

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER (7)

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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Dates for Diary

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

Thursday 9 January 2020

Walkround at 2.15 pm for next session P1 parents

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 January 2020

P1 Registration from 1.00 - 3.00 pm

Lunches on 6 January 2020

There will be a change to the menu on Monday 6 January 2020. The menu for this day will be:

Macaroni Cheese with peas

Beef Stew, boiled potatoes and peas

Christmas Concert and Nativity

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Christmas concert last week. Our children performed beautifully. They were all fantastic especially our Primary 1 children. Thank you for your support. The children have been enjoying their class Christmas parties. We even had a visit from Santa! Thank you to the Parent Council for providing food for the parties.

Thank you for buying our Newmains Calendar for next session. We have 7 left if anyone missed out! They are a great present at £5 each!

Christmas Sing-a-long - Friday 21 December

Children can bring tinsel, antlers, Christmas jumpers, etc for our Christmas sing-a-long on Friday 20 December.

Achievements

Well done to all the children in Fitzalan who were members of the winning house for this term. The children in this house came along to the gym hall today to watch a film while enjoying popcorn and juice. Over the session we have had children achieving awards for trying hard and showing good manners. We have had afternoon tea (juice) with the Head Teacher which has been great fun. We have had a hot chocolate afternoon with staff awarding this privilege to children they see following our vision and values. Star Awards are given out each week in class by Mrs Dunn and Miss Gillon. We continue to encourage all of our children to 'Be Your Best'!!

Registration of Infant Beginners in Primary Schools Session 2020-21

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 inclusive should be registered in their catchment area school as follows:

Pupils whose surnames begin with initials A to L should be registered on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**. Pupils whose surnames begin with initials M to Z should be registered on **Thursday 16 January 2020**.

Registration will take place between 1pm and 3pm on each day.

If you are unsure of your catchment school, please contact the school office staff who will be happy to help.

Parents should produce their child's birth certificate, and two proofs of residence, **which must include** council tax notice for the property **or** proof that you have registered for council tax at that property, and a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded or a rent book for rented property, tenancy agreement or a mortgage/bank statement. **Original documents must be produced.**

If you have any questions about registering your child please contact the school office.

The school are hosting a **Walkround** for parents of children who may be joining Primary 1 in Newmains Primary in August 2020. This will take place on **Thursday 9 January 2020 from 2.15 pm**.

Inclement Weather

The weather is now becoming colder and wetter. All children should be suitably dressed with a waterproof coat and sturdy shoes or boots. Children will only be kept in school at playtime and lunchtime when the weather is extremely poor. At all other times children will be outside playing and as mentioned should be suitably dressed.

In the event of icy, snowy weather the janitor will ensure that there is at least one path from the infant entrance to the Primary 1 door. There is also a path from the main entrance to the office. If the playground is really icy the main entrance gate will be closed and all children will enter the school through the Primary 1 doors, as we did on Monday this week. If it is still very icy at the end of the day, the children will also leave through the Primary 1 exit. I know this takes longer and I would ask parents/carers to be patient when waiting for your child/children. Thank you once again for your support in ensuring the safety of our children.

Information in Emergencies

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service, but on some occasions circumstances arise which lead to disruption. Schools may be affected by, for example severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures or difficulties of fuel supply. In such cases, we will do all we can to let you know about the details of closure and reopening. We will keep in touch using letters, e-mail and text messaging, school app, notices in local shops, churches and community centres and on the school and council's websites, announcements in the press and on local radio.

To help us keep you informed it is important that you make sure we have the most up to date emergency contact information for your family.

Parent Council Meeting

I would like to thank our Parent Council for all their hard work over the year. They have organised many events and raised a lot of money to help all children in our school. The Christmas Fayre was very busy on the Thursday evening. The Parent Council would not be able to organise so many events and raise so much money for the school if we did not have the great support of all our families and friends. Thank you.

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 6.30 pm** in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome and I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to say a big thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for their support and hard work over the year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

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
Friday 20 December 2019	School closes at 2.30 pm
23/12/19 - 5/1/20	HOLIDAYS
Thursday 9 January 2020	Walk round for parents of P1 children next session
Monday 13 January 2020	P7 visit West College to learn about Science
Tuesday 14 January 2020	Parent Council meeting from 6.30 pm - All parents welcome
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
Wednesday 18 March 2020	Parent Council meeting from 6.30 pm - All parents welcome
Friday 3 Apr - Friday 17 Apr 2020	SPRING HOLIDAY
Tuesday 21 April 2020	Parent Council meeting from 6.30 pm - All parents welcome
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
Tuesday 9 June 2020	Parent Council meeting from 6.30 pm - All parents welcome
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

