

Dates for the Diary – Term 2

NOVEMBER 2020

Mon 2 nd	PGDG Student Placement begins in P7A
Mon 9 th	P7B leading our Visual Assembly (Armistice Theme)
Mon 9 th	H.N.C Student Placement in the infants
Mon 16 th	Book Week Scotland. Book Bugs for P1's and Read, Write and Count materials for P2 and P3
Thurs 19 th	(am) Flu Vaccination Team in school

DECEMBER 2020

Fri 18 th	School closes at usual times for Christmas Holidays
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JANAURY 2021

Tues 5 th	Inset day – Staff only
Wed 6 th	Pupils return to school
	8.45am – 2.30pm – Learning Zone, P3, P6, P7 Classes
	9am – 2.45pm – P1, P2, P4, P5 Classes



Newington Primary School **NEWSLETTER**



Head Teacher Introduction

October 2020

I appreciate the October break may not have been what we all hoped for but at least it was a break.

Term 2 will present us with continued challenges but working together we will make it as productive as we possibly can, as we continue with the recovery phase and getting learning back on track for all our pupils. Lots of things will be very different to previous years and I will try to give parents an early 'heads up' in this newsletter.

We will continue to use 'Teams' for homework activities and our whole school is now using this online format to deliver homework challenges.

Please keep checking the School App and Website for school news and updates. The pandemic picture will continue to change and we will need to respond to Scottish Government changes as they arise.

All our current times and bubbles will continue for the foreseeable future and we will continue to build on all the safety measures we have in school as we aim to keep everyone in our school community safe.

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Flu Vaccination for Pupils

The team will be in our school on Thursday 19th 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.

Forum/ Fundraising

These groups continue to meet online and we have already had a successful 'Hallowe'en' fundraising event. The Christmas Fayre will be another casualty of the restrictions and this and the Concert Hampers are the group's biggest source of income.

The groups are looking at a potential fundraiser/raffle before Christmas and will share more details later in the term.

Lockerbie Manor/ London

Our Council and Scottish Government guidance is clear that residential experience is a 'No Go' at this time. We have organised dates for our P6 visit to Lockerbie Manor in November and our traditional London trip in March 2021. We will continue to monitor this situation but it could be that we are unable to provide these opportunities this session.

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Christmas Update

The current restrictions for schools will have a major impact on our traditional Christmas activities; the staff discussed the various challenges and have agreed that the following notes should be shared with our parents and families at this stage to make things clear.

Christmas Cards

We won't be able to do our usual School Post Box and delivery this session so if children would like to send a card it should be **one** to their **class** only.

Christmas Concerts

Restrictions on performances, parents in school etc. all mean we will not be able to put on our fantastic Christmas show this session. The staff plan to do a song/poem with classes, which will be performed and recorded outdoors, with a view to making a simple DVD to share with families for a donation to schools funds. More details will be shared later in the term.

Christmas Parties

Staffs have decided to hold 'Christmas Movie' presentations rather than parties this session. Pupils can dress up for their movie day and we will provide snacks for them all. Dates to follow.

Christmas Gifts

Like cards we won't be able to facilitate gift distribution in school for either pupils or staff, so please make other arrangements for this.

Christmas Jumpers/ Charity

We may look at a fundraising event later in the term with a view to support a local charity/ charities. More details to follow