



Newfield Primary & Nursery

Newsletter



Education Resources
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Values: Leadership, Equity, Achieving, Resilience, Nurture

Aims: We aim to develop a safe, caring and supportive learning environment where all achievement is celebrated.

We aim to equip all our learners with skills that will help them to reach their full potential.

We aim to work together and encourage each other as one school community.

Dates for your diary

AUGUST

- 28th P4 Book & A Biscuit
- 29th P6/7 Athletics
- 30th Parent Council AGM
- 31st Machine Sewing grp

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Dress Down Day
 - P5-7 Boys' Football
- 4th P5-7 Girls' Football
 - P4 Book & A Biscuit
- 5th P6/7 Athletics
- 7th P6/7 Netball
 - Machine sewing grp
- 8th P5-7 Boys' Football
- 11th P3 Multisports
 - P5-7 Girls' Football
 - P4 Book & A Biscuit
- 12th P6/7 Athletics
- 14th P6/7 Netball
 - Machine sewing grp
- 15th P5-7 Boys' Football
- 18th P3 Multisports
 - P5-7 Girls' Football
 - P4 Book & A Biscuit
- 19th P6/7 Athletics
- 20th School Disco
- 21st P6/7 Netball
 - Machine sewing grp
- 22nd HOLIDAY
- 25th HOLIDAY
- 26th P6/7 Athletics
- 28th Community Event
 - P6/7 Netball
 - Machine sewing grp
- 29th P5-7 Boys' Football

Welcome to a new school session at Newfield Primary & Nursery.

A warm welcome back to Newfield and welcome to our new families who have joined us for this school session. It has been lovely to see all our pupils so smartly turned out in their uniforms and keen to learn in classes. Thank you to all parents who have ensured their children look so smart.

This newsletter contains some information about upcoming events and some important dates in next few weeks. All our events are listed on our School calendar in ParentsPortal and some important dates noted on this newsletter.

Contact us: Telephone: 01698 792084 Email: gw14newfieldpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

The office staff hours are: Mon - Fri 8.45am - 3.30pm.
Calls made outside of these times may not be answered.

Primary School Staff for Session 2023/24

Head Teacher – Mrs Laura Horn Depute Head - Miss Denise Corke
Principal Teacher – Mrs Marion Montgomery

CLASS TEACHERS

P.1 R1 Mrs Denise McCafferty
P.1 R2 Mrs Katie Paton
P.2 R3 Mrs Amanda Johnston
P.3 R4 Miss Sarah MacLean/Mrs Ruth Colquhoun
P.3/4 R5 Mrs Lauren Murray/Mrs Summer Smith
P.4 R6 Mr Robbie Kennedy/Mrs Summer Smith
P.5 R9 Mrs Alix Jones
P.6 R7 Mr Stephen Rae
P.7 R8 Mrs Lynsey Forsyth
Non-Contact Time– Mrs Summer Smith, Mrs Dawn Potter
Writing lead/PEF – Mrs Ruth Colquhoun

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Kerry Hughes - Teamleader
Miss Alissa Marie Delaney
Miss Linzi Hamilton
Mrs Margaret Hamilton
Mrs Louise Hume
Mrs Angie Robinson-Brown
Mrs Jane Wilson

Nursery staffing for 2023/24

Nursery Teamleader - Roslyn Thomson
Early Years Workers – Nicola Connor (Wed-Fri), Charlotte Valentine, Mel Anderson, Vicki Thomas (Mon-Wed), Jodi Lawrie, Natalie McClure, Laura Park, Fiona McCallum, Jennifer Boyd
Early Years Support Worker – Heather Burns

A reminder to please put your child's name on water bottles and only plain water in classrooms please.

Pupils can bring a scooter or bike to school and this is stored in our bike shelter in the main playground. We would remind pupils not to cycle or scoot in the playground or on the pitch for safety reasons.

Participatory budget ideas

5% of our Pupils Equity Fund is set aside for our school community to decide on how to spend it. This equates to approximately £3300 of our overall budget.

This year we have the following suggestions from our staff and pupils.

- Further development of our library
- New ipads for the school
- Painting of games on our playground surface
- More play resources for our younger pupils.

A survey will be sent out shortly so that our parents and carers can vote on which option they would prefer. The pupils will all have the opportunity to vote as will the school staff. The results of the survey will be shared with you in the next newsletter.

Please help us by ensuring all your child's belongings are **clearly labelled with their name**. We always try to reunite children with their property and this helps avoid confusion.

As the darker mornings start and we head closer to winter a reminder for all parents that there is no staff supervision until 8.45am in the playground. Please try to drop your child as close to 8.45am as possible to ensure they are safely supervised. Thank you.

Improvement Planning

This year's School Quality and Improvement Plan has three priorities:

Priority 1

To promote the positive health and wellbeing of children and young people, parents/carers and staff with a specific focus on developing the young workforce and building community links.

Priority 2

To promote consistently high standards of teaching and learning across the school which results in raised attainment and achievement, with a specific focus on targeted support, equity and closing the poverty related attainment gap.

