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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 Lesley Addie join our nursery team, she will be Senior CDW within our nursery alongside Mrs Black.

Congratulations to Miss Paul who got married in the Easter holidays. She will now be known as Mrs Burrell.

At the end of the term we said farewell to Miss Gracie. Miss Mullen will now teach P1c fulltime and Mrs Thomson and Mrs Patchett will teach P2a.

Glee Competition

We are so excited to share with you all that our choir won the Mid and East Lothian Glee competition heat! They will be attending the Lothian's regional final at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh on May 23rd. Special thanks go to Miss Bell who has led our school choir to this success.

Euro Quiz

Well done to our P6 learners who take part in Midlothian Euro Quiz, there was tough competition from the other schools. Thank you to Mr Thomson for working with our team ahead of the competition.

Comic Relief – total raised.

Including the sale of Red Noses and the activities which took place during the week of 11th March 2019 our total raised for Sports Relief came to a fantastic £841.50. Well done!

Lines

The playground before and after school is a very busy time and also a daunting time for some children. When the bell rings and your child lines up with their class, we would ask that you please stand back from the line to allow teachers to ensure all children enter into school safely.

At the end of the day, teachers come out with their class to dismiss children. P1-P3 children are dismissed to a known adult and we remind all children to stay by their teacher until they spot their known adult. If a different adult is collecting your child from school please inform your class teacher. We can only let children go home with adults that you have informed us are allowed to collect your child.



Parentpay

Many parents are using Parentpay. Parents who have signed up for Parentpay are able to pay for school meals, milk and trips online and also check balances for their child's school meals. Parentpay is our preferred method of payment and we encourage all parents to take advantage of this system. If you have not activated your account and would like to do so we are able to reissue the activation letter. Please request this from the school office.

School Lunch Payments

Please make sure you pay in advance for your child's school meals to avoid any debt building up. A reminder letter will be sent home to parents and carers if debt goes over £10. Some families may be eligible for free school meals. Under the Education Committee's policy, children in attendance at schools under the management of the Authority are entitled to free school meals and milk if their parents are in receipt of Income Support or an Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance and Child Tax Credit (subject to a maximum income).

Further information and an application form can be obtained from the school or from:- Free Meals and Free Clothing Section, Education Division, Fairfield House, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3ZG.

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.

Uniform Exchange

Do you have items of uniform that your child no longer needs or has grown out of? We would welcome any donation to the school.

Please contact Lee Grieve, Home School Practitioner for second hand school uniform.

PE/Gym Kit

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on their timetabled PE days. 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.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing. In order for items to be claimed we will lay out all items either in the playground or gym hall on Thursday 2nd May. Learners will get a chance to look for their own items after lunch and from 2:45pm parents and carers can come and try to find lost items. The unclaimed items will then be donated to the clothing recycling.

Parents and carers are welcome at any time to look through lost property.

Baby Massage Classes at Newtongrange Primary School

We are pleased to inform you that there will be a baby massage club run at Newtongrange Primary School within our nursery. The course will start on Thursday 8th May. To book a space please visit Midlothian Sure Start website and follow the baby massage link. Booking is through EventBrite <http://www.midlothiansurestart.org.uk/babymassage.html>

Headlice

Schools do not issue letters to individual pupils or classes to alert them to head lice and unfortunately it is an issue in most schools. Please check your child's head on a regular basis. Treatments are available over the counter or under the minor ailments scheme from Pharmacies or on prescription from your GP.

Walk to School Week

Week commencing 13th May is our next Walk to School Week. On the Tuesday 14th May we are inviting children to participate in Happy Shoesday, children can wear their happiest shoes to walk to school!

Sports Day

This year Sports Day will be held on Monday 27th May. P1-P3 Sports will be between 10:00 – 11:30am and P4 -P7 Sports will be between 1:15pm and 3:00pm, both will be held in the park. P4-P7 learners will have an early lunch from 12:00 – 12:45pm and P1- P3 will have their lunch at the normal time, 12:15pm – 1:00pm. This date is weather permitting and if the weather goes against us we will reschedule and inform you of this date.

Diary for your diary

Friday 26 th April	P4 Showcase Assembly to Parents and Carers at 11:45pm
Monday 29 th April	Wellbeing Focus Week
Thursday 2 nd May	Lost Property stall at 2:45pm
Friday 3 rd May	Wider Curriculum
Monday 6 th May	May Day holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	All resume
Tues 7 th - Fri 10 th May	P7 Cluster Camp
Friday 10 th May	P6 Showcase Assembly to Parents and Carers at 11:45pm
Monday 20 th May	In-service Day
Wednesday 22 nd May	Parent Council meeting, 7:00pm @ NPS
Friday 24 th May	Wider Curriculum
Monday 27 th May	Sports Day
Thursday 30 th May	P6 Camp