



Newbuildings Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

11th April 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good Easter holiday and are enjoying the milder weather. The children all seem to have had an enjoyable break going by some of the conversations I have had with them about the holidays. Even though Easter was quite early this year I already have a number of dates in the diary.

We have introduced our playground equipment and play zones in the playground at lunchtimes and the children are all very keen to participate. I will be talking to the School Council to ask for class feedback.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Amor

Acting Principal

New Arrangements for this term

As I said in my previous newsletter by shortening the lunchtimes we will be finishing at 2 pm on a Friday. In order to facilitate this, P1 and P2 children can be picked up between 1.50 pm and 1.55 pm on Fridays. This will allow for a 2 pm pick up of siblings in P3-P7. We will bring the P3-P7 children out to the back playground in classes and this will allow parents to pick up siblings. Any children not picked up by parents will be walked to the Duncastle gate by the teacher as normal.

After School Club Provision (2pm - 4.45pm every day)

This is very ably run by Mrs Nicholl and we thank her for all her hard work. We would appreciate it if parents were able to book places in advance at the start of the week. I understand this is not always possible. It remains the policy that children who attend after school club on any day need to be picked up by an adult.

Shared Education

We have had a very successful start to our Shared Education programme with St Columba's PS. The children of both schools have reported how much they are enjoying the contact and the planned activities. Well done to everyone who has worked so hard planning and supervising the many joint activities. Thank you to the children too for their enthusiasm and engagement.

Exemplar Education Letter (Student Support Co)

All families will receive a letter from this company on Monday. This is a company offering support for children and families in Literacy and Numeracy in the shape of online lessons and assessments. Even if you are not interested in finding out more about what is offered may I encourage you to return the reply slip please just crossing the not interested box because the school is offered free licences for the programme for every envelope returned whether it is positive or negative.

P6 Parents Transfer Test meeting

We would like to invite any P6 parents who are interested in registering their children for the transfer tests run by AQE. The date for the meeting is the **24th April at 3.15** in Mrs McCormick's classroom. The purpose of this meeting is to get an idea how many parents wish their children to sit these tests next November and how registration for the tests is completed.