

Dates for the Diary – Term 1

Friday 2 nd September	CnV vote for pupils
Monday 5 th September	CnV presentation at Assembly
Wednesday 5 th October	Operation Safety for P7 Pupils
Thursday 13 th October	3pm onwards Parental Consultation
Friday 14 th October	School Closes for October Holidays
Monday 31 st October	School Returns for Term 2



School Meals

P1-P5 pupils will all have access to free school meals. The move to free meals for P6 – P7 is on hold at this time.

I would like to remind parents/ guardians **we are a 'Fizz & Nut' free school.**

We are now “cashless” and all orders/payments should be made online via iPayimpact. We ask all families to support us with this, even recording packed lunches.



Information Sharing with Parents

All our pupils will work on their 'Profiles' again over the coming session, setting targets for learning and recording success and achievements over the year. Some of the teachers may send the initial information pages home to complete and we would appreciate your support with this.

We are looking to hold an initial Parental Consultation on Thursday 13th October. More details to follow.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, please contact us by text on our designated absence line on **07860029432 text only**. If you are unable to make contact via text, please telephone the school office to advise.

The office staff will look to contact families directly if we have had no information about why a pupil is not in school. The SEEMIS system will also direct us to contact parents if a pupil's absence level falls to an unacceptable level. A child's attendance at school is crucial to their progress.



Newington Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher Introduction

August 2022

Welcome back and welcome to our school!

We are pushing towards a full return to normal this session and App messages etc. about a return to school uniform fulltime and shoes being changed have all been sent out.

We will continue to remind the children about this over the term and as we get back to normal, please support us with this.

Most of the COVID mitigations have now been removed but we will continue to be vigilant and encourage regular handwashing etc.

This newsletter will be coming to you via the School App, or Website. The office staff have worked hard to get and update email addresses and with “Teams” being used by pupils across the school “technology” will be key in our contact with parents and families. Please ensure you have the ‘App and Website’ in favourites and make sure you complete the ‘data return’ and keep us updated about email/mobile changes.

Please note parents/ carers if you have any specific concerns or questions, please contact the school on 01461 205326 to discuss things with myself or a member of the Senior Management Team. Parents/ carers can also e-mail me directly at gw08torbettirvine@ea.dumgal.sch.uk and I will try to reply as quickly as I can.

Once again, I am looking forward to working with all the members of our school community over the coming year. We will always achieve more for all our pupils by working together.

**Irvine Torbett,
Head Teacher**

School Contact/ Information

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gw08officenewington@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

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School
App for
Parents

Staffing

Mr Armstrong DHT left us at the end of last session and he has asked us to thank the School Fundraising Committee, Staff and Parents for their kind words and gifts to mark his 24 years at Newington.

Mr Armstrong has been replaced for next session by three Principal Teachers across the school with Mrs Carter joining Mrs Duignan and Mr Schoolar in these roles.

Teacher

Class

Mrs Murray	P1A
Miss Hollis	P1B
Mrs Marrs	P2
Miss McEwen	P2/3
Mrs Graham/Mrs Bell	P3
Mrs Swan	P4A
Miss Haley/Mrs Carter PT	P4B
Miss Mutch/Mrs Vivers (Mrs Magnay returns Jan 2023)	P5
Mrs Duignan PT/Mrs Carter PT	P5/6
Mrs Cannon	P6
Mr Schoolar PT/Mrs Carter PT	P6/7
Miss Neill/Mrs Ferguson DHT	P7
Mrs Bingham / Miss Porter (Mrs Walker returns 2023)	Learning Zone
Mrs Gallagher	Nursery Manager
Mrs Mannall/Mrs Duignan	PE Input
Miss Crombie/Mrs Carruthers	Music Input



Car Parks and Parking

A regular item raised by parents is the concern about parking and traffic around our school. This continues to be an issue and a worry...and it is one that can only be solved by ourselves.

Work has been done to keep our pupils and families safe, but we rely on all our parents adhering to the traffic markings, crossing restrictions, etc. to ensure this works. As a school community we are the ones that must resolve this.

Please help us keep our pupils safe!!!!



Class Topics

Class Topics provide the stimulus for lots of cross-curricular activities, structured play and research work. Our website/Teams will carry details about current class topics and suggestions for websites etc. to support home research where possible.

As always, we would welcome your support and encourage parents to discuss with the children what they have learned about a topic or what made them go wow! Children may well have 'knowledge organisers' home to study each week or term so they can do some self-quizzing!

Class topics for the start of this session are as follows:-

P1	-	Mix of tasks linked to seasons, return to school and continuous provision
P2	-	Transport
P2/3	-	Travel and Transport
P3	-	Forces and Magnetism
P4	-	Human Body
P5	-	Britain
P5/6	-	European Holiday
P6	-	Europe
P6/7	-	Victorians/Science
P7	-	Plants for Wildlife

Uniform/Equipment

Our school uniform colour is **Red** sweatshirt, **Red** poloshirt, dark trousers/skirts and when worn by all our pupils, looks very smart. A uniform order form will be coming out in October and again in May. Please could we ask parents to take this opportunity to order any required uniform items at this time as office staff only keep a small stock of uniform for new enrolments. We work hard as a school to reinforce the importance and the role of our uniform and we appreciate parental support with this.

Equipment

The school will provide the pupils with all the class items they need at the start of term and beyond. This is supported by our Pupil Equity Funding which also covers our General Assistants, supports curricular/extra curricular travel, etc.



Clubs

I am extremely proud of the range and quality of clubs we have traditionally been able to offer to our pupils. We are hopeful that we will be in a position to have clubs return over this session so please keep an eye out for details via the 'App' etc. about start dates and times. All clubs are supported by staff and are free to pupils in the school.

The clubs are stage appropriate and often for older pupils but we continue to look at opportunities for our younger classes.