

# Newsletter number 9— almost May 2022!



## Letters:

- Newsletter
- Menu—to follow
- Smoke Free School Gates Policy



## Clubs

There is a list of After School Clubs on the next page. Please contact the office if your child is interested in any of the new clubs. You do not need to let us know if your child wishes to continue with a club.

**EYFS Families**—please apply for FSM if you think you may be eligible as you may get vouchers during the holidays.

[newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals](http://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals)

## Office Email Address

Wna-  
[admin@westnewcastleacademy.org](mailto:admin@westnewcastleacademy.org)

Please use this email address

## Early Bird Readers—8.30am

Please can children all come in to school through the hall door into Breakfast Club so that they can be added to our register.

## Contact

If you need to contact anyone in school please ring the school office

Main School 0191 273 9477

## Email

[susan@westnewcastleacademy.org](mailto:susan@westnewcastleacademy.org)

Hello everyone and welcome back

I'm early with the newsletter this month so we can send the class letters out next week.

It's a busy and short half term with these key dates:

Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
May	KS1 Tests and Tasks
9 May	KS2 Tests
30 May	Half Term



## NEW!!!

### Cooking Club—Fridays 4-5pm

Come and cook in school as a family! Instruction and ingredients provided, just come, cook and take your tea home!

## Residential Visits to Northumberland

Please add these dates to your calendar:

- **Y5 13/14/15 JUNE**
- **Y3 15/16 JUNE 2022**
- **Y4 16/17 JUNE 2022**
- **Y6 20-24 JUNE 2022**

## Friends of School

Friends of West Newcastle Academy page:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2301547423469118/>

Keep in touch with other families and children.

## Swimming Y4

After the holiday Y4 will go swimming. Their first day of swimming will be Tuesday 26 April.

They need a swimming costume, towel and goggles.

## Absence

It is really important that you call us by 8.45 to report an absence EVERY DAY that you child is sick. We will call or visit you at home if we cannot speak to a parent.



Take a LF test if your child has any symptoms and then send them in to school.

## Parent Pay

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for Parent Pay.

If you have any questions or need any help with anything please contact the school office.

### Clubs After School (4-5pm)



Monday	<b>Dance Club</b> Fitness Club (until 4.30)
Tuesday	Gardening Club (until 4.30)
Wednesday	KS2 Football Club
Thursday	KS1 Football Club Folk Band Club (until 4.45)
Friday	Lego Club (until 4.30) <b>Cooking Club (for families)</b>

### EYFS/KS1 30 minute Clubs (3.30 –4pm)

Monday	Construction
Tuesday	Art
Wednesday	Stories
Thursday	Nature
Friday	Puzzles

### KS2 SATS

Monday 9th May 2022	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 10th May 2022	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Weds 11th May 2022	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thurs 12th May 2022	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

### Parent Questionnaire

A really big thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire and gave us some feedback. We had 70 responses which were very positive and helpful for our School Development Plan.

We will share more of our findings over the next few months but some key themes are:

#### Nursery

Thank you for all the positive comments, we will now review this with our governing body.

#### Clubs at the end of the Day for KS2

The majority of parents wanted us to try clubs 3.30-4pm for KS2 so we will plan a 30 minute club schedule. **Please note—all KS2 children must stay until 4pm**, this is our statutory finishing time suggested by Newcastle City Council.

#### Menu and Sandwiches

We have tried to make some changes based on suggestions by parents and School Council. Thank you!

#### Communication

Thanks for all comments about communication, really helpful! Please note:

- Newsletter goes out first Wednesday of each month with key dates
- Class letters second Wednesday of each half term
- Texts are used as a reminder
- A facebook post will be uploaded each Friday with a reminder of key dates the following week
- Messages can be left at gate each morning, in the office and on answer phone
- Office is staffed 8-4pm, please ring, email or pop in with messages or queries
- Emails to teachers will be answered 8-8.30 each morning, please respect weekends, evenings and holiday periods.

Thank you everyone for taking time to respond!