

# NEWTON NOTE



## Newton Weekly Note

Week Ending 1.5.20

### HELPFUL LINKS

Twitter - [@NewtonPrimary01](#).

Technical Support -  
[newtonfamilysupport@stirlingschools.net](mailto:newtonfamilysupport@stirlingschools.net)

Family Support –  
[newtonfamilysupport@stirlingschools.net](mailto:newtonfamilysupport@stirlingschools.net)

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

Advice to support children regarding Covid-19 -  
[https://www.cosla.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/15570/covid19adviceforsupportingchildrenandyoungpeople.pdf](https://www.cosla.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/15570/covid19adviceforsupportingchildrenandyoungpeople.pdf)

### Free School Meals

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/stirlingeps/information-for-parents/>

**Newton Staffing** - Not long before we went into lockdown Mrs Campbell shared with me her wish to resign (not retire as she is too young) from her post as Support for Learning Assistant at Newton. She wished to have more time to spend with her family and be able to see more of her Dad. Mrs Campbell has worked at Newton for many years and she has supported lots of children both past and present in their learning. Many will also remember working with Mrs Campbell as she was our 'Get Set Go Motor Skills Programme' champion. Yesterday was officially Mrs Campbell's last day at work and on behalf of all the staff, children and families of Newton Primary, I would like to wish Mrs Campbell all the very best for the future. Once this time is over, I am sure she will enjoy visiting family and friends again and having more time to relax with them. Mrs Rennie knitted Mrs Campbell a very special Newton Bear to remind her of her time with us and she received a gift card, flowers and a card from the staff.



**Newton News** – I have written a little weekly update/newsletter to the children via Google Classroom. I hope to continue to do this over the coming weeks as we stay at home and stay safe.

**Google Classroom** - I have been delighted to see so many children interacting with each other and their teacher through Google Classroom and it is great that P1-4 now also have this opportunity. I would encourage all parents and carers to ensure their child or children have logged in to Google Classroom, joined their class or year group and post a message even just to say hello. Guides were sent out to P1-4 on Monday and there are videos created by our 'Digital Leaders' Leading and Learning group of how to log in available on our website. Please encourage your child to check this platform regularly if possible. As well as the fortnightly learning grids, class teachers are posting additional tasks, answering children's questions, commenting on children's work they have uploaded, some have shared photographs and teachers are really keen to interact with the children as much as they possibly can. I fully

**TALK** Our Speech and Language Therapists are missing seeing all of our children and families **NHS Forth Valley**

If you have any questions or are looking for advice or ideas to help your child's speech, language and communication skills while schools are closed, please have a look at our online information or get in touch.

- Find us on **Facebook**: 'NHS Forth Valley Speech & Language Therapy' Speech, language and communication advice and ideas updated regularly
- Visit our **webpage**: <https://nhsforthvalley.com/health-services/az-of-services/speech-and-language-therapy/>
- You can call us on **01786 434078** (Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm) We will answer your call if we can, but as our therapists are working differently just now to support the wider NHS, you may need to leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Remember to keep using Makaton! Have a look at [www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org) or [www.singinghands.co.uk](http://www.singinghands.co.uk) for some signing fun, including signed stories.

**We look forward to seeing you again soon**  
NHS Forth Valley Speech & Language Therapy

**Newton's Eco Code**

	<b>E</b>	ncourage eco awareness around our school	
	<b>N</b>	ever drop litter	
	<b>V</b>	alue outdoor learning	
	<b>I</b>	mprove our playground	
	<b>R</b>	espect our school grounds	
	<b>O</b>	pportunities to grow and cook	
	<b>N</b>	urture all living things	
	<b>M</b>	ake community links	
	<b>E</b>	ngage with the Global goals	
	<b>N</b>	ever leave lights on when not in use	
	<b>T</b>	ell everyone that Newton is an Eco School	

### Whole School Challenge

As you continue to Grow & Learn at home we would love to see what you've been doing to uphold our Newton Eco Values. Please have a look at our Eco Code and ask an adult to Tweet pictures @NewtonPrimary01 of all things Eco. It could be a picture of you learning outdoors, growing, cooking, looking after mini-beasts and garden wildlife or art work you have created for your window to cheer up your local community. We are sure you will have lots of other ideas too.

Have Fun!

understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same and for some this will be easier than others. All we ask is that everyone does what they can. Please remind (particularly our older children) to demonstrate our school values through this platform by using positive language and to be kind and supportive of other children's ideas and learning that they have posted. Access relies on everyone being sensible, responsible and respectful about what they are writing/posting, and this will be monitored to make sure of this

**Learning Grids** – Our third set of learning grids will be issued to parents via Parentmail on Monday and will also be uploaded to Google Classrooms and our Website.

**School Shared Vision, Values and Aims** – Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire around this in February. Your feedback has been an invaluable part of our consultation with parents, pupils, staff and wider partners. Our intention this term was to consult on this with our children through the 'We Count' Leading and Learning group. My intention now is to continue to consult with the children over the coming weeks through their Google Classroom platform to find out their views and to keep things moving.

**Staff Development** – Teaching staff have been working together through online platforms to share their views on refreshed Aims for our school. They have also been sharing their work on our School Improvement Plan which will be published through our Standards and Quality Report. Staff have also been working collegiately (albeit remotely) to discuss our priorities for next session. Parents and children will also be consulted on this in the coming weeks. Our Support Staff have been accessing online training in Restorative Practices as well as sharing their views on our School Aims.

**Support for Families** – I have updated the links for families as some of them appeared not to be working. If families need support, we have a dedicated email address. Please contact us via this address and we will do everything we can to support families during this difficult time.

**Eco Challenge** – Mrs Russell and Mrs Campbell issued an Eco Challenge to all last week. I have left it here for families to become involved in for another week if you wish.

**P.7 Transition** – Miss Alison has been working alongside colleagues across the Dunblane Learning Community to plan transition activities for our P.7 children. A finalised calendar will be issued very soon identifying specific transition activities and opportunities for children and families throughout the term. These activities will be available through the P.7 Transition Google Classroom. 78% of our children have signed into the classroom so far (code z4wrlw) We want to ensure everyone has access to transition activities so please ensure your child has signed up by the start of next week. If your child is having trouble accessing the classroom, please contact our Tech Support email address.

**Hi5 Award for Young People in Stirling** – Children and families may be interested in the additional learning opportunity to gain the Hi5 Award during this time at home. The Hi5 Award is an exciting award for young people aged 5+ to record and recognise wider achievement. To gain a Hi5 Award, young people choose a challenge, complete a minimum of 5 hours activity, think about and comment on their achievements and gather evidence of their participation. More information about the award, how to get started and support available can be found at <https://young.scot/get-informed/stirling/hi5-award-in-stirling>.

The cost to complete this award is covered by the Senior Phase & Youth Participation Team for young people in Stirling **aged Primary 5 upwards**. If

your child is aged P1-P4 then they can still participate but there will be a cost of £6 involved to cover the cost of the award, more details via the link above. Support will still be provided by the Youth Participation team to help complete the award. If cost produces a barrier to your child's participation, the team are open to a conversation to support this, please email [hi5@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:hi5@stirling.gov.uk). Class teachers would love to hear if a child decides to take up this opportunity and we would encourage children to share their experiences and journey through the award via their Google Classroom.

Remember everyone, next Friday is a holiday! (Dunblane Hub will continue to operate as normal for children of essential key workers).

Have another lovely week 😊

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Kane