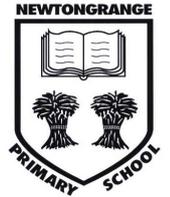




Newtongrange Primary School
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Primary Pages Monday 17th December 2018

We are well into the spirit of Christmas here at Newtongrange Primary School and our school looks very festive with Christmas trees and decorations. Our 'Lighting our School with Kindness' is one of my particular favourite Christmas displays. I love to read of all the ways our learners and staff demonstrate kindness to others. You are welcome to come into school and see the lights. The learners and staff really enjoy our whole school challenges and we are looking forwards to launching our next challenge in the New Year.

Nativity

Thank you to our P1-P3 learners and staff for entertaining us this year at our Christmas Concert. P2 and P3 sang beautifully and P1 put on an excellent production of 'A Miracle in Town'. The children have worked extremely hard rehearsing and showed great confidence during their performances. Well done!

Christmas Fayre

The PTA are pleased to announce that this year's Christmas Fayre raised over £3500 which goes directly back to school for the benefit of all the children. The fayre serves not only to raise funds, but also to contribute to our positive school and local community spirit. I would like to thank our PTA for all the effort and time they put into organising a wonderful Christmas Fayre and to families for their kind donations. PTA funds have recently contributed to purchasing a new sound system for school events and shows, a new home corner and blocks for the nursery and paying for our Christmas Panto 'Beauty and the Beast' which the whole school will see next week. Thank you!

Tuck

Catering Services would like to remind families that the school tuck shop runs every break time. On a Thursday children have the additional option of purchasing a waffle or sugar free doughnut. Detailed below are the Tuck Shop costs.

Toast	20p
1/2 a Bagel	20p
Waffle	40p
Doughnut	50p
Walker Lite Crisps	60p
Nutribar	40p

Nut Free Zone

In order to protect children who have nut allergies, Newtongrange is a nut-free school. Please ensure that you do not provide your child with nuts in their lunchbox, for example peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches. Thank you for your help in keeping all of our children safe.

Parking

Parking continues to be an ongoing challenge. We have had many complaints from local residents and school parents. Please do not park or stop on any of the road markings outside the school, they are specifically placed to aid traffic flow and for the safety of your children. Also please do not park across our neighbours' drives, or on the curbs as pushchairs etc cannot get through. We are planning to undertake a ParkSmart campaign in the New Year in partnership with our Parent Council, Midlothian Council and our Community Police Officers.

Information Updates and Permission Forms

Annually we are required to get parental permission for various aspects of school life. We still require permission forms to be completed by some families. We will be reissuing these forms to families who have not yet completed them. Please complete and return the permission forms ASAP to ensure your child can participate in all aspects of school.

Staffing

We will be saying farewell this week to Mrs Susan Tocher. We would like to thank Mrs Tocher for her contributions in supporting children with their learning this session and wish her well as she goes on to support more learners in a new school. Next session we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs McGurn from maternity leave. Mrs McGurn will be taking on a support for learning role with a particular focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy.

Christmas Parties

Monday 17 December	P3 & P6 Christmas Party – pm
Tuesday 18 December	P2 & P5 Christmas Party - pm
Wednesday 19 December	P1 & P4 Christmas Party – pm
Thursday 20 December	Nursery party AM & PM P7 Christmas Party - pm

Nursery Mingle and Jingle

Parents and carers of nursery children are invited to come along for festive fun in the nursery on Tuesday 18th December. 8:30am – 10:00am for morning children and 12:25pm – 1:55pm for afternoon children.

Diamond broadcast

This year's Christmas requests will be broadcast on **Wednesday 19th December from 6.00pm - 8.00pm**. Please return your Christmas messages to school by Wednesday 19th December. Children from Newtongrange along with Miss Morgan will help host the show.

Christmas Pantomime

This year the Christmas Panto is coming to us. **Beauty and the Beast** will be performed by Hopscotch Theatre Productions to the whole school on Wednesday in the church hall. There will be a morning and afternoon performance to accommodate the whole school.

Newbattle High School Band

On Thursday we will be entertained by the Newbattle High School Band. We are looking forward to welcoming some of our former pupils back at Newtongrange.

Church Service

Our end of term Church Service will be on **Friday 21st December at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church hall. We welcome adults to join us at our service but due to restrictions on space this will be by ticket only.

Finally

The children have worked very hard, enjoyed many new learning experiences and continue to contribute so much to the success of the school. We look forwards to building on their achievements in the new term. Thank you for your continued support in making Newtongrange Primary School be the best it can!

I would also like to thank staff for their continued efforts to support children and families in so many ways. Our team commitment ensures we will continue on our journey to improving outcomes for our learners and our school community.

We hope you that you all have a lovely festive holiday and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2019.

We look forwards to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Merry Christmas