

Newtongrange Primary School
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Primary Pages
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FMRC National Award

It is with absolute pride that we announce that Newtongrange Primary School received 'Highly Commended School and Community Partnership Reading Journey Award' for the First Minister's Reading Challenge. We received a framed certificate and £150 of book tokens for our school library! We are very proud of all of the work of our Reading Reps, Mrs Mitchell and Book Fairies. We are looking forwards to continuing our reading journey next year.

Staffing

Next session we are looking forwards to welcoming Mrs Susan Tocher, Miss Nicola Rhind-Mullen, Miss Jade Gracie and Miss Katie Johnston as new members of our teaching staff. Mrs Olwen Hunt will be joining us as our new CDW within our nursery. Mrs Carol West is retiring in the summer after 17 years of teaching at Newtongrange. We also say farewell to Mr John Deed and Mrs Louise Penman. We also say farewell to Miss Leanne Middlehurst, Mr Hamish Flett and Miss Mel Grieve who have been our visiting specialists this year. We thank them all their work at Newtongrange Primary School. Next session we will have music, drama and PE specialist contributing to children's learning.

Classes

All children will have the opportunity to meet with their new teachers for next year on Tuesday 26th June. Details of next session's classes are detailed below, Current Primary One children have been issued with a separate letter. I would, however like to remind you that staffing changes and restructuring of classes could happen at any time in the school year, including the summer holidays.

Current Class/Teacher	Class - August 2018	Class Teacher – August 2018
A separate letter has been issued to the children in P1a, P1b and P1c	P2a	Mrs Thomson/ Miss Rhind-Mullen
	P2b	Ms Wardlaw
P2a Mrs Thomson/ Mrs West	P3a	Miss Johnston
P2b Miss Bell	P3b	Miss Paul
P3a Mr Pearson	P4a	Miss Bell
P3b Mr Lyall	P4b	Mr Watters
P4a Miss Paul	P5a	Miss Brown
P4b Miss Brown	P5b	Mr Pearson
P5a Mrs Penman	P6a	Mrs McNeill
P5b Mrs Thomson	P6b	Mrs Bonnar
P6a Mr Thomson	P7a	Mr Thomson
P6b Mrs Bonnar	P7b	Mrs Thomson

Our Primary One class teachers are Miss Hunter, Mrs Mitchell and Miss Gracie.

P7 Show

This year's P7s put on the concert 'School Daze' which they performed to their families, friends and the school. The children were absolutely outstanding and were a credit to Newtongrange Primary School. Our thanks go to the P7 staff team for all their hard work and commitment. We wish our P7 children all the best and every success at High School! We will miss you!

Ice-cream Treat!

As a thank you to all our learners for working hard this year, we have arranged for an ice-cream van to come to school on Thursday 28th June in the afternoon. Each child will be offered a vanilla ice-cream and cone. Please get in touch with the school if your child has any special dietary requirements and an alternative will be provided or if you would prefer your child does not have an ice-cream.

Sponsored Bounce

A massive well done to all our children for taking part in our recent sponsored bounce. We raised a fantastic £2912.11. Lots of fun was had by children, staff and parents. The class that raised the most money was our nursery morning class and will receive a pizza party on the last week of term. Thank you to our PTA for organising the event. Some of the money will go towards to purchasing new staging and sound equipment to further improve school shows and events.

School Review

On Wednesday 6th June and Thursday 7th June colleagues for Midlothian Education Team carried out review of our school. They were absolutely 'blown away' by our children. Our children spoke with confidence, passion and pride of our school progress this year and their personal achievements within their own learning. The review team agreed, as a school we need to continue to focus on excellent learning and teaching, embedding our nurturing principles and implementing our new positive behaviour policy.

School App

Follow on from the feedback in our parental questionnaire returns we are pleased to share that we will be launching our own School App in September. Families will be able to download the App to their devices and access school information including diary dates, newsletter and key school documents. It will hopefully contribute to improved communication and a reduction in the amount of paper copies of letters sent home. More information will follow in the new term.

Positive Behaviour

We are looking forwards to sharing with you in August, our new approaches to promoting positive behaviour at Newtongrange. Our positive behaviour expectations will focus around our school values – kind, fair, hardworking, confident, respectful and responsible.

School Uniform Order

Any school uniform order not delivered before the end of term will be available to collect at the school office on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th of August between 10.00am and 2.00pm before the new term starts.

Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property. Named items have been returned to children, however, there is still a number of unnamed items. You are welcome to come in and have a look by Thursday 27th June.

Free School Meals Survey

We are seeking your participation in a survey that aims to identify the things that make it easier or that pose barriers for parent registration and child uptake of free school meals.

- This survey has been commissioned by Midlothian Council and is being conducted in partnership with the University of Edinburgh.
- The research report will make recommendations that will support Midlothian parents in the process of registration of their children for free school meals.
- All information will be collected anonymously
- If you are prepared to complete the survey please click on this link.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FreeSchoolMealsSurvey>

Thank You for your participation.

Outstanding Lunch Money

Can all outstanding lunch money please be paid to the school office by Wednesday 26th June. Thank you.

Church Service

Our Summer Church Service will be on Friday 29th June at 9:30am. 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.

Nursery Final Session

For those children who attend nursery in morning, their last session will be on Thursday 28th June 2018. Children who attend the afternoon session, their last session will on Friday 29th June in the morning from 8:25 – 11:40am. This ensures that all children have equal sessions across the school year.

End of term arrangements:

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 29th June at 12:00 noon for everyone.

Catering Services will only be providing packed lunches on **Friday 29th June**. There will be a choice of sandwich fillings including a vegetarian option and lunches should be ordered and paid for in the usual way.

To mark the occasion of our P7 Leavers last day at primary school, they will be 'piped' out of school, a fitting end to their primary school career. The P7s will take one last walk through the school corridors whilst being clapped out by all our children and staff. The P7s will leave by the P7 door. All other classes will then be dismissed by their teachers at 12.00 via their usual exits.

Term officially ends on Friday 29th June at 12.00. We expect all children to attend on the last day of term. Office staff spend a lot of time making phone calls to follow up absence. If your child is unable to attend on the last day through sickness please ensure that you contact the office to let us know by 9.15am. This helps us to mark off all children correctly on the system before the end of the school year and prevents us having to follow up in August.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26 th June	Meet the teacher
	P6 trip – Edinburgh Royal Mile Walking Tour
Wednesday 27 th June	Nursery Celebration 10:30am and 2:30pm
Thursday 28 th June	P7 Graduation 9:00 – 10:30am
	P7 Fun Afternoon
	Ice-cream van for the whole school
Friday 29 th June	Church Service 9:30am
	School Closes 12:00 noon
Thursday 16 th August	Staff In Service Day
Friday 17 th August	Staff In Service Day
Monday 20 th August	Pupils Resume 8.45am

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and thank you for your parental support throughout the session.
Yours sincerely

Miss V Morgan
Head Teacher