



Friday 31st March

Dates for the Diary

Whole School context for learning... Let's investigate... Designers, Architects and Inventors.

Return to school on Tuesday 18th April

May

Wednesday 19th April
Parent Focus group at 7pm

Thursday 20th April
Edu profile workshop for parents

Friday 21st April
Whole School Trip to Dynamic Earth

Monday 24th April
Pop-Up Designs

May

Wednesday 17th May
Handbell festival for p7
Sunday 21st May
Stirling Marathon and family Mile

Wednesday 31st May
Track and field Competition

June

Saturday 3rd June
Family Picnic and BBQ
Friday 16th June
School Sports day starting at 1pm at Queen Victoria
Wednesday 21st June
School Show performance a.m.
Thursday 22nd June
School Show performance p.m.

Thursday 29th June
Prize giving @6pm
Friday 30th June
End of Term Service



Curriculum Sharing Event

We were delighted with the turn out of families for this event and we hope you found the event helpful and informative. Our Children thoroughly enjoyed sharing with you.



As a learning community St Mary's Episcopal, Newton, Dunblane Primary and Dunblane High Schools are asking our pupils, parents and staff to complete a 20 question survey as part of our continual cycle of self evaluation and school improvement. Your views are incredibly important to us and allow us to identify our key school improvement priorities for next session. This survey is open for the next two weeks and we would welcome you taking 5 minutes to complete it.

Parents/Carers <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DLCParentSurvey17>

Parental Focus Group:- We are holding our next parental focus group on Wednesday 19th April at 7pm. The purpose of this session is to evaluate our School Improvement Plan from the session 2016/2017 and to discuss our improvement priorities for next session. Our Parent Council are providing drinks and nibbles for this event and we would welcome all members of our School's learning community along to this event.

Reporting to Parents:- We were pleased to see our parents at our reporting to parents session on Wednesday 29th March, and that our new format ran a lot smoother than when we trialled this in November. We recognise that we still had some families waiting a considerable period of time, and we can only apologise for this. We will continue to encourage families to try and adhere to their allotted 10 minutes to try and prevent this happening in the future. We are continuing to improve this process and the next step is to provide parents with an opportunity to view their child's learning progress on their profile at a time convenient to them. In addition to this we also celebrate the learning that takes place both in and out with school and we love to hear about these learning opportunities from your children. We would now like to encourage children and their families to record their children's learning opportunities, experiences and achievements out with school into their child's electronic profile.

Our newly appointed digital leaders will run a short workshop for parents on Thursday 20th April at 9am and again at 2.45pm for any parent wanting to learn how to create an entry and upload information onto your child's profile. Details of how to access your child's profile and also how to add an entry will be issued at the start of next term.

Bikeability:- Bikeability training will start for all Primary 5 and 6 children on Thursday 20th April. The first session will involve the children's bikes been given a "health check." To make this process easier please could we ask all parents/ carers to check their children's bikes over the Easter holiday so that they are ready to start the training sessions. If there is any child who is without a bike or would find it too difficult to bring a bike to school please could you contact the school so that we can source a suitable one for your child.

Pottery Workshops:- There is a free event for the kids on 8th April at the Smith Museum held by the Scottish Potters association. Booking is essential.

<http://www.smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk/product/unleash-inner-potter-saturday-workshops/>

Whole School Trip to Dynamic Earth – Friday 21st April :- Just a reminder to all parents to pay for this trip in advance please. Children will all require a packed lunch for this event and we will be leaving school at 8.30am sharp. Children who wish to order a school packed lunch must do so on Tuesday 18th April.

Pop-Up Designer:- As part of our Designers, Inventors and Architects learning context we will be delighted to welcome Andrew Cox and his wife into the school from Pop-Up designs. Andrew will run a workshop for all of our classes on Monday 24th April and launch a design competition for our school. The children will be taught some basic design principles, before having the opportunity to make some of Andrew's pop up designs for themselves. They will then be tasked with creating their own Dunblane themed design using a 2D computer design package. The winners of the design competition will then have the opportunity to make a visit to Andrew's workshop in Elgin to create their own Pop-Up design. If you would like to have a look at the type of products the children will be learning to make please have a look at his website www.popupdesigns.co.uk

Inspire – Aspire Events

We would like to thank Mrs Thomson for launching these parental led workshops with an inspirational talk on the life of an Advocate and look forward to our children running their own trial next term as a result.

We are delighted that Mrs Toop, Mr Balloch and Mr Hughes have also volunteered to come in and speak to our children next term too. If you or any other family members would be willing to come and speak to any of our classes or children next term about your career, to support our children in their understanding of life learning and work, please contact the school as we would love to hear from you.

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P.E KIT

- P.E Kit will be sent home today, please could it be washed, and returned for the start of term.
- Many children have also commented that their shoes are too small or items no longer fit, please could this be checked too

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