

# Newtonhill Newsletter

January 2023



## Welcome Back

### Happy New Year

Welcome back to Term 3 and we hope all families had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

### Class Newsletters and TEAMS

Teachers will issue a class newsletter as soon as possible and will update you on learning for this term and any changes to the timetable.

Please check your child's class team regularly as information on learning, homework and events will be posted by the class teacher.

### Staffing

We are delighted to have Mrs Patricia Bruce join us as a new Pupil Support Assistant.

Mrs Niven will begin her maternity leave in February. Mrs Buchan will be teaching Primary 3/4 alongside Mrs Brand whilst Mrs Niven is on leave. We hope all goes well for Mrs Niven and we look forward to updating everyone on the birth of her baby.

### Clothing

We will continue with PE clothing being worn on PE days but can we kindly request that pupils wear or bring appropriate shoes for PE as school shoes or boots are not suitable.

If the weather means your child has come to school in wellies can you please ensure they have indoor shoes with them.

### Additional Diary Dates

Jan 26th F.O.N. A.G.M. at Slate & Grain, Chapelton 7pm

Feb 8th -15th(In-service 14th/15th)Mid-Term

Feb 23rd F.O.N. School Disco

Week beginning 27th March - Parent Consultations. (TBC)

## Assemblies

This term we are delighted to re-introduce class assemblies. The parents/carers of the children in the class presenting the assembly will be invited to attend. Below is a list of provisional dates for this term and next. These will be confirmed nearer the time by the class so please check your child's class team for more information. Classes will usually do two performances of their assembly, one to Primary 1-3 and one to P4-7. Parents of the class presenting the assembly can attend either performance. Assembly times will be confirmed but are generally 1.30pm and 2.10pm.

### Term 3

January 27th - Primary 6

February 3rd - Primary 4

February 24th - Primary 7A

March 10th - Primary 7H

March 24th Primary 3/4

March 31st Primary 5/6

### Term 4

April 28th - Primary 1 and Primary 2/3

May 12th - Primary 1/2B

May 19th - Primary 5

June 2nd - Primary 3

June 16th - Primary 1/2M

## General Requests

### Parking

This seems to be a standing item on most newsletters. We still regularly receive complaints and concerns from neighbours about parents blocking driveways at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We do appreciate that parking is a challenge around the school but can we please ask that families are considerate of those who live close to the school and ask that you do not block or park in driveways, even for a short period of time.

### Illness

We still have a high number of pupils who have winter colds, flu or sickness. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If they have been sick please keep them at home for 48 hours. As there are a lot of winter bugs going around we are trying hard to minimise the spread of infection to other pupils and staff and your co-operation and understanding with this is vital and much appreciated.

### Smart Watches

An increasing number of pupils have smart watches. These watches have the same functions as a mobile phone and we do not allow these in class. Recently we have had pupils receive phone calls and texts during class time. If your child has a smart watch please can they keep it at home or hand it into the teacher at the start of the school day as is the policy for mobile phones. We kindly request that parents do not call children directly during class time and that if you need to contact your child please contact the school office in the normal way.