

Dates for the Diary – Term 2

OCTOBER 2022

Mon 31st School Returns - Term 2

NOVEMBER 2022

Mon 7th – Wed 9th P6 Group at Lockerbie Manor

Mon 14th P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

Fri 18th am Flu Vaccine Day for Pupils/Staff

Mon 21st New washroom items to be installed

Wed 23rd P5, P6 and P7 Pupils attending “Into Film” at Annan Cinema

DECEMBER 2022

Friday 2nd P6 and P7 Sports Hall Athletics at Moffat

Friday 9th Christmas Concert for Staff and Pupils

Monday 12th 6.30pm The Best of Newington Christmas Concerts 1

Tuesday 13th 1.30pm The Best of Newington Christmas Concerts 2

Tuesday 13th 6.30pm The Best of Newington Christmas Concerts 3

Wednesday 14th Charity Fundraising Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Lunch (no sandwich bar option)

Thursday 15th Senior Choir at Murray Court and Lydiafield 1pm

Wednesday 21st Senior Choir at Tesco am Junior Choir Tesco pm

Friday 23rd 9.15am Church Service at Annan Old Parish Church

2.50pm School Closes for Christmas Celebrations

JANUARY 2023

Monday 9th Staff Inset day

Tuesday 10th Pupils return Term 3



Newington Primary School **NEWSLETTER**



Head Teacher Introduction

October 2022

Term one was a blur and I really hope everyone had an enjoyable October Break.

The consultation event went well and it was good to have parents joining us in school. I did contact parents about late requests and swapping appointments, neither helpful but I do acknowledge no system is perfect.

Please keep checking emails, Apps, Teams and we will continue to remind parents about key dates and “Forms” returns.

The next consultation is on Thursday 16th March 2023, pop it in next years Diary!

We will have our traditional Christmas Concerts this year, a “Best of” mix of classic concerts from the past. The shows will be on Monday 12th December and two shows on Tuesday 13th. More details to follow including details about parties, choir activity etc.

Homework etc is up and running, classes will return to established routines and as always we request your support to ensure the children make as much progress as possible.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable term and festive period in school.

Irvine Torbett, Head Teacher

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Road Safety

We had a number of messages sent out over the App last term when parents/the public expressed concerns about parking etc. One parent replied that as a school we should be doing more around road safety because children were cutting between cars, not using crossings etc. Road safety is an item within our Health and Wellbeing programmes and an item of regular discussion. With parents support with this and support around illegal parking etc. we can hopefully continue to keep our pupils safe.

Online School Meals Payments

A year since this was introduced and we still have families who don't support this be ordering online or recording packed lunches etc. This all cuts into teaching time each day as staff need to go through this. This system looks like it is here to stay, plans are in place to have all payments made this way eventually so please support us by undertaking this with your child daily/weekly as meets your needs.

Lockerbie Manor/ Edinburgh

P6 pupils, staff and Mrs Ferguson will be at Lockerbie Manor from the 7th to 9th November and an excellent programme is in place. Some pupils will undertake a day visit and I am sure everyone will enjoy this.

P7's will go to Edinburgh again on 27th March and the tour and activities are almost fully organised.

More details and feedback will come for both trips.

School Success

We had ten teams and thirty runners at the Road Relay Event on 27th September. P6 Girls finished 1st and 3rd, P6 Boys 1st and P7 Boys 1st. All our runners performed well on the night. Our Newington girls took part in a football tournament on Friday 7th October and really enjoyed the whole experience and on Thursday 13th October P5/6 pupils represented our school at a Tag Rugby event. Well done to all the pupils involved and continued thanks to the staff who support their attendance, club events etc.

Forum/ Fundraising

Big Me 4 was a great success with all children participating in this event. A small donation was collected and all funds raised will be shared between Action Aid and the School Forum.

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School
App for
Parents

Flu Vaccination for Pupils

The team will be in our school on Friday 18th November. The H.T will support this programme for all classes and additional sanitisation procedures will be in place. All children who have the vaccination will bring home a note with details from the team on the day.

ICT Update

In an aim to develop and enhance the teaching and learning of ICT and all things digital, Mr Scholar recently carried out questionnaires with pupils and parents to find out how our school community thinks we can continue to provide high quality learning in this area.

A big thanks to those who took part and provided us with this valuable feedback.

The findings have shown that pupils and parents alike see the great importance of developing ICT skills and pupils enjoy taking part in these sessions.

Our next steps are to continue to develop our school planning. We will ensure our children develop word processing skills as well as skills in all other office based software to help promote skills for the world of work and lifelong learning.

Pupils stated a love for computer coding and parents agreed upon the importance of this for future skills. Mrs Carter and I have recently purchased new materials to develop pupils' experiences of computer coding and help develop their skills. We will continually look to provide the best possible resources to support their learning.

The feedback also showed that a mix of laptops, iPads and programmable toys were deemed important so if finance becomes available we will find look at how to get as many devices as possible with this. Mr Torbett and I have been in discussions with the local authority to gain more devices for the school so they can be utilised in more classes more often.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide devices for pupils to use at home but for those who cannot access Sumdog and online homework, etc., we will investigate opening up the school from 8.30am for pupils to use devices in the hall to help with these tasks. This might be on a rota depending on need.

I will continue to look for the best possible apps and software, in discussion with all staff within the school, to ensure all needs of our pupils are being met.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Mr Scholar