

Dates for the Diary continued.....

March 2020

Mon 2 nd (am)	P4A Assembly
(pm)	P7's at Annan Academy – Junior School Performance
Wed 4 th	P7B Curling at Lockerbie
Mon 9 th	4pm Netball Festival at Annan Academy
Thurs 12 th (am)	'Lifeboat' Drama Performance for P7's at Annan Academy
Mon 16 th (am)	P5's Living Things Assembly
Mon 16 th	3.15pm - Parental Consultation
Tues 17 th (pm)	A & E Cross Country at Lochmaben
Fri 20 th	Dumfries Music Festival
Sat 21 st	Dumfries Solo Events
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	London Week for some P7 pupils
Fri 27 th	A & E Sports Awards at Lochmaben
Mon 30 th (am)	P1's Easter Assembly

April 2020

Wed 1 st	6pm Fundraising Committee Chick Drive
Fri 3 rd (am)	Easter Service at Annan Old Parish Church
(pm)	3.05pm Schools closes for Easter Holiday.

Mon 20th

School returns for Term 4.



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Newington Primary School

Newsletter – January 2020

Head Teacher Introduction

A very 'Happy New Year' to all our parents and families. I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive break and that all the children remembered to say "Thank You" for all the gifts they received!

Term 3 will be hectic with lots of class activities and topics to be covered across the curriculum. Ongoing support and encouragement with homework tasks will be key as we try to ensure pupils make all the academic progress they can.

Attendance is a key part of this and a new council 'Pupil Attendance Policy' is being launched this term. By law, pupils should attend school if they are fit to do so and if a pupil isn't in school it is the family's role to make the school aware of the reason for absence. Our Group Call system allows parents to text the details at any point so please support the school's efforts in keeping our pupils safe by keeping us informed about absences.

The school App and Website will continue to be our main methods of communication with families about all the wonderful things going on in school, but parents can always contact us directly via the details below to discuss concerns or bring things to our attention. As always, we achieve most by working together!

I look forward to 2020 being another year of opportunity and achievement for our school.

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Christmas 2019

I feel this years Christmas Concert was one of the very best. Ninety minutes of Christmas gold and I still chuckle when I think of our P1 'Grandparents' creaks and moans as they came on stage! All of the acts superbly performed, were the ideas of our talented staff team with musical support from Miss Crombie.

The Newington Choir sang at Tesco on Thursday 19th December and raised £184.07. This will help cover the costs of the Music Festival in March. A huge thanks to all our parents, families and friends for their support and generosity over the Christmas period.

I hope that parents who joined us for our Christmas Service on the 20th December enjoyed the event. As guests at Annan Old Parish Church, we need to support their wishes to not take breakfast to the service and be safe while upstairs!

School Success

We had boys and girls teams take part in the Scottish Schools Swimming in November and our girls team picked up silver medals.

Over forty runners took part in the second Super 4's race and we had runners finish in the top three in all age groups.

Well done to all our Indoor Athletics Team who won the Annandale and Eskdale Competition. They will now go forward to represent Dumfries And Galloway at the national finals in Motherwell in February.

This will be a busy term of competition for the school with Scots Verse, Choir, Quiz and Sports Teams all representing our school at local, regional and national events.

Cycle Scheme

If Santa has brought a new bike this Christmas, I would remind parents and pupils that cycling to school is available for all P5-P7 pupils if they have signed up to our Cycle Contract. We spent a large amount of money to re-establish this within school and hope lots of pupils will support this as the better weather comes. Forms for the cycle scheme are available from the office.

Burns Supper

Our Burns Supper will take place on Wednesday 22nd January. Once again, the P6 and P7 pupils will lead the celebrations with poems and songs and I'm sure everyone, including the invited guests, will have an excellent evening.



P1 Enrolment for 2020/2021

Enrolment for next session's P1s will take place in school on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 9.30am – 15.30pm. Further information will come from Nursery and via local press. We will use a paper system to speed up the enrolment process and office staff will then transfer all the details onto the school system.

Dates for the Diary



January 2020

Mon 13 th	P1 Enrolments 9.30am -15.30pm P6's Burns on the Beat Workshops (Annan Museum)
Tues 14 th	P1 Enrolments 9.30am -15.30pm
Wed 15 th	6.30pm – School Forum/ Fundraising Committee Meeting
Tues 21 st	School 'Lock Down' practice.
Wed 22 nd	6pm for 6.15pm start N.P.S Burns Supper P6 & P7
Fri 24 th	Annan Cluster 'Scots Poetry' Competition at Elmvale
Tues 28 th	P7 Transition at Annan Academy – Literacy/ Ceilidh

February 2020

Mon 3 rd	6pm London 2020 Meeting
Tue 4 th	Super 4's Race 3 at Lockerbie Academy
Thurs 6 th	Tempest Photography in school
Sat 8 th	Badminton Competition Lockerbie Academy
Mon 17 th - Wed 19 th	Mid Term Holiday
Thurs 20 th – Fri 21 st	Inset Days (Non pupil)
Wed 26 th	P7A Curling Lockerbie
Fri 28 th	Sportshall Athletics District finals at Ravenscraig Sports Centre