



Newburgh Primary School

"A caring school where every child matters" (OFSTED)

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What's on this week	Monday 27th February	Tuesday 28th February	Wednesday 1st March	Thursday 2nd March	Friday 3rd March
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am PTA clothing collection 8.30-9am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm)	Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Brass (am)	Guitar (am/pm)	Y3 to Warwick Castle (Horrible Histories)	Y5DO'D swimming Y2 Celebration Assembly 9am Rec Pebble Assembly
Lunchtime		Home learning		Y4,5,6 Running Club Y3 Recorders	Home Learning Y4 Ukulele
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir	Boys Choir	KS2 Football club Film club 3.15-4.50pm Y4,5,6 Gardening club Change Makers 3.30-5pm PTA meeting 6.30pm Y1,2 maths meeting 5.30pm	Orchestra Y6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm Girls Football	Fencing

Dear parents,

As this half term draws to a close it really does feel like the time has gone very quickly. Or is that just me? We hope that the second half of the Spring Term brings with it brighter days and warmer temperatures, enabling us all to enjoy the outdoors much more. Half term provides children with the opportunity to re-charge their batteries before preparing to tackle the next blocks of learning which they will be presented with when they return. Have a good week, Mr. Smith

Please could we remind parents to make an appointment at the main office if they would like to speak to a class teacher for an extended period of time. We would ask parents **NOT** to attempt to gain access to the school independently without the office knowing. This is part of our robust safeguarding procedures.

YEAR 1 & 2 MATHS EVENING:

This is an advance notification that we will be holding a maths evening for parents of children in Year 1 and 2 on Wednesday 1st March. This event will begin at 5.30pm in the main hall. The purpose of this evening is to give parents some ideas of how we teach mathematics in school and to try to demystify some of the confusion which often surrounds the teaching of mathematics.

We have recently amended our approach to teaching mathematics in school for our younger pupils and so this information will have particular relevance to parents of children in Years 1 and 2.

Letters will be sent home to gauge interest and to give us an idea of how many parents would like to attend this information gathering evening.

CALENDAR:

Please note that a provisional (draft) copy of the school calendar for the academic year 2017-2018 is now available to view on the school website (under the 'term dates' tab).

We have yet to confirm the exact dates of the residential visits in 2017-2018, hence why this is a provisional calendar at this point. However, we do not envisage the term dates to change from those indicated.



'Emergency food for local people in crisis'

Warwick & Leamington Foodbank aims to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

Newburgh Primary school is a registered distributor of foodbank vouchers so that should one of our families find themselves struggling to put food on the table due to low income, sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill etc. we are able to help.

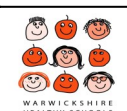
Should this situation arise you should ask to meet with Mr Smith or Mrs Simpkins. We will speak to you in private and will be able to issue you with a foodbank voucher with instructions as to how and where to collect a food parcel.

For more information visit the website:

www.warwickandleamington.foodbank.org.uk

ECO NEWS:

The BIG TIDY UP ~ Litter Picking around Chase Meadow will take place on Saturday 25th March, starting at Chase Meadow Community Centre at 10am. Litter pickers will be provided. All children involved will get a certificate which can be used towards a Blue Peter badge. Litter is sorted into landfill and recycling bins.





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Please remember our responsibilities to ourselves and our children when driving or parking around the school site. This is especially important where children and parents are crossing Kipling Avenue to enter school.

Please note that children should be arriving at school at 8.45am at the earliest please.

PTA NEWS:

A big thank you to everyone for coming along to the cake sale during Tuesday's parents evening. We raised over £292, which is fantastic! Thank you for all the volunteers on the evening, and all the very beautiful Valentine themed cake donations we received. Without your help and support, none of this would be possible.

At the PTA meeting this month, we agreed to fund £100 towards supplies for the upper school gardening club. This enables the children to continue to develop their allotment area, where they grow a range of produce to sell at the end of the year. The children are keen to enter into Warwick in Bloom again this year, where they achieved a Gold Award in their first year.

If you would like to find out a bit more about what the PTA does, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st March at 6.30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and help make decisions on how to spend the money we raise.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

VOUCHERS:

Sainsbury's Vouchers are available to collect once again. The box to post any vouchers can be found in the main entrance hall. Please help us to collect as many as possible! Vouchers will be available this year from 25 January - 28 April. In previous years we have purchased a lot of valuable PE equipment with our vouchers.



GOVERNORS CORNER:

I like the meaning of TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More. As a school, children, staff and governors often work as teams where people with various complementary skills work towards a common goal. As well as being able to achieve more than just by working individually, team work can be challenging, rewarding and teaches children important life skills. Last week saw great team work in Reception. To enable costs to be kept to a minimum we had a shortfall of money for our Dudley Zoo visit. It was decided that a cake sale would be a good way to try and raise the money we needed. So throughout the week the Reception staff, children and helpers baked flapjacks, blueberry muffins, chocolate crispy cakes, fairy cakes and jam tarts. It was better than Bake Off and took a great deal of self-control not to eat any of them before the sale. Every one was very keen to cook and the process of baking enabled the children to use literacy, maths, science, social and motor skills as well as having fun.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to everyone who generously supported our efforts. We raised just over £200 which exceeded all our expectations. Rebecca Poole Co-Opted Governor

Y5,6 RESIDENTIAL VISITS:

Can we please remind parents to continue making regular instalments towards Year 5 & 6 residential trips taking place in the Summer Term. Instalments can be made via ParentPay as often as convenient, from £10 upwards.

For health and safety reasons, please can we remind children who have long hair that this should be either tied back in a pony tail or similar.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS:

We are pleased to announce that Newburgh Primary School PTA has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to help raise funds for our school. Our next collection is:

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2017

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the collection area in front of the main school entrance between 8.30am – 9.00am and help us have a really good collection.

SUITABLE items include: undamaged adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

UNSUITABLE items include: damaged clothing, bedding, curtains, and household linen. **Note: all unsuitable items will be sent to landfill.** (refer to www.bag2school.com for details).

If you have any queries, please contact us by email newburghpta@gmail.com.

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GRANDPARENT GARDENING WEEK

27th - 31st March 2017

Grandparent Gardening Week 2017 is fast approaching and there are some really fantastic prizes on offer this year for schools taking part.

It's a great way to get the ball rolling on this year's growing by helping to prep our garden areas ready for planting.

Please let your child's class teacher (and Mrs Simpkins) know if you are available to help.

PS: Parents / guardians are also welcome



There will be a 'Change Makers' party on Chase Meadow during half term on Monday 20th February from 2pm-4pm. Activities will include Multisports and baking. Families do not have to be attending the current Change Makers activities in school to access this event.

SCHOOL BANK:

The Bank will be open before school from 8.30am onwards on each Thursday morning. Once an account

has been opened it can be serviced as you wish for one off deposits or for more frequent saving. If you would like any further information please come along to speak to the bank team on a Thursday morning. Thank you, the school bank team and HSBC. Any child can open an account once they have reached seven years of age.



MENU ALTERATION:

Please note that on Tuesday 28th February (Shrove Tuesday) pancakes will be served as a dessert option at lunchtime in the main hall.

RECEPTION CAKE SALE:

The Reception Team would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale last Thursday. We raised just over £200.00. We hoped you enjoyed eating the cakes as much as the children enjoyed making them.

Thank you again. The Reception Team.

