

Reading

Please ensure that you are practising reading with your child at home. Read Write Inc books are being sent home but must be returned every Monday as we rely on these books to teach subsequent children and groups. The local library at Newbattle High School is a wonderful resource and free to use with a wide range of texts for children.

Homework

Many thanks to all parents who have worked on homework with children. Homework reinforces the learning taking place in school and is designed to be flexible to parent and carer schedules. Please ensure that it is completed.

Extra information

Home-school contact

Phone calls may be made home for a number of reasons which includes informing you about any positive achievements. I can set up meetings should you have any concerns about your child.

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Primary 2 Newsletter
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Class information

New Teacher

When Miss Hackett starts her maternity leave, Miss Scott will take over responsibility for Primary 2. We are very fortunate to have a 3 week handover, during which Miss Scott can get to know the pupils, routines and teaching strategies which the children have responded well to. Miss Scott will be available to contact at the end of the day or by arranging a meeting through the office.

Labelling uniform

Please ensure that all clothing is labelled. By Primary 2 it is the children's responsibility to look after their own belongings in school.

Collecting pupils

When collecting children at the end of the day, please come forward and make yourself known to the teacher. Please pass this on to any other adult who may need to collect your child.

Class behaviour expectations

We are using a positive behaviour chart in class. Pupil's are keen to move up the chart when demonstrating the class and school rules. If a child is not following class rules they will be moved down but have the opportunity to move back up. The chart is reset at the end of each day to give pupils a fresh start.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is on from 8:25am Monday to Thursday. We have sponsorship from Greggs bakery for food products but need parent and carer volunteers to support with this initiative. If you can offer some time, please speak to Anne-Marie at the office.

Learning

IDL topic

We were lucky to receive a visit from RHET who talked to us about the journey that Scottish foods take from Midlothian and beyond. Pupils planted seeds, learned to make butter and milled wheat into flour.

Following on from our Farm to Fork topic we will be learning about Christmas around the World and celebrations of other religions at this time of year. If you have any large cardboard boxes (e.g. Packing boxes), please bring them in to class for a top secret mission.

Parents and carers in school

We will have the opportunity to create some Christmas crafts in school (date to be confirmed). Adults will be invited in to support with this. Children enjoy having their adults in class and it is a lovely opportunity to create some memories together.

BOATS session (bring our adults to school)

Primary 2 will be having their BOATS session on Friday 29th **November at 9.30 until break at 10.10.** A letter will be issued with an RSVP slip, please make sure to return this.

Nativity

This year Primary 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity Show on Thursday 12th December. Times will be confirmed soon. The Primary 2's will be singing as the choir.

Christmas party

The Primary 1 and Primary 2 Christmas party will be held on Thursday 16th of December from 1:30 until 3:00 in the school gym hall.