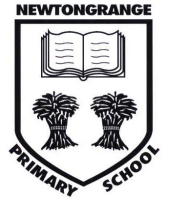


Newtongrange Primary School  
*Aspire, Believe, Achieve*



## Primary Pages Friday 31st August 2018

### Staffing

This week we welcome Mr Stuart Fagan as our school caretaker. With regards to a PE specialist teacher, we are still undergoing recruitment and hope to appoint within the near future.

### Positive Behaviour Approach

We had a successful launch of our new approaches to encourage, recognise and celebrate positive behaviour choices. Please find attached a summary of our new approaches. The full policy is on the school website. We currently have a whole school recognition board for recognising and celebrating 'over and above' behaviour in the school corridors. Once every child has their name on the recognition board, we will have a whole school reward.

### Nursery family learning groups

We are delighted to welcome all the new children and their families to Newtongrange Nursery. We are currently planning a programme of family learning for our nursery children and their families and will share this in the next few weeks. PEEP (Learning Together programme) groups will start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please see nursery staff for further information.

### School App

We are getting close the launch our new school app. Families will be able to download the App to their devices and access school information including diary dates, newsletters and key school documents. It will hopefully contribute to improved communication and a reduction in the amount of paper copies of letters sent home. Look out in school bags for the flyer about how to access the App next week.

### Meet the Teacher

All parents and carers are invited to come to school on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 6:00-7:00pm** for our 'Meet the Teacher'. You can go into your child's class, meet their teacher and hear about what they will learn this session. It is also a chance for you to ask any questions and have a look round. There will also be the opportunity to hear about our school improvement priorities for this session from our Senior Leadership Team.

### School Photographer

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for nursery and school learners. If you're available to assist taking classes to and from the gym hall please contact the school.

### Health Guidance

Please be reminded, if your child has had vomiting and/or diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 4-8 hours has elapsed following their last bout. We appreciate your support with this and hope this helps to prevent the spread of germs and keeps us all healthy over the winter months.

## Medicines

From time to time, there may be a need for your child to receive medication during the school day. Any request to administer medication **must** be accompanied by clear, written, signed instructions on the appropriate school MED form from the **parent/carer**. All medicines should be clearly labeled with the pupil's name and preferably with accompanying advice leaflet. The first dosage of any new medication should be administered by the parent/carer. Where there is any change to the medication then updated instructions must be given to the school. **All prescribed medication must be brought to the school office by a parent/carer.** All out of date and unclaimed medication is disposed of at the end of every school year, therefore if your child requires regular medication for any reason (e.g. asthma) you should bring in new medication and complete the relevant forms. If you are unsure of any of these procedures, please contact the school office where staff will be only too pleased to help you.

## Wet Weather Arrangements

In the event of the weather being wet before school begins, children should enter the playground by the usual gate and make their way into school via the Dining Hall entrance. We will aim to open the Dining Hall doors by 8.40am. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor jacket with them every day as we try to get them outside as much as possible and we know just how changeable our weather can be. Should we have extremely wet weather during the school day, the children remain indoors and are supervised in their classes.

## Extra-Curricular Programme

We are currently in the process of organising our extra-curricular programme for this session and more details of this will follow shortly. We will aim to provide activities for learners from different stages of the school over the course of the year.

## Getting Involved In School Life

We acknowledge that parents play an important part in their children's education and welcome family support with the life of the school. Please complete the form below if you are able to help in school.

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### Parental Involvement – Session 2018-2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ Children's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Days available to support learning	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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Are you able help with short notice?	Yes	No
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