myers, on 016973 42432 or by email sbm@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk.

Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Newcastle



Information was sent out by a Parentmail email last week to those who have requested a place for their child on the Year 4 residential from 6th to 7th May 2025. Thank you to those who have already arranged payment(s).

As a reminder, the payment amounts and dates are as follows:-

£30 non-refundable deposit due by 31st January

£30 second instalment due by 28th February

£30 third instalment due by 28th March

Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle





A form was sent out on Parentmail to Year 5 Parents and Carers earlier this week regarding the Year 5 residential to Muncaster Castle, from 5th to 6th June 2025. Please could we have a reply for every child in Year 5, by completing the form by the deadline of 10am on Wednesday, 29th January, to enable us to confirm the numbers and costs. Thank you.

LING House Group Reward



Our House group of the term winners for the Autumn Term were Ling. We have arranged for all the children in Ling House group to have a reward which is a half day fun trip to Stocks Wood. This will be held on Tuesday, 25th February. Ling pupils in Years 3 and 5 will go in the morning, and those in Years 4 and 6 will go in the afternoon.

We have sent a permission form out to the relevant parents/carers and we would appreciate it if this could be completed by 4pm on Monday, 27th January.

School Milk



If your child would like to have milk after half-term, please complete the form on Parentmail, and arrange payment if required, by 6pm on Wednesday, 12th February.

Please check with your child before completing the form, as a number of children aren't collecting their milk.

Music Lessons - Payment Reminder



Payments for piano, guitar and violin lessons are due by Friday, 7th February. We would appreciate prompt payment please.

Celebration Assembly



Well done to all the children who received a certificate last week and this week!

















Dates for your Diary 24.01.2025

29 January	Year 5&6 Netball Tournament at Harraby 3G
5 February	Non uniform day for Mental Health Week £1 donation
5 February	PTA Glow Disco in The Stocksman Years 3&4 – 4.30pm to 6.00pm, Years 5&6 – 6.30pm to 8.00pm
24 February	Year 6 Young Voices Event in Manchester
25 February	LING House Group trip to Stocks Wood
6 March	Parents Evening – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
13 March	Parents Evening – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
24-28 March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
7-21 April	Easter Holiday
5 May	Bank Holiday
6-7 May	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Newcastle
12-16 May	Year 6 SATS
26-30 May	Half Term
5-6 June	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
10-13 June	Year 6 Residential to London
30 June	Nelson Thomlinson School New Y7 Parents' Info Evening
18 July	End of Summer Term

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