

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| 13.12.11 | Christmas Lunch |
| 14.12.11 | Christmas Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm |
| 15.12.11 | Pre-school nativity |
| 16.12.11 | Pre-school Christmas party 2.30pm |
| 19.12.11 | P5-6 Christmas Party |
| 19.12.11 | Christmas Disco 6.30-8pm |
| 20.12.11 | M&M Theatre visit 9.15am |
| 21.12.11 | End of term 12noon |



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope you all enjoy the holidays

School resumes again on Thursday 5th January 2012.

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NEWTYLE SCHOOL and Pre-School



December 2011 Newsletter

Work together to be the best we can be.

Dear Parents/Carers.

As always Christmas is an exciting and busy time in school we have planned several events to celebrate the festivities and I hope this newsletter will keep you informed.

Health Promoting Schools Re-accreditation Visit

On Wednesday 23rd November Mr Garnett and Mrs Chacko visited our school to assess our practices in Health and Wellbeing. Mrs Boath, Mrs Sherriff and the health committee worked extremely hard to prepare the visit and presented a very informative presentation on health and wellbeing at Newtyle School as well as taking Mr Garnett and Mrs Chacko on a very thorough tour of our school, including the toilets!!

Our visitors also spoke to our P7 pupils about the range of extra responsibilities they have been carrying out and to our pupil council to find out how they support and improve our school.

The visit went extremely well and I am delighted to say that we have been re-accredited as a Health Promoting School. The follow up report indicated a number of strengths including the 'excellent range of health promoting activities across the school.

- School has made great strides in involving the local community within the health promotion work of the school.
- Very good use is made of outdoor spaces around the school grounds.
- Pupils are very proud and knowledgeable about their school.
- Children who showed us round the school were very polite, well organised and were genuinely immersed in all aspects of health and wellbeing.
- Whole school ethos around Health and Wellbeing evident throughout.
- Strong parental involvement at the breakfast club.

I am very proud of our health committee and of all of our children for their hard work in making this visit so successful. We are looking forward to getting our certificate but the children are still debating where this should go!



Parent Comment

If you have any comments you wish to make or issues you would like to raise please do so below and return the slip to school.

Comments :

Name _____ date _____

Christmas Disco

Our Parent Council have planned a Christmas Disco for P1– 7 Pupils. The disco will take place on Monday 19th December at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Children should enter using the Community Education door. (not the main school door).

The disco will cost £2 and children can bring spending money as snacks and drinks will be available to buy.

The disco will end at 8.00pm and children should be collected by an adult. It will be a fun night with lots of dancing, games and prizes!

Christmas Pantomime

M and M theatre company are visiting school on the morning of Tuesday 20th December to perform Jack and the Beanstalk. This will be for P1-7 pupils.

The Parent Council are subsidising the cost of this Christmas treat and therefore there will only be a cost of £3 per pupil. School will provide a choc ice for the children during the pantomime. The children thoroughly enjoyed this last year and I am sure they will do again!

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The pre-school recently welcomed Mrs. Christie to her new post of EYP. (Early Years Practitioner). Miss Glen has remained with us three days a week with our SEYP Mrs. Lemanczyk in class the remaining two days. Mrs Lemanczyk will also support staff on a Wednesday. We are pleased to welcome into the pre-school two new children, Leah Coupar and Cameron Taylor. This brings our numbers up to 12 children with more children joining us in the New Year.

Parents and carers joined us recently for a Stay and Play day. We made Christmas paper chains, Christmas tree pictures, reindeer dust and helped the children wrap presents in Santa's workshop. Our next Stay and Play days are 19th and 20th January 2012.

The children are counting down the sleeps until Santa comes and are busy learning their nativity play, which is on Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm. Tickets are available at the school office.



Successes and Achievements

Football Successes – Kane Alison and Arran McFadyen

Kane and Arran attend the Fairmuir Boys Football Club in Dundee and at the recent awards ceremony they were very successful. Arran was awarded Players Player of the Year and Kane was awarded Player of the Year. Congratulations to both boys. We are all very proud of their success and are hoping to make the most of their talents at the cluster football tournament next term!!

