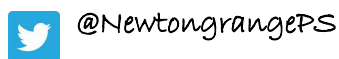


Newtongrange Primary School
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Primary Pages Monday 14th May 2018

P7 Camp

Last week our P7 learners were on their residential trip to Kingswood with all the other primary schools within the Newbattle Learning Community. The children had a fantastic week undertaking a range of activities, overcoming some of their fears and developing new friendships. They demonstrated our school values throughout the week and were a credit to the school. Thank you very much to staff who accompanied them.

Shoesday

This week we will be celebrating Walk to School Week. If you can, we would encourage you to walk, cycle or scoot to school instead of taking the car. If you need to drive, try parking a couple of streets away and walk the last bit of your journey to school. On **Tuesday 15th May** our learners are encouraged to take part in the event **Happy Shoesday** – promoting healthy and safe choices while having a bit of fun. Everyone in the school, learners and staff, are encouraged to wear the shoes that make them happy, have fun and help us create safer, walkable streets for all.

Basic Maths Fact Open Morning

We are looking forwards to welcoming parents and carers to join us on the morning of **Thursday 31st May from 9:00am – 9:45am** to find out more about Basic Maths Facts. If you have more than one child in the school you are welcome to visit all their classes during the session. Please enter by the main school entrance.

Sports Day

Sports days will take place on **Thursday 25th May for P1-3 and Friday 26th May for P4-7 in the park**, weather permitting. Sports begins at 9.30am with a break for the children at 10.30am and the remainder of events at 11.00am. Unfortunately we have to make the decision to carry on or postpone dependent on the weather, as this can happen at short notice we will send a text if we are cancelling. Please remember that children should be appropriately dressed for the weather, suitable clothes and trainers or gym shoes, **sun cream, sun hat and a waterproof jacket with a hood in case of bad weather!**

Nursery sports day will be on **Tuesday 29th May**. The morning session will start at 10:30am and the afternoon session will start at 2:30pm. Please bring your child in at the normal session times.

Parents and Carers are welcome to join all sports days.

P7 Transition Days

Newbattle High School Transition days are on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th June 2018**. Further information will follow.

Uniform

Children are expected to attend school in uniform every day, Monday to Friday. This should be a school sweatshirt and a pale blue or white polo shirt, or shirt. Coloured t-shirts, t-shirts with slogans and sports shirts should not be worn to school. Black trousers or skirts should be worn and no coloured or patterned leggings, jeans or grey sports joggers are allowed. Coming to school dressed this way helps children be ready for learning and starts good habits for High School and later for the world of work. If you would like to order uniform for next term please see attached order form. Nursery uniform order forms available from nursery staff. New P1 Intake order forms will be available in the P1 information pack which will be provided at the transition days.

School Meals

For your information Midlothian Council has advised that from August 2018 the cost of a primary school meal for pupils in P4 - P7 will rise to £2.00. All P1 - P3 pupils will still receive free meals.

Slime Club

We would like to thank to Dr Curtis for her continued work with our learners and staff.

Due to the success of slime club for P6 & P7 we would like to develop a bank of resources that can be used across the school. If you have any of the following "junk" items at home and would like to donate them, we would truly appreciate it:

- 5ml and 2.5ml medicine spoons and syringes (from children's medicine bottles)
- Pump-action hand wash bottles
- Unwanted plastic plates/ plastic teaspoons
- Washed Ice Lolly Sticks

Keeping Safe

If your child brings a scooter or bicycle to school please can you ensure that they are not riding it in the school's busy play ground. We would also like to remind parents to park safely on the roads around the school, ensuring other cars can pass safely.

School Gate

Many parents' have raised concerns regarding the school gate in our recent parent questionnaire. We are pleased to inform you that work is scheduled to widen the school gate. We have had the slab area already improved.

PTA Sponsored Bounce

Our sponsored bounce will take place on a bouncy castle on Wednesday 23rd May. Each class will be given an allotted time, with each child given an approximate 5 minutes to bounce. The school as a whole will be bouncing almost continuously for the whole day.

All children, with or without sponsorship will be allowed to bounce as long as the parent permission slip has been signed.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd May at 7:00pm at Newbattle Community High School.

National Parent Forum of Scotland

The National Parent Forum of Scotland are seeking to fill a vacancy for a volunteer representative and a deputy from Midlothian. Potential representatives require no prior experience, just a willingness to contribute to and influence children's futures. Representatives with children currently in Early years, Primary or Secondary education are welcomed. The role is voluntary but fully supported by staff in the Edinburgh Office and all expenses such as travel are covered. For further information please email Clair Halliday on clair@npfs.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 16 th May	Stay and Play Nursery Event
Thursday 17 th May	Stay and Play Nursery Event
Friday 18 th May	Stay and Play Nursery Event
	Wider Curriculum (Please contact the school if you can help)
	PTA Bake Sale
Monday 21 st May	Staff In Service Day
Tuesday 22 nd May	P2a Trip
Wednesday 23 rd May	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 24 th May	Sports Day P1-3
Friday 25 th May	Sports Day P4-7
Tuesday 29 th May	Nursery Sports Day
	P2b Trip
Thursday 31 st May	Basic Maths Facts Open Morning 9:00 – 9:45am
Monday 4 th June	New P1 Transition 1.45pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 5 th June	Nursery Open Afternoon for new am children
Wednesday 6 th June	Nursery Open Afternoon for new pm children
Friday 8 th June	Wider Curriculum (Please contact the school if you can help)
Tuesday 12 th June	P1 Trip
Thursday 14 th June	New P1 Transition 9.15am-10.00am
Wednesday 13 th June	Newbattle High School P7 Transition Day
Thursday 14 th June	Newbattle High School P7 Transition Day
Wednesday 20 th June	P7 Show
Thursday 21 st June	New P1 Transition 1.30pm-2.15pm
Friday 22 nd June	PTA Bake Sale
Wednesday 27 th June	Nursery Celebration 10:30 and 2:30pm
Thursday 28 th June	P7 Graduation 9:00 – 10:30am
	P7 Fun Afternoon
Friday 29 th June	Church Service 9:30am
	School Closes