#### **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - AM P1-P3 and LZ Concert

Performances/Recording PM P4 – P7 Concert Performances/Recording

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Charity Fundraising Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Lunch (No sandwich bar option)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - AM P4, P4/5 and P5 Christmas Party

PM P5/6 and P6 Christmas Party

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - PM P7's Christmas Party

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - AM P3's Christmas Party

PM P1, P1/2 and P2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Entertainment Sessions in Bubbles

AM P1 - P3 and LZ

PM P4 - P7

School closes at normal times for Christmas Break

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 School resumes for Staff Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 School resumes for Pupils

## A very Merry Christmas from Newington Primary Staff and Pupils







# Newington Primary School NEWSLETTER



Christmas will be a different affair again this year but we will have a few more of the school activities we enjoy at this time of the year.

As documented in Newsletters and from the Council we won't be able to have parents join us for Christmas Concerts again this year.

Our plan is to have the classes prepare and present Christmas items within Bubbles where the children will provide their own audience. These will be recorded and we will get details out to parents about where they can access these performances online. Not brilliant but, a move forward from last year and we all hope that 2022 will see a return to our traditional concert events.

Likewise our Fundraising Committee Christmas Fair will be another casualty of the mitigations/restrictions in place to keep everyone safe.

The Fundraising Committee will be contacting parents directly about their plans for any Christmas Fundraising.

We continue to follow the guidelines and follow the updates from the Scottish Government and Council and hopefully everyone's efforts will help us enjoy a more normal family festive period.

Irvine Torbett, Head Teacher

November 2021

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#### **Charitable Donations**

The school would like to thank Imogen and Macy from P7 who have donated money to the school following successful charity events. Macy donated over £200 from the sale of craft bracelets and Imogen over £650 from a sponsored climb of Criffel.

The money raised will be used to support clubs and CnV projects in school.

A huge thank you to the girls for this support.



#### **Christmas Lunch**

This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The cost will be the usual £1.90 (Free for P1s to P4s and any pupils in receipt of free meals). Due to the large uptake for Christmas Lunch there will be no sandwich bar option on this date.

Payments will all be done using the new meals system but we will send home a booking slip because the Christmas Lunch date isn't region wide.

#### **Charity Collection**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will have a "Christmas Jumper" day for pupils/staff who wish to take part with the money raised being shared with the Fundraising Committee and Local Charities. Donations will be collected on the day.

### **School Meals – Online ordering and payments**

This online system went live on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November and we hope that it is proving effective for all our families. Currently P1 – P4 are all able to access a free school meal and in January this will be opened up to pupils in P5. P6 and P7 pupils will continue to pay unless eligible for a free school meal until next session when all Primary School pupils will have the option of a free school meal.

If you are still required to pay please ensure funds are in the account to cover meals ordered and please help us/your child and order daily in advance, this will help speed the process up in school and not impact on teaching time. In the future this technology might help us establish cashless orders for uniform, trip payments and the like.





