

## Dates for the Diary



### January 2022

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Pupils return  
Week 17<sup>th</sup> Final materials for P1 Enrolment returned  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> P6's at Lockerbie Manor

### February 2022

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm for 6.15pm start Newington Primary School Staff and P6 and P7 pupils Burns Supper  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Super 4's Race 1 at Lockerbie P5-P7 pupils  
Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Cluster Scot's Poetry Competition at Gretna Primary  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Mid Term Holiday  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup> – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Inset Days (Non pupil)  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Super 4's Race 2 at Annan Academy

### March 2022

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Parental Consultation (fingers crossed) 3pm onwards  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Super 4's Race 3 at Moffat Academy  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> P7's in Edinburgh  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Super 4's Race 4 at Langholm

### April 2022

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> School Closes at 2.50pm for Easter Holiday  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday Holiday  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> School Returns for Term 4

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## *Newington Primary School*

### **Newsletter – January 2022**

#### Head Teacher Introduction

A very 'Happy New Year' to all in our school community. I hope everyone was able to enjoy a "more normal" festive break and that the pupils remembered to say "Thank you" for their gifts and all the effort that goes in to make Christmas special.

We continue into Term 3 with all the established mitigations and systems in place to keep everyone in school safe but from the newsletter you will see that we have further new activities in place as we continue to work towards a new normal.

Please keep checking out for school news and updates which will come out via The App, on the website and also via email. These are our primary methods of communication so please make sure you keep us informed about changes to mobile numbers, email addresses etc.

We will continue to keep our fingers crossed that we can welcome parents into school for consultation in March but we will be directed by the Council/Scottish Government about this.

I look forward to engaging with you all in 2022 as we look to achieve the very best we can for all our pupils by working together.

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## Christmas 2021

I hope parents were able to access the class concert items online. The “Bubbles” enjoyed each other’s performances and that all added to the atmosphere. Fingers crossed next session we can enjoy a proper Christmas Concert together.

Thanks to Mrs Vikki Oliver for once again raffling two of her craft items in aid of school funds. The £1065 raised will be used to support a Theatre visit by M&M in Term 4.

Our own Fundraising Committee raised a magnificent £1378.70 for their raffle. Thank you to all the local business and supporters of the school who donated prizes and to everyone who bought tickets

Thanks to Rebekka Stevenson for her donation of £430.00 raised from family photographs for the Fundraising Group and also to Jennifer McGregor for arranging a raffle in her hair salon which raised an amazing £236.

Finally, thanks to everyone at “Ryjos Hair Salon” who raised a further £50 for school funds via a raffle and over £325 was raised altogether on Christmas Jumper Day. The money collected will be shared between the Fundraising Group and Local Charities.

## 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.

Another concern raised has been parents bringing dogs in to school grounds when picking up pupils at the end of day. This is particular to the P1-P3 areas and we would like parents to support a smooth and safe end of day by keeping pets away from the exit areas and away from the collection points.

Please support the schools request with these issues.



## Burns Supper

A pupil and staff Burns Supper will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. 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.

We won’t have any invited guests this year but we hope to return to this in 2023 hopefully.



## P1 Enrolment for 2022/2023

The materials are already out for P1 Enrolment and most have been returned already. Enrolment closes on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January so please ensure family/friends have the appropriate forms returned.

## Residential Return

Our P6 pupils are going to Lockerbie Manor from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January to undertake a mixed programme at outdoor activities. My thanks to the staff who are giving their time to go with them. I am confident the children will have a great time.

In March our usual P7 trip to London has been swapped to Edinburgh. This will be a three night stay from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March with two shows 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 years Super 4’s. This is another sign that we are returning to a new normal. 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.

