

## Dates for the Diary – Term 2

### OCTOBER 2021

Mon 25th	School Returns - Term 2
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising Committee “Hallowe’en” Non Uniform/Fancy Dress day (donations for Fundraising Group). Themed lunch and entertainment (Menu via App)

### NOVEMBER 2021

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	“ChildLine” – Online activity over the week for all classes “Speak out Stay Safe”
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Into Film – Cinema Visit for all P1-P2 Children Peter Rabbit 2
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccine Day at Newington Primary School

### DECEMBER 2021

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closes for the Christmas Break at 2.50pm
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### JANAURY 2022

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset day
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return Term 3

### Car Parks and Parking

Another item continually raised by parents was 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!!!!

### Online School Meals Payments

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November we will be moving to “online” school meals payments as part of the Council rollout of this scheme. This will eventually be used in all schools and is already used in all secondaries. Payments and orders can be made upto 6 weeks in advance and this will remove the need for cash handling.

Parents will receive a letter in advance of the scheme beginning with registration details and a unique login.

We will continue to update parents about this via the School App.



## *Newington Primary School* **NEWSLETTER**



### Head Teacher Introduction

October 2021

I hope everyone enjoyed the October break and that batteries are now recharged for the busy term ahead.

All the mitigations are expected to continue for the next period and perhaps even longer. We will continue to take direction from the Scottish Government around this and keep everyone safe.

As expected this all means we will be unable to have parents in school for the planned consultation but staff will work on an interim report which will be shared later this term. We will send out a return slip for parents and where appropriate we will follow up any questions with a call from the Senior Management Team.

The continued mitigations will also impact on any Christmas Concert plans and parental attendance. As a staff we are exploring what we could do to celebrate Christmas and how we could then share this with parents.

Homework will continue to be shared via Teams and the App and with some support almost all families are accessing this successfully. Issues should be brought to the schools attention and we will do all we can to support here.

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### **Flu Vaccination for Pupils**

The team will be in our school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 new members are always welcome. Contact the office to let us know you are interested and we can email the details of the next meeting. The groups will support a Hallowe'en themed non uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October for the school with the dressing up donation going to funds.

There won't be a Christmas Fair again this year but the groups have various ideas for fundraising events.

### **ChildLine – Online**

All classes will undertake a ChildLine presentation around the theme of “Speak and Stay Safe” during November.

### **Lockerbie Manor/ Edinburgh**

The position around residential trips is becoming clearer and we are working with the parents of our P6's and P7's to organise this.

We are looking for P6 to go to Lockerbie Manor in January and we are looking at Edinburgh in March for this years P7's rather than the traditional London trip.

I will continue to keep my fingers crossed that both tours can go ahead as planned.

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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**

We hope to have various class groups and stages organise a short Christmas item for recording. We can have music/drama in school now, just not the parents to watch and enjoy it. The children will provide their own audience within our “Bubbles” and we will then see how best we can share this with parents.

### **Christmas Parties**

We hope that these will all go ahead as in previous years and parents will be informed about party dates later in the term. On their party day classes will be able to come to school dressed in party clothes and we will only have one party each day if possible.

### **Christmas Gifts**

Like cards we won't be able to facilitate gift distribution in school, 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