



Newington Primary School

NEWSLETTER – TERM 2

Head Teacher Introduction

This terms newsletter continues the usual mix of information updates and requests for support.

The themes are often very similar as we follow our calendar of activities. An HMIe update is provided, details of school success, visits etc and the standard concerns about traffic, parking and walking through the car park.

Lockerbie Manor will be of interest, Road Relay success will be celebrated and having consideration about parking and just not walking through the car park might save someone’s life? There is a path, please use it. There are road markings and a designated crossing so could you please use and follow these, thanks!

I need all parents and families to support our efforts here!

As always please feel free to contact me with any concerns via the usual methods.

Irvine Torbett, Head Teacher

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Dates for the Diary



October 2019

Monday 28th School Returns
Wednesday 30th Hallowe'en Disco
P1-P3 - 6.15 - 7.15pm & P4-P7 - 7.30 – 9pm

November 2019

Wednesday 6th Super 4's Annan Academy
Monday 11th (am) P7B Remembrance Assembly
(pm) Scottish Schools Swimming
(pm) P6 go to Lockerbie Manor
Wednesday 13th P6 return from Lockerbie Manor
Monday 18th P1-P3 Book Bug and P2-P3 Read, Write and Count Materials
Thursday 21st Pupil Flu Vaccine Day 9.30am- 12.30pm
Mon 25th – Fri 29th Childsmile Team in School

December 2019

Wednesday 4th 6pm Fundraising Committee Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th (am) Christmas Concert Run for pupils
(pm) P6/P7 Group at Sportshall Athletics, Moffat
Monday 9th 6.30pm - Christmas Concert
Tuesday 10th 1.30pm & 6.30pm – Christmas Concert
Wednesday 11th Christmas Lunch
Monday 16th P7A Christmas Assembly
Friday 20th 9.30am – Church Service at Annan Old Parish Church
Friday 20th School closes at 3.05pm

January 2020

Mon 6th/ Tue 7th Staff Inservice Days
Wednesday 8th Pupils Return 9am

HMIe Visit

Further details for parents and a final report will be produced following our inspection, hopefully before Christmas. The team highlighted the good behaviour, hard work and pride that the pupils have in the school. They acknowledged that staff go 'above and beyond' to support the children and that Newington Primary School provides all pupils with a full Broad General Education. The HMIe team will not be undertaking any further follow up visits. Well done to all the staff for their hard work and efforts and to those parents, children and school partners who completed the surveys and joined the discussion groups.

Traffic Issues and Safety Issues

I was contacted by the local councillor with a complaint about parking in and around the school area and I continue to get lots of complaints from parents and families about the dangerous and irresponsible parking from other parents. I will take this to the Forum at the next meeting as years of requests via newsletters have had a zero impact. Our parents are the problem and the solution. Likewise requests to not walk through the car park are simply ignored by the same people all the time. My worry is that a serious injury will be the only thing to change parents' hearts and minds.

We must work together to resolve this issue for our school.

Lockerbie Manor

This yearly P6 residential activity will be based at Lockerbie Manor. The pupils will attend as a large group from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th November with nine exciting activities planned. Mrs Ferguson, Miss Mutch, Mrs Robison and Mr Scholar will attend with the group. My thanks in advance to the staff involved for supporting this exciting activity.

Tag Rugby

Two Newington teams flew the flag for the USA at this year's event. Both teams played well, and the A team finished fourth. Thanks to Mrs Bingham, Mrs Glass and Mrs Mannall for their support with the pupils.



Super 4's Update

Newington had about 40 pupils from P5 to P7 at the first Super 4's event at Moffat with some superb individual runs. The next race will be in Annan on Wednesday 6th November. The school continue to support the runners by providing the transport to and from the events.



Operation Christmas Child



Information regarding the collection of the shoeboxes is now available on the school App and leaflets will be issued in due course. The leaflets will need to be completed and attached to the shoebox before sending to school. We once again support this excellent Charity project. Last year Newington Primary School Pupils and Families collected over 124 shoe boxes!!!! Hopefully this year we could match or even better this total.

Road Relay

Our relay teams performed well once again at a very soggy Everholm for this year's Road Relay on Tuesday 1st October. The P6 boys team finished second and the P7 girls finished first and second. Very well done to all the runners. Some of these pupils also attended the Scottish Road Relay event at Grangemouth on Saturday 21st September: the pupils ran well and enjoyed the challenges. Thanks to Mrs Mannall and Mrs Magnay for supporting the children.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Book Fair. From the sales of books, we were able to provide £55 of free books for each class in the school to update libraries. Development of a love for reading is a core school aim and we are delighted to have been able to hold our fair once again.