
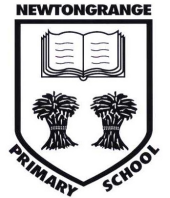




Newtongrange Primary School  
*Aspire, Believe, Achieve*

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## Primary Pages Thursday 29th November 2018

### Health Matters

As we are now into the winter months and with the seasonal illnesses that this inevitably brings, we would like to remind parents and children of the importance of good hygiene, in particular hand washing. If your child has had vomiting and/or diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48 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.

### Winter Ready

Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a coat and appropriate outdoor clothing as we do encourage children to get as much fresh air as possible. (Please check Lost Property regularly!)

### Weather Conditions and School Closures

Just a reminder of our procedure for school closures here at Newtongrange, unless there is a Midlothian Council decision to close all schools, we strive to keep the school open.

Please be aware that if we have to close the school, information will be available from Midlothian Council website at [www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk) and local media, including the BBC, Forth Radio, Real Radio or Black Diamond FM.

At a school level we try to keep you up to date through

- By text
- School Twitter account @NewtongrangePS

It is important the school has your most current emergency contact details.

### Staffing

This week we welcome Mrs Charlotte MacMillian who will support with Wellbeing Admin. Mrs Joanne Thom will begin her post as PE specialist teacher from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Mrs Thom will teach PE on a Monday and Tuesday.

### Children in Need

We recently had a dress down day for Children in Need. Thank you to all families who made a donations, we raised over £400.

### School Review

On 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November colleagues for Midlothian Education Team carried their follow up review of our school. The review team recognised the hard work and progress from our learners, parents, staff and wider school community on our school improvement journey.

### Ministerial Visit

We were delighted to welcome Maree Todd, Minister for Childcare and Early Years to join a PEEP session with children and their parents in our nursery. She enjoyed her time with us and would like to visit again.

### Care Inspectorate

Our nursery were recently visited by the Care Inspectorate. They identified aspects of good practice and areas requiring further improvement. The report will be published in due course.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

Our first block of extra-curricular clubs has just finished. The children have enjoyed participating in a range of activities. There will be more activities running in term 3, look out for further information regarding this!

### Christmas Events

The run up to Christmas is always a very busy time in school. Listed below is information regarding a number of key events. Please remember the school app has key events listed on it.

### Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post service starts on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Children are welcome to bring in cards to 'post' to other children in our school. Envelopes must be addressed with the recipient's name and class. P3 children will have the responsibility of sorting and delivering the post throughout the school.

### Christmas Fayre

Our PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10:00am – 3:00pm in the Church Hall.

### Christmas Concert

We will be holding our Christmas Concert this year on **Tuesday 11 December and Wednesday 12 December, 2:00pm**. P2 and P3 will entertain the audience with a couple of Christmas songs followed by P1 presenting their nativity play, A Miracle in Town.

### School Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Christmas lunch letters already been issued. Please return the completed slips ASAP.

### Jolly Jumper Day

Children are welcome to join staff in our Jolly Jumper Day, **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. They may come to school wearing either a Christmas/Wintery jumper or something seasonal, eg, a hat, tinsel.

### Black Diamond broadcast

This year's Christmas requests will be broadcast on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Request forms will be sent home soon for you to complete if you would like a Christmas message broadcasted. Children from Newtongrange along with Miss Morgan will help host the show.

### Christmas Parties

On the day of their class party children are welcome to bring party clothes, in a bag, to change into at lunchtime or can go home at lunchtime to change.

#### Party Dates are:

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

### 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. This will be a single allocated seat for one person per family group. To allocate seats we use a ballot system. Please contact the school office on 0131 271 4645 if you wish to be entered into the ballot for a ticket for the Christmas Service by Thursday 13th December. The ballot will be drawn on Friday 14th December and parents and carers will be notified by Monday 17th December.

### End of term

Please note the school terms end **on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** at 12:20pm for all our children. Nursery pm children's last session before the end of term will be on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

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### Newsletter/Online Safety News Opt-out

Please don't complete if previously handed into School Office

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed newsletter/ Online Safety News	Opt out	Yes/No	School App	Downloaded	Yes/No
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Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Activity
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Nasal Flu Day (Expressive Arts room) Christmas Post Starts (P3 organising)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P7 Powering Up Show in Dinner Hall 2:15pm – P2 RWInc Parents Workshop
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00 P6 Rugby Festival (Dalkieth) 11:00am – Assembly with Russell from Black Diamond
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am- 3:00pm PTA Christmas Fayre (Church Hall)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11:00 Dunedin Music Performance Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the Church Hall (Whole School)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:00pm P1-P3 Christmas Concert in the Church Hall
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am – 10:30am P2/ P3 Drumming Performance to Parents 2:00pm P1-P3 Christmas Concert in the Church Hall
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jolly Jumper Day 11:00am Wider Curriculum
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P3 & P6 Christmas Parties
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:30am – 10:00am Nursery Mingle and Jingle 12:25pm – 1:55pm Nursery Mingle and Jingle P2 & P5 Christmas Parties
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:15am Beauty and the Beast (Church Hall) <b>Early Lunch 12:00 P1-3, 12:15 P4-7</b> 1:15am Beauty and the Beast (Church Hall) P1 & P4 Christmas Parties P6s Dunedin Musical Performance - Queen's Hall
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery & P7 Christmas Parties Last nursery session for pm children
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:30am - Christmas Church Service 12:20 – End of term including am nursery children