

NEWTON NOTE



Newton Weekly Note

Week Ending 17.4.20

HELPFUL LINKS

Twitter - [@NewtonPrimary01](#).

Technical Support -
newtontechsupport@stirlingschools.net

School Website -
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/newtonprimaryschool/>

Advice to support children regarding Covid-19
<https://www.cosla.gov.uk/covid19-advice-supporting-children-and-young-people>

[Free School Meals](#)

New Term – On Monday, we are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our children and families to the final school term of session 2019-2020, albeit in a very different way. I am not quite sure where the time has gone and can't believe we are in the final term already. I do hope that everyone has managed to enjoy some rest, relaxation and fun times during our Easter break and have been able to get out for a short time in the sunshine. If you have been isolating or have been unwell, I hope you recover back to full health quickly. As we begin the new term on Monday, sharing learning leaflets for parents and children's new learning grids will be sent out via parent mail and will be uploaded to our website by 10am approximately. For children in P5-7, these will also be available via Google Classroom. As a staff team, we wish to continue to remind parents that the learning grids are there to support home learning, to reinforce learning and are optional. The learning experiences children can have through spending time with family reading, making, baking, drawing, gardening, having fun etc. are so important and support and encourage essential social skills for life, learning and work, so please don't worry your children will continue to learn. When we return to school whenever that may be, our teachers, who are very skilled professionals, will be able to establish routines very quickly, work out where children are, and will focus and adapt the curriculum to meet children's needs. All children and families across the world are in a very similar position and our physical and mental health is what is most important.

Hub Life - For our families who are essential frontline workers, we really appreciate the work you continue to do for all of us. Since lockdown and throughout the Easter holidays we continued to see some familiar faces in our Dunblane Hub based at Dunblane Primary School. I would especially like to thank our staff who have been volunteering to ensure our essential category 1 workers are able to continue to go to work without the added worry of finding childcare. Staff work in shifts to allow them some time to also carry on their job from home as best as possible. Life for our children in the hub is very different to school or nursery with families kept together and each room only holding very small numbers of 5-6 children supported by one or two adults. Children continue to be able to access the outdoors for short periods with social distancing measures in place as much as possible. As I am sure everyone understands, parents applying for the hub must both be category 1 essential workers who are unable to work from home. This means we can do our very best to ensure the numbers of children and staff within the hub are minimized as much as possible to safeguard the least possible chance of catching or spreading the Covid-19 virus. Some children attending the hub, are there for 10-hour days and staff plan the day in consultation with the children to ensure a wide range of interesting activities to keep them busy and allow for periods of rest.

I shared at the end of my last Newton Note, the wonderful news that Mrs Russell is expecting a baby in September. Well there must be something in the water at Newton as I am now also delighted to share that Mrs Cadden is expecting a baby in July and Miss Guthrie is expecting a baby in October. Huge congratulations.

Kind Regards, Mrs Kane

