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Primary Pages Thursday 19th April 2018

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. As always we have another busy term ahead full with lots of exciting learning, wider curriculum experiences, sporting events and trips planned!

Staffing

We are delighted to have Mrs Maureen Black join our team as Senior CDW within our nursery. We are currently still undergoing the recruitment process for a CDW after Mrs Coleman's successful appointment as CDW at St Mary's nursery. Mrs Halley will be absent from work for 2 weeks due to family circumstances, we are all thinking of her during this time.

Ali Turbitt our Home School Practitioner (who has been with us on a secondment) is going to be working full time in another primary school. We have appointed a full time Home School Practitioner who will join us in May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ali for contributions at NPS.

In the interim period Heather Ritchie, Partnership Manager will offer a drop in service to further support our families every Thursday starting on Thursday 26th April between 8.45am and 12.00pm at Newtongrange Primary School. You can also contact Heather on (07990136946) or by email at Heather.Ritchie@midlothian.gov.uk

Mrs McGurn's last day with us will be on Friday 20th April as she starts her maternity leave. We hope she has a restful few weeks before the baby arrives. I would like to thank her for all her contributions this year.

Sport Relief – total raised.

Including the Sport Relief bands and the activities which took place during the week of 19th March 2018 our total raised for Sports Relief came to a fantastic £943.91. Well done!

School Library Launch

On Wednesday 28th March the Reading Reps were delighted to welcome visitors to the school for our launch event to officially open our new school library. Guests included representatives from the Scottish Book Trust, First Minister's Reading Challenge and Midlothian Council along with some parents, nursery children and Learning Council Reps. The Reading Reps gave an excellent welcome and opening speech before Kacey (PI) and Miss Morgan cut the ribbon to officially declare the library open! Afterwards the guests spent time exploring the library and our knowledgeable Reading Reps answered lots of questions. We look forward to welcoming all of the classes to start using the new library on a regular basis.

Book Donations

If you have any good quality children's picture books that children are no longer reading we would be delighted with any donations for our Big Bed Time Reading project in PI and Nursery.

PEF Funding

Newtongrange Primary School has been given an additional £103,500 as part of the Pupil Equity Funding provided by the Scottish Government. It has been allocated to us to support our children and young people in greatest need and to reduce the attainment gap which affects our learners. We continuously gather data to identify where our needs are so we can target our spending and use the money wisely. This session we have used our Pupil Equity Funding to support the Health and Wellbeing needs of our learners and their families and to raise attainment in Reading. Next session we plan to continue our work on these areas and include a focus of writing and family learning.

Uniform

Can we please remind all children they should wear school uniform. Our school uniform is a royal blue sweatshirt or P7 blue hoodie and black or dark grey trousers or skirt. A light blue polo shirt or white shirt can be worn. Jeans and jeggings or sports bottoms with logos or stripes should not be worn to school unless requested for specific activities. The school dress code applies Monday to Friday, P1 to P7, unless we have designated dress down days for fundraising or charity events. All belongings should have the child's name clearly marked so it can be returned or reclaimed from Lost Property which is kept for one term in the Janitor's Office.

Do you have any good quality children's clothes you could donate to school? If your child has outgrown their coat or school uniform, would you please donate it to school so that they can be passed on to other children?

Thank you

PE/Gym Kit

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on their timetabled PE days. However, it is advised your child keeps their kit in school throughout the week in case of any timetable changes. PE kits should include shorts/ joggers, t-shirt and gym shoes.

Administering First Aid – Head bumps

If a child bumps their head during the course of the school day they will be assessed by a trained First Aider and parents will be informed.

Our procedures are:

- If a child needs immediate attention we will call an ambulance and inform parents.
- If the child requires further observation we will discuss with parents whether they are happy for them to remain in school or if they wish to collect them.
- If no immediate action is judged necessary the child will remain in class monitored by the class teacher and First Aider.
- Children are given a sticker to wear, so all adults can see they require close attention, and a letter advising the adult collecting them of the bump. Wherever possible a teacher will talk to a parent at the end of the school day about any incident.

P7 Camp

Just a reminder the dates for P7 Cluster Camp are from Tuesday 8th May to Friday 11th May 2018. Please ensure final camp payments are received by Tuesday 1st May. All cheques should be made payable to Newtongrange Primary School. A Camp information evening is planned for 6.00pm on Thursday 19th April at Newbattle Community High School.

Sports Day

P1 - P3 Sports day will be held on Thursday 24th May and P4 - P7 Sports day will be held on Friday 25th May. These dates are weather permitting and times will be confirmed nearer the time.

We continue to promote positive links between home and school and welcome any feedback, suggestions or ideas you have; please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at Newtongrange_PS@midlothian.gov.uk.

Diary for your diary

Monday 23 rd April	Stay and Play in the Nursery
Tuesday 24 th April	Stay and Play in the Nursery
Wednesday 25 th April	Stay and Play in the Nursery
Monday 7 th May	May Day holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 8 th May	All resume
Tues 8 th - Fri 11 th May	P7 Cluster Camp
Thursday 10 th May	The Attic drama performance for Nursery am and pm
Monday 21 st May	In-service Day
Friday 31 st May	Basic Math Facts Parents Open Morning 9.00 - 10.00am

