

Dates for the Diary

May 2022



Monday 2 nd	May Day Holiday
Friday 6 th	Inter House Quiz
Friday 13 th	Sports Hall Athletics Finals (P6 and P7 Team)
Friday 20 th	Inter House Entertainment
Monday 23 rd	Third Year Student Placement begins
Tuesday 24 th	A&E Sprints at the Everholm
Wednesday 25 th	6.30pm Forum/Fundraising Meeting in School
Friday 27 th	1.15pm Newington School Sports
Monday 30 th – Wed 1 st	Jubilee Activities in school
Monday 30 th pm	M&M Theatre – The Secret Garden

June 2022

Thursday 2 nd /Fri 3 rd	School closed – Jubilee Celebrations
Monday 6 th	P7 Cycling/Bike ability Groups
Wednesday 8 th	P7 Cycling/Bike ability Groups
Thursday 9 th	P7 Cycling/Bike ability Groups P4/P4/5 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre 6pm AROM Inter School Quiz at Newington PS
Friday 10 th	School Reports out today
Monday 13 th	“My Money Week” for classes across the school
Wednesday 15 th	3.30pm A&E Netball at Hecklegirth Primary School
Monday 20 th pm	P7's attending transition (also 21 st /22 nd /23 rd) Moving up day for classes
Monday 27 th	11am AROM Principles visit
Wednesday 29 th	1.30pm P7 Leavers Ceremony

July 2022

Friday 1 st	2.50pm School closes for the Summer Holidays
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August 2022

Thursday 18 th /Fri 19 th	Staff In-service Training
Monday 22 nd	Start of Term for all pupils



Newington Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher Introduction

The weather was mixed but I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break!

Further changes to government guidance will see us return to “more normal” in term 4 but we will continue with hand sanitisation, enhanced cleaning etc. for the remainder of the session.

This will be a busy term with classes undertaking assessments, the return of Sports Day and Inter House events and transition activities. All that plus learning and teaching and all the challenges that term 4 brings.

Please continue to support us/your child with homework which will continue to come out via Teams. If you have an issue with Teams, please contact us and someone will support you with this. Keep asking your children about what they have learned and encourage them to read, look at number tasks etc . . . it all helps!

Our reports will come out in June but please feel free to contact me about issue/concerns over this term via all the usual methods.

I am looking forward to another busy term and a successful term for our school. Remember, we will always achieve most when working together.

Irvine Torbett
Head Teacher

April 2022

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School
App for
Parents

Pupil Equity Funding

We will receive £85,750 in PEF next session. I received 41 responses to my SIP/PEF return in term 3 and almost all parents supported the continued deployment of General Assistants in the school, finance to cover the cost of the school day etc.

Thanks to all those who took the time to respond; I will continue to keep parents informed about PEF spending.

Cycle Scheme

Letters will be going out to pupils in P4 who wish to bring bikes to school during Term 4 and beyond. All children must sign up to the school scheme to be involved and ensure helmets are worn and bikes are safe. Forms are available for pupils in P5-P7 who haven't signed up previously. Our P7's have dates in the diary for "Bike ability" training this term.



Lockerbie/Edinburgh Residential Events

The Lockerbie trip went well and the pupils all enjoyed the experience and range of activities. We will look to run this trip again next session for our current P5's. We will start to contact parents with details and a request for deposits this term.

Edinburgh also proved a success and both children and staff all felt it was a great alternative to London.

We will look to plan an Edinburgh trip for next session for our current P6's, with more details to follow.

Student Teachers

The three students we had in the upper school over term 3 will be back with us in term 4 working in the P3's and P5 classes.

We are sure these placements will prove just as successful.

School Success

We had over 35 pupils take part in this year's Super 4's sessions. We had success in each age group picking up gold, silver and bronze medals.

We had 40 pupils at the A&E Schools Cross Country. Pupils picked up a range of individual and team medals and all the pupils represented the school well.

A team from P6 and P7 will go to Linwood in May to represent the school and Dumfries and Galloway at the National Sports Hall Indoor Athletics finals.

Very best wishes to the team!



Inter House Events 2022

We will have our traditional school sports day on the afternoon of Friday 27th May and parents will be able to attend. It will be the P1-P7 format we introduced prior to the pandemic with the focus on everyone taking part.

In school we will also have Inter House Football/Netball/Quiz/Entertainment etc and lots of children will be encouraged to be involved.

We will send out a reminder with sports details etc nearer the time.

P7 Leavers Ceremony

We will have a P7 Leavers Ceremony for parents on Wednesday 29th June. Mr Armstrong DHT, who will also be a leaver this year, will be the guest of honour!

This will be another excellent "return to normal" and we look forward to welcoming parents to the celebration with the P7's and staff.

P7 Transition and Moving Up

Our P7's are already engaging in transition activities online with Annan Academy. Small enhanced nurture groups are planned plus we will also have some small group visits organised by the P7 staff.

The usual three and a half day visits will go ahead as in previous years in June. The class teachers are working with the Academy staff around this.

We hope to have a moving up afternoon in June when the P7's are at the Academy, with more details to follow.

Fundraising Events

Our non-uniform day at the end of term raised £316.97. Thanks to all families who supported this.

The Fundraising Committee have donated £3000 to school fund which will help finance transport for trips in term 4.

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We have now been using the online order/payment system for some time now. We need parents to support this by using the system to order daily/in advance. Parents need to use the system even if their child is having a packed lunch. Spending time doing this each morning cuts into teaching time and the system is designed to avoid this.

Please get into good habits with ordering and using this system to help staff in school.