

Dates for the Diary



January 2023

Monday 9 th	Inset Day 3 (Non Pupils)
Tuesday 10 th	Pupils return for Term 3 (unsure about potential industrial action at this time)
Monday 23 rd	(unsure about potential industrial action on this date)
Tuesday 24 th	P1 Eye Test
Wednesday 25 th	6pm Newington Primary School Burns Supper for P6's and P7's
Tuesday 31 st	"Super 4's" Race 1 at Annan Academy

February 2023

Week ending 3 rd February	final materials for P1 Enrolment to be returned
Monday 6 th	"Soundtrap" ICT input for Senior Class (block of weeks)
Monday 13 th	5pm – 7pm A&E Badminton at Lockerbie Academy
Wednesday 22 nd	Inset Day 4 (Non Pupil)
Thursday 23 rd	Inset Day 5 (Non Pupil)
Friday 24 th	Mid-Term Holiday
Monday 27 th	Super 4's Race 2 at Lockerbie Academy

March 2023

Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day Events in School
Friday 3 rd	P7's Performing World Book Day Plays
Tuesday 7 th	Super 4's Race 3 at Moffat Academy
Wednesday 8 th	am Curlings at Lockerbie Ice Rink for P7's
Tuesday 14 th	am Bikeability Training P7's
Thursday 16 th	am Bikeability Training P7's
Friday 17 th	3pm onwards Parental Consultations am Bikability Training Dumfries Music Festival (Junior/Senior Choirs) (Times/details to follow)
Saturday 18 th	Dumfries Music Festival (solo)
Tuesday 21 st	pm A&E Cross Country Championships for P6's and P7's
Thursday 23 rd	D&G Schools Lacrosse at Castle Douglas High School (Times/details to follow)
Monday 27 th	Edinburgh Trip for P7's Group (return Thursday 30 th)
Friday 31 st	Super 4's Final Race at Langholm RC am Easter Service at Annan Old Parish 2.50pm School closes for the Easter Break

April 2023

Monday 17 th	School Returns for Term 4
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Newington Primary School

Newsletter – January 2023

Head Teacher Introduction

“Happy New Year”

I hope everyone enjoyed the festive break and that all the children took time to say thank you to you and Santa for making Christmas special once again!

Term 3 is always a hectic one, long and lots to do.

Please keep checking our new website www.newingtonprimary.schoolwebsite.scot/ the school App and please stick with Teams. This is a key method for staff to share information, updates etc. If you have issues contact the school and someone will talk you through this. If you have got a new mobile from Santa, please remember to update your contact with us.

Edinburgh Trip, Gymnastics, Super 4's, Choirs, Quizzes . . . it is all going on at 'Newington' and I wish the children continued success.

I look forward to continued positive engagement between home and school in 2023, we always achieve most by working together.



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Christmas 2022

I hope everyone who attended enjoyed our “Best of Christmas” shows? Masses of hard work from the staff and pupils but I felt the results were worth it.

We had the usual issues around people trying to get a recording, we don't have image consent for all pupils so people are letting us down with this.

We also had a few families arrive with “pre-school” pupils. Every letter indicates we don't support this and plans are there to ensure families can split child care and attend. It is upsetting for everyone when we have to turn people away.

Please support the school with this next session.

Scholastic Book Fair

To end our World Book Day activities we will have the return of a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 13th March. Classes will get the chance to visit/view and we will start sales of books from Thursday 16th when we will have parents in school for our planned consultation events. All funds raised will be used to restock class libraries, a welcome bonus for each class.

Requests for Parents Support

We continue to deal with concerns expressed by other parents about parking around the school. This causes congestion, has potential for accidents and often when approached about this the parents in cars can be quite abusive.

Please make every effort to park appropriately to keep everyone safe. We will continue to share these concerns with Police Scotland in an attempt to resolve this.

Please support the schools request with this.



Burns Supper

A pupil and staff Burns Supper will take place on Wednesday 25th January. The P6's and P7's will lead our celebrations with poems and songs and we will look to record items for sharing via Teams.

As we begin to open up some events we will invite our Forum and Fundraising Committee.



P1 Enrolment for 2023/2024

The materials are already out for P1 Enrolment and most have been returned already. Enrolment closes on Friday 3rd February so please ensure family/friends have the appropriate forms returned.

Residential Return

In March our usual P7 trip to London has been swapped to Edinburgh again. This will be a three night stay from 27th to 30th March with a show and a mix of other events. Once again thank you to the staff who are supporting and I am sure it will be an enjoyable trip.

Super 4's

Parents of pupils in P5-P7 have been invited to register their children to take part in this year's Super 4's. This is a free event where children can enjoy taking part in races against pupils from other schools to improve their fitness, challenge themselves to improve their times and possibly win medals.

The school will organise coach transportation to the Lockerbie, Moffat and Langholm races and we will walk pupils down to the Annan Academy race where pupils will need to be collected at the end. Transport costs will be covered by the school.

