



# Newtonhill Newsletter

## 1 November 2016

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Term 2

Term 2 always comes and goes in a flash. It is a busy term in school and pupils are already back into routines and working hard. This term has several events and we are continuing to work on various school developments.

### Bikeability

The first block of bikeability for senior pupils is being rolled out with P7CK. Thank you to the parents that volunteered for training and are supporting our pupils every week with this initiative. Please let us know if you would like to help us roll this out to the rest of the P6 and P7 pupils

### Google Expeditions

On Monday 7th November Google Expeditions are visiting the school. This is a fabulous opportunity for

our pupils to experience different places through a virtual reality viewer. Pupils can explore everywhere from the Great Barrier Reef to Mars. This event will be for all P3-P7 pupils.

### Open Evening

As part of our school improvement in reporting to parents we are holding an open evening on Tuesday 22nd November from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. This will give parents and carers an opportunity to come into class with your child, see their classroom, around the school and other class areas your child is taught in. It will give your child the opportunity to share their learning and discuss their work with you. Separate information will follow in due course.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- In-Service Days Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 November
- Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 16 November
- Children in Need – dress as you please/ Spotacular day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- School Open Evening Tuesday 22 November
- Carol Singing week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Nursery and P1 Nativity Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Whole school outdoor Carol Singing Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- P7 Community Café Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- Christmas Parties (to be confirmed) December 19/20/21
- Last day of term Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Term 3 begins Thursday 5 January

### In-Service Days

School is closed to pupils on the 14th and 15th November. Staff will be working on various aspects of the school improvement plan including literacy and numeracy, Growth Mindset.

### Pupil Council

This year's Pupil Council are very busy. They are currently reviewing the positive behaviour management in class and discussing sanctions and rewards. As this is developed further the Pupil Council will share this with all families.

### Christmas

This year we are bringing Christmas to the village of Newtonhill. As a school we are really keen to develop our community presence and involvement. This year Primary 1 and Nursery will join together to present a small, traditional nativity play. P2 –P7 will be visiting various locations around the village to bring you traditional carol singing.

On Friday 16th December we would like to invite all parents to join us in the playground for our Christmas Carol concert. P1-P7 will be singing in the quadrangle (the mushrooms) and parents, families and friends are invited to come along, listen and join in.



We are excited about being able to do a whole school event and hope you can join us. Times, locations and information about which classes are performing where will be issued in the next few weeks.

The whole school event will have 2 performances. One at 11.15am and one at 1.30pm. We hope the weather is kind to us during that week (but secretly hope it snows on the day of our whole school carol singing event).



Immediately following the afternoon concert we would like to invite you to warm up with a hot drink and Christmas treat at our Christmas Community Café in the hall, hosted by P7 to raise funds for their residential bus trip.

### Poppies.

Poppies will be on sale to pupils in school from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We do suggest a minimum of 20p donation.

### JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers)

All families have been issued with Tales of the Road. Pupils are encouraged to read the booklet and/or share it with a parent. The JRSO will display the 'Question of the Week' and pupils are encouraged to submit their answers to win a JRSO prize. There will be prizes every week until mid-December.

### Children in Need

Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> is the annual Children in Need day. The theme this year is 'Spotacular.' This will be a non – uniform day and pupils can be spotty and/or dressed in Pudsey accessories. We ask that pupils bring a minimum donation of £1 on the day to contribute towards this fun event.



### Weather

We hope the winter months are kind to us but in the event of extreme winter weather there are several ways to access school closure information.

\*The Aberdeenshire website

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures)

\*Information telephone line **0870 054 4999 & Pin no. 02 2360**

\*Twitter

<http://twitter.com/aberdeenshire>

Local radio stations will also announce closures as soon as the school has updated the information on the Aberdeenshire Council Website.

You can also now use *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website and receive online alerts about school closures. (If you currently pay for school meals online you will already be registered) Sign up for notifications through *myaccount*.

**We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term.**

*Lesley Tullock*

**Head Teacher**