

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Dates for Diary

Monday 2 December 2019

St. Andrew's day holiday

Thursday 12 December 2019

Election Day - pupils off

Friday 20 December 2019

School closes at 2.30 pm

Monday 23 December 2019 - Friday 3 January 2020

Holidays

Monday 6 January 2020

School re-opens

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 January 2020

P1 Registration from 1.00 pm

Parent Council

Thank you to the Parent Council and all the parent who helped at the disco last Thursday. The children had a great time and the costumes were fantastic.

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 6.30 pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Christmas Fayre will take place in the evening on **Thursday 5 December 2019**. Parent helpers are always needed!

Parent Pay

Parent Pay will be starting for school meals on **Tuesday 12 November 2019**. The uptake from parents at the moment is 69%. We need all parents to activate their account as this is used to pay for trips, lunches as well as for the breakfast club. If you have any problems activating your account please contact the school office. Children will not be able to pay for anything with cash from this date. Thank you.

Election Day

Newmains Primary School will be used as a polling station for the General Election on **12 December 2019** therefore pupils will be absent on this day.

Renfrew Week

This week all classes are learning about Renfrew. Children will be making visits to the local area such as the library, fire station and park as well as inviting visitors to the school. Mr Wallace our minister has been at assemblies to speak to the children and P2 have visited the church. Mr Newlands came to school to speak to our Primary 5 children. Primary 7/6 and Primary 7 had a visit from two civil engineers who delivered a workshop related to Renfrew projects in the future. The children are being introduced to lots of exciting activities to find out about where they live. The photographs from the past really highlight the differences from then and now.

Primary 7 Open Evening at Renfrew High School

The open evening for Renfrew High School will take place on Tuesday 12 November 2019. A letter will be sent home this week.

Latecoming

I have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late for school every morning. Regular and punctual attendance is essential for good progress at school. Punctuality is a discipline of life and it is an important lesson for children to be taught. Parents play an important role in this respect and as such should ensure that all school times are strictly adhered to. It is important that children arrive on time so that they can be registered in class and can make their choice for lunch. A large number of latecomers results in increased pressure on our office staff who can then not answer incoming calls or parental enquiries. Please ensure that children arrive on time and are lined up with their class when the bell rings at 9.00 a.m. If your child for any reason is late they must report to the school office.

Promoting Positive Relationships

A leaflet which gives information about our Promoting Positive Relationships Policy has been posted on the app and blog. The purpose of this policy is to guide pupils and parents on our restorative and relationship focussed approach to behaviour management. In Newmains we strive for everyone to be their best and demonstrate the school values of *kindness, respect, honesty and fairness* at all times. When a child does not follow the rules staff will give the children actions to follow to help build relationships and create a calm class. Information about our steps can be found in our Positive Relationship Policy. One of the steps is reflection time where pupils discuss their actions and impact with a member of the Senior Management Team. Parents receive a text to inform them that their child has been to reflection and should discuss their child's actions at home using the reflection sheet. I am concerned about the lack of respect shown to adults and some of the language used by some of our children. We have discussed our values, one of which is respect, on many occasions but some children are not demonstrating these. It is important that we work together to ensure we support children to be the best they can be.

Information for Parents

Please find below guidance for all parents and carers

- When dropping off or collecting children from the playground please stay behind the yellow line and wait for children to come to you. P1 parents should stand away from the door. We open the gates to the school because Lang Avenue is very busy and the pavements are narrow but parents need to stay behind the yellow line at all times.
- On a wet morning we open the door early so that the children can come in out of the rain. Parents should not enter the school with their children at this time. Children can enter the school through the P1 door or the middle door and should make their way to their classroom.
- If you need to speak to a teacher in the morning or at the end of the day, please call at the main office and they will take a message or arrange an appointment with a member of staff.
- If children are upset in the morning, parents should bring them into the main office so they can help them settle before they are taken to class.
- Doors will be closed as soon as the children lined up have entered the school. Children who are late should be brought to the main office and signed in. Children will then walk to class on their own.
- No Dogs are allowed in the playground or near the entrances as some children are frightened.
- Adults are not allowed in the school unless authorised by a member of staff. Always go to the main office if you need help.
- Adults should not try to speak to children during break time or lunchtime in the playground. Again always go to the main office.
- Parents should not park in the school car park. It is preferable if all parents could park away from Lang Avenue to help congestion.

- Members of the Senior Management Team are available in the playground at the end of the day if you have a question or concern.

The procedures noted above are to ensure the safety of our children in school. Please ensure that you tell family members or friends who drop off or collect your children from school about the above procedures. Thank you for your support.

If there is anything you would like to discuss or clarify please contact me at the school directly and I will endeavour to answer your enquiries as soon as possible.

Regards, Carol Cooke , Head Teacher

Events Calendar

Dates for Diary	Please add dates to your diary
Tuesday 12 November 2019	Parent Pay starts - please activate before this date
Tuesday 12 November 2019	P7 Open Evening at Renfrew HS
Wednesday 13 November 2019	Parent Council Meeting - 6.30 pm
Thursday 14 November 2019	P5 and P5/6 classes to Sports Centre with West College
Tuesday 19 November 2019	Reading Café for P2 parents
Thursday 21 November 2019	Reading Café for P3 parents
Thursday 28 November 2019	Head Teacher Award afternoon tea
Friday 29 November 2019	Intergenerational Quiz with P6
Monday 2 December 2019	HOLIDAY
Thursday 5 December 2019	Christmas Fayre 6.30-8.00 pm - helpers needed
Tuesday 10 December 2019	Christmas Concert for P1-P7 pupils - times to be confirmed
Wednesday 11 December 2019	Christmas Concert for P1-P7 pupils - times to be confirmed
Thursday 12 December 2019	Election Day - pupils off
Thursday 19 December 2019	House Winners - cinema afternoon
Friday 20 December 2019	School closes at 2.30 pm
23/12/19 - 5/1/20	HOLIDAYS
Monday 13 January 2020	P7 visit West College to learn about Science
Wed 15, Thurs 16 January 2020	Registration for new P1s in August 2020 1:00 - 3.00 pm
Monday 20 January 2020	Scotland Week
Friday 7 February 2020	In-Service Day - pupils off
Mon 10, Tues 11 February 2020	HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 12 February 2020	In-Service Day - pupils off
Wednesday 4 March 2020	Open Evening - parents to visit class to see children's work
Friday 3 Apr - Friday 17 Apr 2020	SPRING HOLIDAY
Tues 28 April - Friday 1 May 2020	P7 trip to Ardentinny
Wed 6 and Thurs 7 May 2020	In-Service Days - pupils off
Friday 8 May 2020	HOLIDAY
Thursday 21 May 2020	Learning Conversations with pupil, parent and teacher
Friday 22, Monday 25 May 2020	HOLIDAYS
Wed 27, Thurs 28 May 2020	New P1s and P7 Inductions days to Newmains and Renfrew HS
Friday 12 June 2020	I'm a P7 Get me out of here - all P7 pupils
Wednesday 24 June 2020	P7 Leavers' Dance
Thursday 25 June 2020	P7 Valedictory for P7 parents
Friday 26 June 2020	Last day of session close at 1.00 pm

Further events and more information will be added as they are confirmed