Priority 3

To support our young people to further develop metacognitive and self-regulation strategies with a focus on play based approaches in the lower school and further development of outdoor learning opportunities across the whole school.

Progress on all three of these priorities will be shared throughout the school year in newsletters and emails. We will then report back at the end of the school year with our progress. These priorities are our focus on INSET days and our regular staff meetings.

ParentPay

Milk can be booked for every day. If you pay for lunches, please ensure that your account is topped up regularly. If you have issues with ParentPay please call Mrs Hughes at the office who can help.

Pick up and drop off

We would kindly remind parents to be considerate to our neighbours round the school when dropping off their children in cars. Please avoid blocking driveways and ensure that speeds are kept low for the safety of our pupils. We operate an unofficial one-way system: up Udston Mill Road, along Muirhead (school on left side) and down Glenburn Avenue. Only Disabled badge holders may use the first space on our drop off area.

P.E. Days

We recommend that pupils come to school wearing a polo shirt on gym days rather than a shirt and tie. Shorts can be worn under skirts or trousers or in school bags. Clean trainers should be worn in the gym hall.

The teachers have organised their PE days and they are as follows:

Room 1 – Tuesday and Thursday

Room 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Room 3 – Monday and Thursday

Room 4 – Monday and Friday

Room 5 – Monday and Thursday

Room 6 – Monday and Wednesday

Room 9 – Tuesday and Thursday

Room 7 – Tuesday and Friday

Room 8 – Tuesday and Wednesday

If PE days change the class teacher will inform you via the Ready Steady Learn.

Parental partnership is very important to us at Newfield Primary and Nursery and we want to build positive relationships with all our parents/carers. We are here to help so, in the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher with any queries or concerns through the Ready Steady Learn or by telephoning the school. Teachers are not available for phonecalls during core school hours. I would ask that you contact the school directly and avoid posting your concerns on Social Media, as in our experience, many worries can be easily resolved. Should you feel that more support is required you may wish to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Miss Corke has pastoral responsibility for Nursery and Room 1/2, Mrs Montgomery has responsibility for Rooms 3/4/6 and my responsibility is Rooms 5/9/7/8. However, if you wish to speak me directly, you can contact the school office and we can arrange an appointment.

Pupil Equity Funding

We have been allocated Pupil Equity Funding this session. This is a substantial amount of money which has to be used to improve the educational outcomes of children affected by poverty. Our funding this year is £66,150. We have spent most of this funding on employing an extra teacher for 2.5 days of the week and one additional member of support staff. The additional teaching staff will work with small groups to enhance their learning and help 'Close the Attainment Gap'. The additional support assistant is added to our current Learning Support Timetable. All our support staff provide one-on-one and small groups support four afternoons a week. This is planned targeted support and is evaluated termly to ensure we are getting the best outcomes for our pupils. We also have a small amount of money left over which we will use for specialist resources to enhance our support.

Welcome to the Parent Council

Welcome from The Parent Council to another new school year. We are looking forward to working with parents and the school over the year and hope to be able to organise fun events for the pupils in the coming months. Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Wednesday 30th August at 6pm.**

As the new school year starts, we would love to welcome some new members. We have a meeting roughly once a month through the school term which usually lasts around an hour and we host events throughout the year. The Parent Council provides the opportunity for parents to have a shared voice and a central point of contact.

School Holidays

Please see below the school holidays up until the end of 2023.

September Weekend

School closed Friday 22nd & Monday 25th September

October Week Holiday

School closed Monday 16th to Friday 20th October

INSET Day 2 – Pupils do not attend - Monday 13th November

Christmas Holidays

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd December

Reopens on Monday 8th January at 9am.

Homework

Homework will be distributed on Monday for each class and teachers will communicate the instructions for completing this.

Packed Lunches

Please ensure names are on all tubs and containers as well as on the outside of packed lunches. We would also ask that you are mindful of the items in lunches and ensure children can access their food without adult assistance. Glass items should not be included in packed lunches.

Toast To Go

Toast will be given out at the dinner hall doors every morning for anyone who would like it. We currently do not have sufficient staffing to operate our Breakfast Club.

Thank you to everyone who has been very patient with us with the introduction of ParentsPortal. It has not been a smooth start and we have had a number of technical issues – and lots of emails sent out which we apologise for! Hopefully most of our parents have managed to sign up. Can I remind anyone who has not yet completed the data forms, please do so as soon as you can either online or the paper version.

Methods of Communication

It is important that we have effective communication with our parents/carers and there are many ways you keep up-to-date with events and let us know if you have any concerns.

Absence notification: this can be done by emailing the school office, calling the school and leaving a message on our absence line (press 1 when connected)

Emails from the school will come via ParentPay.

Our **online calendar of events** can be accessed via ParentsPortal.

Ready Steady Learn Books: Please write notes and comments in here for the class teacher and we encourage discussion at home about your child's learning.

Twitter: @NewfieldPS (please send your username to the school so we can add you to this private group)

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Thank you for your support,

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