



# Newtonhill Newsletter

3 October  
2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Term 1 Update

Term 1 has flown past and the October holidays are fast approaching.



Thank you very much to all the families that helped and/or donated resources for our Outdoors Day on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The day was a huge success and the school grounds look amazing. All pupils were involved and had a great day. Thank you to the Scott family who cleared all the debris and garden

waste at the weekend. We very much appreciate everyone's help. Please take time to look at the photos and comments that will be on display in school.



- Settling In Interview for Parents and Class Teachers - Wednesday 5 October & Thursday 6 October
- Last Day of Term Friday 7 October
- First Day of Term 2 Monday 24 October.
- In-service Days Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 November
- Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 16 November
- School Open Evening Tuesday 22 November

## Settling In Interviews

We are looking forward to meeting parents this Wednesday 5 October and Thursday 6 October to discuss how the children have settled in and progressed in this first term. In response to the questionnaires and as part of the change in our reporting system we would like to highlight a date for your diary. Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November will be an open evening for pupils to share their learning with parents and carers. More details will follow early next term

## Staffing

We have a few staffing changes as we move into Term 2. Mrs Forbes (Primary 2/3) has decided to reduce her teaching commitment to 2 days per week. Mrs Reid will now teach in P2/3 for 3 days but this means she will no longer work in Primary 7.

Mrs Sutherland will return to teaching art for 2 days per week which leaves a one day vacancy in Primary 2.

We will be interviewing this week for a teacher to work with both classes, Miss Craig and Primary 7 and Miss Bainbridge and Primary 2. As soon as we have made an appointment we will inform the pupils and families in those classes.

Mrs Lock is leaving her post as ASL (Additional Support for Learning) teacher. We thank her for the work she has done and wish her well in the future.

We are interviewing this week for an ASL teacher and hope to have an appointment made as soon as possible.

We are also recruiting for additional PSAs (Pupil Support Assistants) and hope that these posts will be filled early in the new term.

## Car Park and Traffic Issues

Car parking has improved within the school car park but we have been putting out cones to remind parents not to park or drop off in the bus lane. There are still a minority of parents choosing to park in the drop off zone. Please do not park here. It prevents the flow of traffic and prevents other families from being able to drop off their children.

The school is still receiving complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking. I appreciate that parking around the school is difficult but please can I ask for consideration and respect be shown to our neighbours and ask that driveways are not blocked or obstructed.



## Community

Our outdoors day was very successful but we would like the school to become more involved with the community or have the community more involved with the school. If there are any families that have ideas for community involvement please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are always willing to have parents and carers help in and around school. We have a small group of parent helpers on a Monday and they would be very grateful for additional members. If any parents would like to help and join our volunteers please contact the school.

## Twitter

Our school celebrates our learning, successes and achievements through our Twitter feed.

Many of our recent events and successful learning experiences have been shared on Twitter. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to share the learning that goes on in school.

Please follow us on @Newtonhill\_Sch



If you do not wish your child's learning to be shared on Twitter please let us know.

**Thank you for your continued support and I hope all families have a wonderful October break.**

*Lesley Tullock*

**Head Teacher**