



Primary Pages Thursday 20th June 2019

I cannot believe we are already at the end of another year, it has been a very busy but successful year. It has been wonderful to see our learners grow in confidence and develop their knowledge and skills. There are too many achievements to mention in this newsletter but I do hope the memories will stay with the children for years to come. I am incredibly grateful to the staff at Newtongrange who have worked extremely hard this year on our journey of improvement to provide our excellent learning experiences for our children. Also a very big thank you to learners and their families for continuing to work in partnership with us and support learning and school events. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and sun shines for us. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19th August 2019 to start the new school session.

Staffing

The end of a school session and the start of new one always brings some changes within the staff team. We bid a fond farewell to Miss Katie Johnstone. She has had a successful NQT year and we wish her well with her future teaching career. Next session we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Hazel Thomson and Miss Holly Robertson as new members of our teaching staff.

Classes

All children have had the opportunity to meet with their new teacher and class today. There will be a further opportunity for them to spend some time getting to know their classmates and new teacher on Tuesday 25th June in the afternoon. Details of next session's classes are detailed below, Primary One to Three children have been issued with a separate letter. I would, however like to remind you that staffing changes and restructuring of classes could happen at any time in the school year, including the summer holidays.

Class	Class Teacher
Pla	Miss Hunter
Plb	Miss Mullen
Pl/2	Miss Brown
P2a	Mrs H Thomson/ Mrs L Thomson
P2/3	Mrs Burrell
P3	Miss Bell
P3/4	Miss Robertson
P4	Mrs Bonnar
P5a	Mrs McGurn
P5b	Mrs S Thomson
P6a	Ms Wardlaw
P6b	Mr Thomson
P7a	Mrs McNeill
P7b	Mr Watters

P7 Show

This year's P7s put on the concert 'A Inspector Calls' which they performed to their families, friends and the school. The children were absolutely outstanding and were a credit to Newtongrange Primary School. Our thanks go to the P7 staff team for all their hard work and commitment. We wish our P7 children all the best and every success at High School! We will miss you!

Ice-cream Treat!

As a thank you to all our learners for working hard this year, we have arranged for an ice-cream van to come to school on Thursday 27th June in the afternoon. Each child will be offered a vanilla ice-cream and cone. Please get in touch with the school if your child has any special dietary requirements and an alternative will be provided or if you would prefer your child not to have an ice-cream.

Sponsored Bounce

A massive well done to all our children for taking part in our recent sponsored bounce. We raised a fantastic **£2912.11**. Lots of fun was had by children, staff and parents. Thank you to our PTA for organising the event. The PTA will share in the new session how the funds raised will support school initiatives.

Loose Parts Play

We are planning to introduce loose parts play into our playground at break times next session. When children interact with loose parts, they enter a world of 'what if' that promotes problem solving and enhances children's ability to think imaginatively, and it brings a sense of adventure and excitement to children's play. To support with this we need to improve our storage area and we wondered if we had any parents and carers who are handy with a hammer and saw that could help us prepare our cupboard for storing the loose parts. If this is something you could help with please contact the school. Thank you!

School Uniform Order

Any school uniform order not delivered before the end of term will be available to collect at the school office on Thursday 15th August between 10.00am and 2.00pm and Friday 16th of August between 10.00am and 12.00pm before the new term starts.

Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property. Named items have been returned to children, however, there is still a number of unnamed items. You are welcome to come in and have a look by Thursday 27th June.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

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.

Outstanding Lunch Money

Can all outstanding lunch money please be paid to the school office by Wednesday 26th June.
Thank you.

Church Service

Our Summer Church Service will be on Friday 28th June at 9:30am. We will be able to have some adults attend the 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 by Thursday 20th June if you wish to be entered into the ballot for a ticket for the Summer Service. The ballot will be drawn on Friday 21st June and parents and carers will be notified by Monday 24th June.

Nursery Final Session

For those children who attend nursery in morning, their last session will be on Thursday 27th June 2018. Children who attend the afternoon session, their last session will on Friday 29th June in the morning from 8:25 – 11:40am. This ensures that all children have equal sessions across the school year.

End of term arrangements:

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 28th June at the normal finishing time of 12.20pm.

Catering Services will only be providing packed lunches on **Friday 28th June**. There will be a choice of sandwich fillings including a vegetarian option and lunches should be ordered and paid for in the usual way.

To mark the occasion of our P7 Leavers last day at primary school, they will be 'piped' out of school, a fitting end to their primary school career. The P7s will take one last walk through the school corridors whilst being clapped out by all our children and staff. The P7s will leave by the P7 door. All other classes will then be dismissed by their teachers at 12.20pm via their usual exits.

Term officially ends on Friday 28th June at 12.20pm. We expect all children to attend on the last day of term. Office staff spend a lot of time making phone calls to follow up absence. If your child is unable to attend on the last day through sickness please ensure that you contact the office by 9.15am to let us know. This helps us to mark off all children correctly on the system before the end of the school year and prevents us having to follow up in August.

End of term dates

Wednesday 26 th June	Nursery Celebration 10:30am and 2:30pm
Thursday 27 th June	P7 Graduation 9:15 – 10:30am
	P7 Fun Afternoon
	Ice cream treat for the whole school in the afternoon
Friday 28 th June	Church Service 9:30am
	PTA Bake Sale 12:00 in the playground
	School Closes 12:20pm
Thursday 15 th August	Staff In Service Day
Friday 16 th August	Staff In Service Day
Monday 19 th August	Pupils Resume 8.45am

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and thank you for your parental support throughout the session.

Miss V Morgan

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2019 /20**

Term 1	Staff Resume	Thursday **	15	August	2019
Pupils Resume	Monday	19	August	2019	
Mid Term	All Break	Monday	16	September	2019
<i>Staff Resume</i>	<i>Tuesday*</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>2019</i>	
Pupils Resume	Wednesday	18	September	2019	
All Break	Friday	11	October	2019	
<i>Staff Resume</i>	<i>Monday**</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>2019</i>	
Pupils Resume	Wednesday	23	October	2019	
Term Ends	Friday	20	December	2019	
Term 2	Staff Resume	Monday*	6	January	2020
Pupils Resume	Tuesday	7	January	2020	
Mid Term	All Break	Friday	7	February	2020
All Resume	Monday	17	February	2020	
Term Ends	Friday	3	April	2020	
Term 3	All Resume	Monday	20	April	2020
May Day	Monday	4	May	2020	
All Resume	Tuesday	5	May	2020	
Victoria Day	Monday*	18	May	2020	
Term Ends	Friday	26	June	2020	

***Staff in-service days:**

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August 2019

Tuesday 17 September 2019

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 October 2019

Monday 6 January 2020

Monday 18 May 2020