

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Holiday Dates

Friday 30 November 2018

Holiday

Friday 21 December 2018

School closes at 2.30 pm

Monday 24 December 2018 - Friday 4 January 2019

Holidays

Monday 7 January 2019

School re-opens

Come as you please

Children can wear their own clothes tomorrow, Friday 16 November 2018, with something spotty for Children-in-Need day. A donation will be collected from the children in the morning and the total will be sent to Children-in-Need.

Golden Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Golden Anniversary events. It was great to see so many family members coming along to see the children performing. Thank you to everyone who donated baking and also to the helpers. It was also great to see parents and grandparents 'finding' themselves on the wall of photos from across the decades. The anniversary tea towels have been ordered and should be delivered soon.

Book bags for P1-P3

As part of Scottish Book Week next week, children in P1, P2 and P3 will be presented with a book bag from the Scottish Government's Read, Write and Count initiative. Parents are invited to come along to the school on **Thursday 22 November 2018 at 2.15 pm** to share the books with their children. James from Renfrew library will be in the school.

New staff member

I am delighted to announce that after a successful interview, Miss S Gillon will be joining the school as our new Depute Head Teacher in January 2019. We look forward to welcoming Miss Gillon back to the school. Miss Gillon will have responsibility for children in Primary 1 to Primary 3.

Parent Council - Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on **Saturday 24 November 2018 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm**. Children will have a Come as you please day on Tuesday 20 November 2018 and should bring chocolate for the tombola, toys or toiletries. There will be another Come as you please day on Friday 23 November 2018 and children should bring books, bottles or baking donations. If you can help at the Fayre please contact the Parent Council at Newmains.parentcouncil@gmail.com. **Helpers are always needed!** We look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre next Saturday.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for pupils will take place on the morning of 26 November 2018.

Christmas

Christmas concerts will take place on **Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 10.00 am and 1.45 pm** and then on **Wednesday 12 December 2018 at 10.00 am**. Please return the reply slips from the letter sent out today requesting the day and time you would prefer to come to the concert.

The Christmas lunch in the dining hall will be held on **Thursday 13 December 2018**.

A letter giving the dates of Christmas parties will be sent home when the dates have been confirmed.

A Christmas Service, for pupils and staff, will be held in the school on **Wednesday 19 December 2018** and will be led by our local minister Philip Wallace.

Anti-bullying Policy

Brian Donnelly who will be working with all stakeholders in the school to help write our new anti-bullying policy will be working with children in classes P4-P7 on **Monday 3 December 2018**. Brian has already spoken to all children at an assembly. He also collected the questionnaires completed by parents at the recent Parents' meetings. In the New Year Brian will be holding meetings with parents in the school. When the views of all stakeholders are gathered, we will then develop a new anti-bullying policy for our school. I will let you know the dates for the parents' meetings as soon as possible.

Events

Dates for Diary	Please add dates to your diary
Friday 16 November 2018	Children-in Need day - wear something spotty!
Saturday 24 November 2018	Christmas Fayre in school 11.00-1.00 - Parent helpers needed!
Monday 26 November 2018	Flu Vaccines for children
Friday 30 November 2018	St Andrew's day holiday
Friday 7 December 2018	Pop in and meet SMT
Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 December 2018	Christmas Concerts
Tuesday 18 December 2018	P7 Open Afternoon - P7 parents invited
Friday 21 December 2018	School closes at 2.30 pm for Christmas holidays

Monday 7 January 2019	School re-opens
Wednesday 9 January 2019	Parent Council Meeting - all parents welcome
Thursday 10 January 2019	NSPCC - assemblies and workshop
Thursday 10 January 2019	Walk round for next session's prospective P1 parents - 2.30 pm
Wednesday 16 January 2019	NSPCC - pupil workshops
Wednesday 16 January 2019	P1 Registration for 2019/20 from 1.00-3.00 A-L
Wednesday 16 January 2019	NSPCC - online safety workshop for parents
Thursday 17 January 2019	P1 Registration for 2019/20 from 1.00-3.00 M-Z

Further events will be added as they are arranged

