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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter- the first of a new term and a new year.  A very warm welcome to Annie, Freddie and Penny who have all joined us in Nursery this term and to Molly, who is joining us in Y6. We hope you will be very happy at Newbrough! | |
| **COVID and Attendance**  It is very clear that COVID is very much still with us and is everywhere in our local communities.  The current guidance is that children who test positive for COVID, then have a negative lateral flow test on day 6 followed by another negative test on day 7 can then return to school.  If another family member tests positive, and the children are close contacts, then they need to be taking daily lateral flow tests but can still be in school so long as these are negative.  We continue to do everything that we can to minimise the risk of infection- and have very generously been lent 2 air purification units to help with this. Our risk assessment is updated frequently- and is on the school website if you would like to read it.  Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss individual circumstances. However, please also be aware that the DfE position is that children MUST now attend school unless they themselves are ill or there are exceptional circumstances as to why they cannot attend. | |
| **Piano and guitar lessons in school**  Did you know that your child can have guitar or piano lessons in school?  The sessions are organised by ‘Link learning’ and you can register through this link:  <http://www.linklearning.education/register>  Further information below:  Link Learning are offering guitar and piano lessons at Newbrough Primary School. Lessons are held weekly during the school day on Wednesdays. We’ll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have. All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates. We have made appropriate arrangements to ensure these lessons can be delivered safely and within government guidelines around COVID19. For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07494968351or email at admin@linklearning.education | |
| **Library Books**  Children in Class 2 are now bringing home a library book each week- which they can keep for a whole week. This is a book for you to read **to** them or to share or for them to look at and enjoy. This is in response to a survey that Mr Chapman carried out with the children where they asked if they could choose books from the library which weren’t reading books but which they were interested in. These are not reading books- and so the children won’t necessarily be able to read them themselves. | |
| **Times tables:**  The Y3 and 4 children have been working hard to learn their tables. This year, all children In Year 4 will have a multiplication tables check in June. This is a new requirement. There is a parent information leaflet available about the check which we will send home shortly. It is important that all the children keep practising their tables because fluency in number will help with their maths right through school. | |
| **Parent Survey**  Thank you to everyone who completed the survey before Christmas. We had a total of 18 responses.  One of the things that you asked for was more information about what the children are learning.  I’ve attached an overview for each class to this newsletter as a start. These will also be posted on our website each half term. | **Homework**  As well as their reading homework, children in Classes 2 and 3 are now bringing home spellings each week. Please can they practise these at home? |
| **PE this term:**  Class 3 and 4 have PE on Thursdays and Fridays this term. They are doing fencing on Thursdays and dance on Friday afternoons.  Class 2 have PE on Thursday (also fencing) and Forest School on Wednesday. |
| **Eco Schools update:**  We have already filled the clothes bank once and are well on the way filling it for a second time. Thank you to everyone- and please keep spreading the word. All of the good quality clothing which is received is re-sold, re-used or recycled, helping to lessen the impact of waste on the environment AND every time we fill the clothes bank we receive around £60 for school. Please spread the word amongst family, friends and neighbours  We are now collecting used printer cartridges in school for recycling. Please send any empty cartridges to school. | |
| **Extra School Closure day**  This year marks the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.  As the extra bank holiday falls in half term, schools have been asked to set an additional closure day.  **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 4TH JULY** **2022** as our additional day. This has been agreed with all of the schools in our partnership. | |
| **Parking**  Please could I politely request that parents DO NOT PARK on the pavements outside school and do not park across the road from school? There is parking available in the cricket club car park across the road.  We have had complaints from the school’s neighbours who cannot safely get past the school. Thank you for your support with this. | |
| Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **JANUARY** |  |
| 4.1.2022 | Teacher Training Day |
| 5.1.2022 | Start of Spring term |
| **FEBRUARY** |  |
| 18.2.2022 | Half term holiday begins |
| 28.2.2022 | Return to school |
| **APRIL** |  |
| 8.4.2022 | End of Spring term |
| 25.4.2022 | Start of Summer term |
| **MAY** |  |
| 27.5.2022 | Half term holiday begins |
| **JUNE** |  |
| 6.6.2022 | Return to school |
| **JULY** |  |
| 4.7.2022 | Queen’s Jubilee Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| 22.7.2022 | End of Summer term |