



## Newquay Junior Academy

### News Bulletin –Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The academy has been buzzing with excitement, after the success of the PTA Discos, Children in Need ‘Bearpees’ and the Bake Sale last week! Not only that, but all the classes have also been rehearsing the Newquay Junior Christmas Song “Only You”, ready to record at the church today.

We also wanted to say a huge THANK YOU for all your recent incredibly generous donations. The Pupil Council helped to raise £450 for the Royal British Legion from the sale of poppies and accessories across the academy and we also raised £387.50 for Children in Need. We would like to thank everyone involved in all our recent events: we are so grateful and really appreciate your generous support at this time of year.

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

#### PTA Christmas Fayre from 4pm to 5.30pm



Our **PTA Christmas Fayre** will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, **from 4pm to 5.30pm** and we would love to see you all there. There will be a raffle, cake stalls, crafts, festive games, and seasonal treats. Please gather at the side of the Edge Hall and the doors will open at 4pm. We look forward to welcoming our families, friends, and the local community to this vital fund-raising event for the academy.

**Please do come and support us on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at our PTA Fayre.**

### Friday 1st December

#### Non-Uniform Day in exchange for luxury items for the PTA Fayre



**Pupils can bring in donations on Friday 1st December in return for wearing non-uniform.** This could be chocolate, bath items, new toys etc. These will be prizes that we can use at the Christmas Fayre. If you wish to donate wine for the bottle raffle, adults can bring any bottles to the office. Thank you so much for this; all funds raised will go towards benefiting all pupils at the academy.

### Cake on a Plate – for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December



We will be sending home a paper plate, in the hope you might bake some treats, biscuits or even a cake! These can be brought into the academy on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, the day of our Christmas Fayre. We welcome all donations, shop bought or home baked. We kindly ask that any donations **do not contain Nuts**, as we have pupils with severe allergies. Thank you so much and we look forward to lots of tasty treats on sale at the Fayre.

### NJA Christmas Dinners – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**We are delighted to invite you to join your child on their Christmas Dinner Day.**

- 🌲 Due to capacity of the Chough Kitchen, each pupil can invite up to 2 family members to join them.
- 🌲 Pupils can wear their Christmas Jumper, with academy uniform, on their Christmas Dinner Day
- 🌲 If you are unable to attend, pupils can attend their own Year Group dinner with their class and teacher.
- 🌲 The menu will be turkey or vegan and you will be able to book any adult or pupil meals via ParentPay.
- 🌲 Please pay for any adults on ParentPay via the Adult Xmas Dinner £5.00 payment item.
- 🌲 You can book your child’s dinner on their Christmas Dinner Day, via ParentPay for £2.50.
- 🌲 Any NJA siblings must be accompanied by their adult, if they wish to attend their sibling’s Dinner Day.
- 🌲 We recommend any NJA siblings of Year 3 attend Monday’s Dinner with their grown-ups, due to Yr.3 Train Trips.

**Your child will have a Christmas Dinner on their class day and can book an academy meal on Thursday.**

**All other days they need a packed lunch.**

**There will be no tuck available, except on Thursday, so please provide snacks from home for all pupils.**

### The Christmas Dinners will take place on the following days:



<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	3WM & 3JJ - 11.30am	3BR & 3JR - 12.30pm
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	4MM & 4DH - 11.30am	4GB & 4MS - 12.30pm
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	5RD & 5SP - 11.30am	5AS & 5AC - 12.30pm
<b>All pupils Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Academy meals or packed lunches as usual</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	6MA & 6JM - 11.30am	6MR – 12.15pm
		6JD & 6MR - 12.45pm	

**PLEASE NOTE:** When it is not your child’s allocated Christmas lunch day, they will need to bring in a packed lunch. On Thursday, there are no Christmas Dinners, so meals can be booked as usual, or pupils can bring a packed lunch.

**\* If your child is eligible for a Free School Meal, they will be automatically allocated a Christmas Dinner on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. You will be able to book their academy meal as usual on Thursday\*\***

## Christmas Cinema Trips

We will be visiting Newquay's Lighthouse Cinema to watch a film during the academy day, as a Christmas treat.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

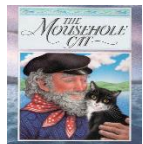
**Year 5 and 6 will be watching Super Mario**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 3 will watch Arthur Christmas and Year 4 will watch Elemental**

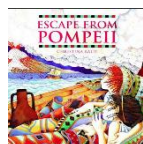
We have been able to secure a discounted price of **£4.00 per child**. This covers their ticket and an ice lolly. Please make your payment on ParentPay under "**Cinema Trip Dec 23**". We look forward to this exciting Christmas Trip, which is one of the traditional highlights of our last week of term. Thank you for your prompt payment.

### These are some of the learning activities taking place across the academy:



#### Learning for Year 3

- 🌲 Reading "The Mousehole Cat" in VIPERS.
- 🌲 Writing our own version of a historical narrative from "The First Drawing".
- 🌲 Learning about light and shadows in Science.



#### Learning for Year 4

- 🌲 Reading "The Girl Who Stole an Elephant" and "Escape from Pompeii".
- 🌲 Writing news reports about two survivors of the volcano eruption.
- 🌲 Investigating structures to inspire the best way to make our own volcanos.

#### Learning for Year 5



- 🌲 Starting to read "The Winter's Child" with the aim of writing a sequel to this story.
- 🌲 Exploring Forces in the Egg Drop Challenge and seeing if we can drop an egg without it breaking!
- 🌲 Rehearsing Christmas songs ready for our Year 5 Concert on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.



#### Learning for Year 6

- 🌲 Writing our own version of a chapter from "A Christmas Carol" and building suspense in our writing.
- 🌲 Learning how to convert measures, such as metres and kilometres or grams and kilograms.
- 🌲 Building our key skills for Year 6 in Maths, English, Spelling, Grammar, and Punctuation.



