



Newton Weekly Note

Week Ending 22.5.20

HELPFUL LINKS

Twitter - [@NewtonPrimary01](#).

Technical Support -
newtontechsupport@stirlingschools.net

Family Support –
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

[Free School Meals](#)

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

Education Scotland Parent Newsletter

<https://education.gov.scot/media/cxyczywz/parentcarernewsletterissue3.pdf>

NEWTON NOTE

First Minister Update on Education – Many families will have seen details emerging following the First Minister’s statement yesterday on next steps regarding educational provision and reopening of schools. The link below contains useful information on details and FAQs.

<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/easing-restrictions-in-scotland?age=0> All primary headteachers within Stirling Council met virtually on Wednesday morning to discuss and prepare for what the First Minister was likely to say given reports in the press etc. I would like to continue to reassure parents that until her statement was broadcast yesterday, like all members of the public, although there was speculation, headteachers did not know in advance what this statement would say.

We will be working closely with the Local Authority in the weeks ahead, as further specific details emerge, on exactly what this will mean for our children and families. I would like to reassure all parents that I will keep you up to date as the situation evolves.

Health and Wellbeing – The health and wellbeing of our children and families remains a priority. If you are feeling worried, need support or need to talk please get in touch with us through our Newton Family Support email address and we will do our best to help or request assistance for further advice.

Sumdog Challenges – 58 classes across the two authorities took part in the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Sumdog challenge. Newton PS did very well with 4 classes in the top 20. P4M came 9th overall, with P2K coming 11th, P2M were 17th and P4S were 20th. Well done to everyone and thank you for taking part.

Primary 7 Virtual Race Primary 7 children have been challenged to a Virtual 3km or 5km Race! This challenge is being offered across Stirling Secondary schools and an additional event has been sent up just for Primary 7 pupils across all Stirling Council schools. Miss Alison posted all information on the P.7 Google Classrooms yesterday and is delighted that some children have already expressed an interest! To enter children should comment on the Google Classroom post shared by Miss Alison and state if they want to do 3km, 5km or both! We would appreciate if you could have a look at the information with your child and encourage them to comment and take part. Even if running is not your child’s thing, they can give it a go! Encourage them set a personal challenge of a time to beat or meet a new PB. We look forward to seeing who is up to this challenge – results will be shared on 31st May!

Primary 7 Leavers Primary 7 teachers are working with Miss Alison to consider arrangements for our Primary 7 leavers this session. Information will be sent via Parentmail directly to P.7 families as and when arrangements progress – please look out for these and respond as promptly as possible! In the meantime, we would appreciate if all children can be encouraged and supported to complete yearbook tasks that have been set by class teachers if they haven’t already done this. All information for yearbook tasks can be found on the Google Classrooms!

Social Media Platforms – I understand that many of our children are meeting up with each other virtually via Zoom, WhatsApp, Facetime, and other social media online platforms as well as messaging each other. Can I ask parents to encourage children to be mindful of children who would

Stirling Council have teamed up with Hey Girls to make sure you are 'Period Protected' during Covid - 19.

Thanks to funding from the Scottish Government, free sanitary products will continue to be available throughout Stirling.

Although our School collection points are temporarily closed during COVID-19, we are trialling a new ordering service so you can still get access to the products you need.

Any young person who menstruates up to 25 years is very welcome to use this free service, but you must live, go to school, or work/volunteer in the Stirling Council area and provide a Stirling post code for delivery.

A range of products across four care packs are available to choose from.

The online trial is for an initial two weeks (until 25 May 2020) and then will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Products may take up to six weeks to arrive after initial ordering. After the initial 2 weeks, the survey monkey closes orders are confirm then they are packed and delivered to your house.

We will endeavour to keep this time as short as possible, but we also want you to plan ahead.

If you don't receive your order after 6 weeks, please email SPandYP@stirling.gov.uk

To make an order complete your online form here.

<https://www.young.scot/campaigns/stirling/period-protected-during-covid-19>

WE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH HEY GIRLS TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE
PERIOD PROTECTED
DURING #COVID19



Our Speech and Language Therapists are missing seeing all of our children and families



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 or www.singingshands.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

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

normally be part of a friendship group in school but who are not being invited to join these online group chats for whatever reason. It can be particularly difficult for children to hear that their friends have all been together online and they have not been invited to join leaving children feeling excluded and left out. I would also encourage parents to please monitor closely what your child/children is posting, saying, and uploading to each other online to ensure the content is appropriate and for their safety. Please remember that many of these platforms have an age limit of 13 and some even older. We want all children to feel safe online.

And finally.... We know that being at home with you is the safest and best place for our children just now but we continue to miss our Newton Family and seeing all the children at school every day. We also know that with you, they will be learning some of the most important lessons of their development during this time. We want all parents to remember that although it is tough at times, you are all doing an amazing job. Try not to be hard on yourself and remember while you are cuddling on the couch reading a story, children are learning how important it is to spend time together. When you are arguing and shouting and then having a hug and making up, children are learning about love, relationships, and family dynamics. When you are busy and don't have time to make cakes or play games, children are learning to play with siblings, share toys, and entertain themselves. When you are needing a break and want to read your phone or a book or watch TV, children are learning to be patient and to wait. When you are tired or stressed, children are learning about empathy and understanding. When you say no, children are learning to be resilient and that they can't have everything and when you are tucking them into bed at night remember how lucky your children are to have been given this time to learn so much from the best teachers – their parents! We often talk to the children about being kind, it is one of our values. It's also important to be kind to yourself.

Keep well everyone,
Mrs Kane



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

The boy, the mole, the fox, and the horse,

by Charlie Mackesy