Former Pupil Football Success

Former Newtyle School pupil Nivana Crighton, is playing for Glasgow Celtic woman's football team. She recently played for Scotland against France and also in the British Cup. She has acquired a few caps for Scotland. Next year Nivana will hopefully win a four year scholarship to America. You can keep up with Nivana's career on celticfc.net - logon to girls academy.

Well done Nivana, your dedication and hard work has paid off!!

T and K Dancers.

At their recent Dancing Show and presentation, several of our pupils were successful.

Danielle Fraser - Champion of the Year,

Elise Crighton - Dancer of the Year - under 8's

Shannon Fraser - Dancer of the Year—over 8's

Beth Christie - runner up Champion of the Year

Sarah Dallas - Best Kicks

Katelyn Fraser - Best Splits

Medal winners were - Camryn Hay, Hayley Simpson, Lucy Hackney, Ellie Dempsey, Kieran Hay and Amanda –Leigh Hay.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Fayre and/or donated items for this. The event was a huge success and we had an excellent turn out. We managed to raise £746. This money has been used to purchase a crash mat to support gymnastics and other physical education activities, and a new kinder box for our library area. Thank you to members of the parent council and other parents for helping on stalls and also to the children who willingly volunteered to come and support on the day. This was very much appreciated and helped to make the event a success.

Homework Grids: Due in on Friday 16th December

For the last few weeks your child has been following core homework activities and selecting at least four other activities to complete from their four weekly homework grid. This is a new venture to help make homework tasks more motivating and relevant and to provide an element of personalisation and choice. We hope that they have enjoyed completing some of the activities. I have been very impressed with some of the decorations produced as part of a homework task in P3/4, especially Carly Cameron's creative use of egg boxes to make lovely hanging tree decorations.

Please make sure your child colours the boxes to indicate the activities that have been completed and that you sign the box also. You can send in the completed products or if it has been a learning together task or a tidy my bedroom task it would be helpful if you could make a comment on the back of the sheet or in your child's homework jotter to indicate the progress they have made with this or you can send in a photo. We are going to develop homework walls in all classes and comments, photos and examples of completed work will be added to this wall. In class on Friday 16th December the children will be asked to share some of their homework activities with the rest of the class so we can find out about how well the children have got on with them and check that they have carried out what they say they have.

We look forward to receiving all completed homework grids on Friday 16th December.

School Calendars and P3/4 Christmas Cards

We still have some School Christmas Calendars left. They make an excellent Christmas present and feature all children in our Pre-school, School and Newtyle and Eassie Playgroup as well as holiday and inservice dates for the year ahead. If you would like to purchase a calendar please send £5.50 in an closed envelope marked money for school calendars. They will also be on sale at our Christmas shows.

P3/4 still have some of their beautiful Christmas cards left. They put a lot of effort into making these and they are very professional looking. They cost £1 and we will be selling them during the Christmas show performances. However if you would like to purchase a card/cards then please send money in an enclosed envelope marked money for Christmas Cards.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING FOR SHELTER - Monday 12th December

Pupils in P5/6/7 will again be out in the village singing carols from 7.15pm on Monday 12th December.

We will meet at the Legion Hall to sing for the Ladies Guild at 7.15. We do hope can you to join with us and help support our collection for the charity Shelter. Please do listen out for them.

P3-7 Christmas Show

Tickets are now on sale for P3-7 show Countdown to Christmas. There are still spare tickets left for anyone who still needs extra tickets. The show is taking place on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and again at 6.30pm. We will be having a raffle during both performances and any donations would be most welcome. Refreshments will be served for half an hour before each performance.

As we are having an early lunch, home lunches will be home at 12noon and return to school for 1pm

Pre-school and P1/2 Nativity

Tickets are now on sale for our Pre-school and P1/2 Christmas Nativity. This is taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 15th December at 2.30 pm.

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 13th December 12noon

Our Christmas Lunch is always a very festive occasion. We hope all children will join in on Tuesday 13th December as we pull crackers, eat lots of Christmas goodies and listen to Christmas songs. Parents are reminded that if your children are home lunches they will be home at 12noon instead of the usual time.

Christmas Parties

Pre-school Christmas party will be on **Friday 16th December** at 1.15pm.

P5 - 7 Christmas party will be on **Monday 19th December** and again children can bring their clothes to change into at lunch-time — although I know many children like to go home to change for these events.