**Please remember to book and pay for any meals, tuck and Ninjas wraparound childcare using ParentPay.** Your account will need to be in credit to secure these bookings for the week ahead. Meals are charged at £2.50. Please note, all tuck items are charged at 75p per item. These are not covered by the Free School Meal Allowance. All FSM meals still need to be booked via ParentPay. <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login> Thank you.

## Nut Free Academy

We would like to remind you that we are a 'Nut Free Academy'. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies which means that anyone eating food containing nuts across the academy, such as peanut butter sandwiches or snack/cereal bars containing nuts, could cause another pupil to have a severe allergic reaction. Thank you for keeping everyone safe by checking packed lunches and snack bars are **nut free**.

## Academy Office Contact Details

The academy has updated the secretary email address for all urgent queries. Please contact the office on [njasecretary@nja.celtrust.org](mailto:njasecretary@nja.celtrust.org) This will then be forwarded to the relevant staff member, and they will respond to you within a few working days. The academy office is open from 8.30am to 4pm daily and closes at 3.15pm on a Wednesday. You will be able to find all our letters on the NJA website and can check for current events on our Facebook page. Due to the high volume of emails that we receive, we aim to respond within 3 working days. If you require immediate assistance, on an urgent matter, please call the office on 01637 874543. Please be aware our telephone lines are constantly very busy, so do leave a message if you cannot get through. Please let us know any changes in home times arrangements before 12 noon, so we have time to inform classes and ensure pupils are dismissed safely at the end of the day. We thank you for your patience and look forward to assisting you.

## Attendance figures for the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Year 3	Attendance	Year 4	Attendance	Year 5	Attendance	Year 6	Attendance
3BR	98%	4MM	98%	5RD	96%	6JD	96%
<b>3JJ</b>	<b>100%</b>	4DH	96%	5AC	91%	6JM	99%
3JR	97%	4GB	99%	5AS	94%	6MA	97%
3WM	98%	4MS	96%	5SP	94%	6MR	90%
						6TS	96%



Well done to **3JJ** for the highest attendance last week at 100%!





## Newquay Junior Academy Diary Dates for 2023



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- Friday 1 December **Non-uniform day in return for donating luxury items for the PTA Xmas Fayre.**  
**Pupils can bring in donations on Friday 1st December in return for wearing non-uniform.**  
This could be chocolate, bath items, new toys etc. These will be prizes at the Fayre on 7 December.  
If you wish to donate wine for the bottle raffle, adults can bring any bottles to the office.  
Thank you so much for this. All funds raised will go towards benefiting all pupils at the academy.
- Sat 2 December **NJA Choir sing at the Bid Newquay Event at Killacourt Newquay** (we sing from 1pm – 1.30pm).
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- Mon 4 - Fri 8 December **Year 3 Christmas Train trips** will take place as part of their Polar Express story experience.  
3WM Tuesday 5 December  
3JJ Wednesday 6 December  
3JR Thursday 7 December  
3BR Friday 8 December  
**On their day, pupils need to wear warm pyjamas/onesie, winter coat, packed lunch & drink.**  
**We will return from the trip to be collected from NJA at 3.15pm.**  
*If you are also collecting from Trenance at this time, pupils can be collected at 3.30pm from NJA.*  
*Year 3 cannot be collected from the Train Station. All pupils will return to NJA to be dismissed safely.*  
All Year 3 will have their Christmas Dinner together on Monday 4 December at the academy.
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- Mon 4 – Weds 6 Dec & Fri 8 December **Christmas Lunches will take place at Newquay Junior Academy, in the Chough Kitchen.**  
Pupils will be invited to attend Christmas Lunch with their parent/carer.  
All meals can be booked and paid for via ParentPay.
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- All pupils Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** **Academy meals or packed lunches as usual**
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| <b>Year 6 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> | 6MA & 6JM - 11.30am | 6MR – 12.15pm |
|  | 6JD & 6MR - 12.45pm |               |
- Thurs 7 December **PTA Christmas Fayre at Newquay Junior Academy from 4pm to 5.30pm**  
We will be holding our Christmas Fayre with various stalls, games and prizes to be won for Xmas!  
We welcome all families, pupils and the local community to help us raise money for the NJA PTA.  
**Please queue up at the side of the Edge Hall at 4pm, ready to join the festive fun!**
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- Mon 11 & Tues 12 Dec **NJA Christmas Cinema Trips** – Please make your £4.00 payment on ParentPay ready for the trip.  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December Year 5 and 6 will be watching Super Mario.  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 will watch Arthur Christmas and Year 4 will watch Elemental.
- Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Dec Ninjas paid for **after-hours** wraparound childcare is available to pre book Monday – Thursday only.  
**There will be no NJA afterschool activity clubs running this week – all clubs have finished.**  
Atlantic Karate, Spanish and Bounce Dance will continue as usual.
- Weds 13 December **Rocksteady Concert** for parents/carers of pupils attending Rocksteady music bands at NJA.  
This will be held in the Edge Hall, further details will be sent out shortly.
- Thursday 14 December **Year 5 Christmas Concert** in the Edge Hall at 10am for parents and carers of Year 5.
- Friday 15 December **Early morning Ninjas only – no after-hours Ninjas or NJA activity clubs on this day.**  
**Last day of term – pupils will finish at 2.55pm on this day.**  
**Atlantic Karate and Bounce Dance will be running as usual.**
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- Mon 18 Dec – Fri 5 Jan **Closed for the Christmas holidays.**
- Mon 8 January 2024 **First day back of the Spring Term.**

You can find all our letters on our academy website <https://newquayjunior.net/letters-to-parents/>