

# NEWTON NOTE



## Newton Weekly Note

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**End of Term** - Who could have anticipated when we began this term in January or even when we returned to school after the February break that by the beginning of April, as the term ends, we would be working and living our lives in such a very different and unexpected way. By now, parents would have had an opportunity take part in P7's Sharing Learning Event, our P3 children would have wowed their parents and carers with their fabulous 'Victorian's' show, children would have enjoyed the Spring Disco and we would have taken part in our Spring Service to mark the end of the term. It is quite remarkable how much life for all of us has changed so dramatically in a matter of a few short weeks.

As a staff team, we fully understand that this undoubtedly has been a very challenging time for families across our school community and I wish to thank parents, pupils and partners for their positivity and support. I would also like to especially thank our brilliant staff team at Newton Primary for their continued commitment to families, children and to our school at this time.

**Teaching and Learning** – As I shared in my Newton Note last week, we will be sending out our next set of Learning Grids from Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> along with our Sharing Learning Leaflets and any updates regarding our learning plans for the term ahead. As with previous grids, these will be sent via Parentmail, uploaded to our Website and for P5-7, will be uploaded on to Google Classroom. We believe that currently with the platforms we are using, there are lots of rich learning activities to ensure children are engaged in learning at this time. Some tasks within the grids will continue to be more traditional in terms of written work, some are more interactive, and some are about fun challenges and celebrating success. The tasks and activities within the grids will be there to stretch and challenge, some will be reinforcement, and some will be revision. Moving forward, work may be more specifically directed by class teachers to individuals and groups. Our hope is that children and parents will be able to organise the learning activities to help form a meaningful timetable that keeps children learning and engaged, whilst being mindful of each of our families individual circumstances. As a school, we will continue to do the best we can for our children in the context we currently find ourselves working in.

**Helpful Links** - Please follow us on twitter [@NewtonPrimary01](https://twitter.com/NewtonPrimary01). We would be keen for parents to share children's learning by uploading onto our twitter page for us to see and to comment on.

In order to support technical issues during school closure, please email [newtontechsupport@stirlingschools.net](mailto:newtontechsupport@stirlingschools.net) should you encounter any problems e.g. logging on, passwords etc. Responses will not be immediate, but staff will pick them up when they can.

Please follow the link to find our school website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/newtonprimaryschool/>

Please follow the link for advice for supporting children who are anxious about covid-19 <https://www.cosla.gov.uk/covid19-advice-supporting-children-and-young-people>.

If parents have any concerns or queries around Free School Meal deliveries please go to [Free School Meals](#)

Educational Psychology Service has put lots of information on their GLOW blog which we have been asked to direct parents to. The blog page is <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/stirlingeps/>. There is lots of information for parents on topics such as talking to children about COVID-10, advice for managing the day and advice on supporting young people's wellbeing.

I am aware that this is a very strange context to be beginning a holiday. I am also aware however, that children have had a very busy term, will be tired and it is important that they rest, enjoy family time, have a good break and for many I'm sure, eat lots of Easter eggs. I also know that staff will be tired, need time to focus on their own families, take some time to look after themselves and also have a break. For those staff who are continuing to support in the Dunblane Hub over the Easter holidays, I would like to say a huge thank you and I'm sure our parents who work for the NHS and are frontline workers really appreciate that the added pressure of finding childcare at this time is taken care of.

And finally, I would like to end with some wonderful news. We are delighted to share with all parents and carers that Mrs Russell (P1R) is expecting a baby in September.

The most important message continues to be 'stay home and stay safe'. Have a lovely Easter holiday.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Kane