



NEWTOWNARDS MODEL SCHOOL NEWS

P6 Parents meeting

A meeting to inform the parents of P6 children about the Transfer Test and the AQE will take place on Thursday 19th April at 8.15am in the Dining Hall.

PTA

Family Quiz

This is a fun event for all the family with questions for adults and children. The quiz will take place on Thursday 26th April at 6.45 pm, cost £3 for adults and £1 for children. Refreshments and tuck shop will be available and tables should consist of no more than 6 players or two families. Families can either enter as a team or come along and join other families.

Sports Days

As per previous years we will be running separate sports days which allow more children to participate. This format gives parents more opportunity to watch their child/children perform.

P1&P2	Tuesday	5th June	9.15 -10.30
P3	Friday	8th June	9.15- 10.30
P4	Tuesday	5th June	10.45 - 11.45
P5	Thursday	7th June	9.15 -10.30
P6	Thursday	7 th June	11.00 - 12.15
P7	Thursday	7th June	1.30 - 3.00

Following the awful weather in this period over the last few years and the difficulties attached to rescheduling the sports days, we will simply run the events on their intended days and we will not reschedule if there is inclement weather.

P7 Residential to York

A meeting for the parents of children attending the Residential to York (14th – 17th May) will be held on Wednesday 25th April at 8.15am in the Dining Hall. It is very important that parents attend this meeting, as important information will be disseminated. Any parent unable to attend should contact Mrs Simpson so that an individual meeting can be arranged. The Breakfast Club is available for P7 children during the meeting.

Standardised Tests

From next week, our children will be completing Standardised Tests in Mathematics and English. These are in-school diagnostic tests which help us monitor the children's progress.

Scores achieved in these tests by P3 - 7 children will be presented in the Annual Report issued in June along with explanatory information to analyse the scores.

Free School Meals

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTITLEMENT TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENDS ON 30 JUNE AND A RENEWAL FORM POSTED TO THOSE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE BY E.A. MUST BE FILLED IN AND RETURNED TO E.A. FOR ENTITLEMENT TO CONTINUE IN AUGUST 2018

Information about Post Primary Schools.

P7 parents will receive notification of their child's Post Primary School on Saturday 19th May 2018.

Classes for 2018-2019

Parents are reminded that it is school policy to consider restructuring the P2 and P5 classes at the end of this academic year. This is to allow a rebalancing of the classes as often, gender, ability and behaviour of the children in one or both classes can become distorted over time. Friendships and the chemistry of each class is taken into account when deciding if rebalancing is required.

Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 26th April to take team photographs, P1 and P7 class photographs and P7 friendship photographs. P7 children will have a traditional class photograph taken and the children will then have the opportunity to have a photograph taken with their friends in casual clothes. P7 children should come to school in uniform and change for their friendship photographs.

Quantum Theatre Visit

The Quantum Theatre touring group will be visiting our school on Tuesday 8th May and performing for all our classes. The show is age appropriate and is a mathematics based performance with the central theme of Missing Numbers.

This is a fun event aimed at improving both the children's understanding of Number but also their love of Mathematics. We would ask for parents to contribute £2 to the cost of the show. More information to follow.

School Closures

School will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 21 st May	School Development Day
Tuesday 22 nd May	School Development Day
Wednesday 23 rd May	School Development Day
Monday 28 th May	Bank Holiday-school closes for all classes at 12.15pm

Diary Dates

- Thursday 19th April – P6 Parents information meeting in the Dining Hall at 8.15am
- Monday 23rd April- P5L shared education workshops.
- Wednesday 25th April –Meeting for the parents of children attending the York residential at 8.15am in the Dining Hall.
- Wednesday 25th April- P5 visit to the Ulster Museum.
- Thursday 26th April – P1 & P7 and team photographs.
- Thursday 26th April –PTA family Quiz at 6.45pm.
- Friday 27th April – Orchestra to Carrickfergus Music Festival.
- Wednesday 2nd May- P5L shared education workshop.
- Friday 4th May- Kwik cricket tournament.
- Monday 7th May – School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Tuesday 8th May – Quantum Theatre Group Maths performance.
- Wednesday 9th May – P5L shared education workshop
- 14th -17th May – P7 Residential to York
- Wednesday 16th May –P5L shared education visit to W5.
- 21st -23rd May - School closed for School Development Days
- Monday 28th May – Bank Holiday- school finishes for all classes at 12.15.
- Wednesday 30th May- P2 visit to Castle Espie
- Thursday 31st May- P5L shared education project exhibition.
- Monday 4th June- New P1 parents meeting-4.00pm
- Tuesday 5th June – P1/2/4 Sports
- Thursday 7th June – P5/6/7 Sports
- Friday 8th June –P3 Sports
- Tuesday 12th June and Wednesday 13th June –New P1 children visit school.
- Tuesday 19th June - Music Concert 7.00pm
- Tuesday 26th June - Leavers Event 3.30pm
- Wednesday 27th June - P1 visit to Crawfordsburn.
- Friday 29th June – School finishes at 12.15pm
- Tuesday 28th August – School starts with a half day. All classes finish at 12.15pm

Leavers Event

Our Leavers Event will take place on Tuesday 26th June at 3.30pm. At the event we will have musical performances by our P7 musicians and the P7 children will receive various trophies and awards. All P7 parents are very welcome to this 'graduation'.