

NEWLYN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready to join us all with the next new and exciting steps in your children's learning with us. Your children have all settled back into school beautifully after their holidays and we are very happy to have them back.

This half term we will be moving our topic learning from Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes to a History focus which will be about ourselves, our families and the wider community.

We will be helping the children to make their own family history trees and a timeline of themselves growing up, they will need photographs from home of parents, siblings and grandparents that can be photocopied as a point for discussion with their friends along with two pictures of themselves at the baby stage and toddler stage.

The children will be finding out about who helps us in school and around the community so we will be going out and about on wellie walks. If anybody can spare a few hours on a Thursday afternoon to help we would love to have you. Please come and put your name on the list in the classroom.

We also need a volunteer who might be happy to hear children read in the classroom once a week on a regular basis. (we will need someone who would be prepared to have a DBS check which the school will supply).

An overview for our National Curriculum focus will be displayed on the school website along with the huge whiteboard in the classroom showing how children's ongoing interests are continually planned for.

Later in the term we aim to have a visit from the Fire Engine and the Community Police Team and to book a visit with the Lifeboat Station. We will also be inviting you in to have lunch with us so you can see how independent and grown up your children have become.

To enable the children to continue to grow in confidence, independence and resilience please encourage them to organise their own belongings on arrival and to pick up their own names for lunch registration supporting them to read the lunch choices.

Thank you for the continued support with reading at home every evening where possible with your children and helping them to practise any sounds, words, and numbers they might bring home for extra help with as it makes a tremendous difference to consolidating their learning and helping them to progress.

Many thanks
Mrs Gribben

