



Newtongrange Primary School  
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## Primary Pages Wednesday 14th March 2018

### Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Penman, who will teach P5a until the summer as Mrs Wilson has taken up a post in Cuiken Primary School. We wish Mrs Wilson well in her new school and thank her for contributions to Newtongrange Primary School. After 7 years in the nursery, Mrs Coleman has decided to seek new challenges and will be taking up a CCDW post at St. Mary's Primary School. We would like to thank Mrs Coleman for all her contributions within the nursery. We have begun the recruitment process for a new CCDW and we will update you on this in due course.

### Newtongrange Book Fairies

The Newtongrange Book Fairies are coming and guess what... They LOVE reading!!! They want to share their love for reading with the whole community. The idea of the Book Fairies is simple. At Newtongrange Primary School we love to read and share the books we've read. And guess what – everyone loves a nice surprise! These two things come together with the Book Fairies – giving people in the community a chance to take part in the discovery of our hidden books and share a love for reading with all. Keep your eyes peeled for the books... They could be anywhere, perhaps in the park, Co-op, the gym hall or even your classroom! So what happens if you find one? First of all sign the back of the bookmark and enjoy reading the book. (If for any reason the book is damaged please return it to the school. When you're finished reading, simply put the book back where you found it for someone else to find and enjoy! Ask an adult to share your experience on our school twitter or email the school to see where they have been found!

### New School Library

Our new school library has been installed and children and teachers are enjoying using the library to support reading for enjoyment. The library will officially be opened on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April by our Reading Reps. Please visit the library when you are next in the school.

### Glee

The school choir performed in the Lothian Glee Choir competition at the Brunton Theatre on Monday night. The choir gave a fantastic performance singing and dancing to two songs from Glee. A very big thank you to Miss Bell for providing the choir with this opportunity.

### Sport Relief 2018

We are all really excited to be taking part in Sport Relief 2018 this year. Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise money and change lives and we will be celebrating between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. To get active and do our bit to raise money we have organised lots of fantastic activities throughout the week for Sport Relief, including an 80s Disco, hockey taster sessions, a Wednesday 'Wake and Shake', 'Beat the Goalie' and a 'Friday Fun Run' in the park! We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping our school raise lots of money for Sport Relief. Sponsorship forms are also available from Mrs McNeill if you would like to get active at home to raise money for Sport Relief. Thank you to the wider curriculum group for organising an exciting week.

### Stay and Play

The nursery are hosting a series of Stay and Play events, where parents and carers are invited to join their child in nursery and join in with their learning. During this time there will be an opportunity to chat with key workers about your child's learning and progress. Dates are detailed overleaf.

### Book Amnesty

We are planning our resources for next session and would like to take this opportunity to ask if all families would have a look at home to see if you have any reading books belonging to the school that have not been returned.

### Store House, Newtongrange –(our box for Store House is in the entrance hall)

We are collecting for Store House, our box is in the entrance hall. Any donations of food and household goods are greatly welcomed.

### Footwear Clothing Grants/ Free School Meals

Some families may be eligible for clothing grants and free school meals. An application form is available from the school or can be printed from the Council's website, [https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school\\_meals/117/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_clothing\\_grants](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants)

### Church Service

Our Easter Church Service will be on Thursday 29 March at 1.30pm. Children will return to school after the service. We will be able to have some adults attend the service but due to restrictions on space, this will be by ticket only. This will be a single allocated seat for one person per family group. Please contact the School office on 0131 271 4645 if you wish to be entered into the ballot for a ticket.

School closes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29 March at 3.10 pm (Nursery at 3.45 pm) and opens again for the Summer term on Tuesday 17 April 2018.

### Communication

Don't forget to check our website (<http://newtongrange.mgfl.net>). This is updated regularly with news and information and includes monthly newsletters and Parent Council minutes. Please take a look to see what the children have been up to. We are also on Twitter for sharing our news – @NewtongrangePS and we have just recently set up a new Facebook page. Please remember that we use social media to share school events and any concerns should be brought to the school via the usual channels.

### Parents' Consultations

Parents' consultations are scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March when you will have the opportunity to consult with your child's teacher on their progress. Children may accompany you to these meeting for all or part of the time. Please return you appointment request slip to the school as soon as possible.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00pm at Newbattle Community High School.

As always, if any matter gives you as a parent/carer cause for concern, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the staff team.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Nursery Stay and Play
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Nursery Stay and Play
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Nursery Stay and Play
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parents Consultation meetings
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parents Consultation meetings
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Easter Service (1:30pm)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	End of term
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	All resume

