



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 13th February	Tuesday 14th February	Wednesday 15th February	Thursday 16th February	Friday 17th February
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm)	Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Brass (am) Year 5 assembly 10.20am & 2.45pm	Guitar (am/pm)	Reception visit to Dudley Zoo	Y5KP swimming Y1 Celebration Assembly 9am
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 Mad Science club Y3 Hockey Rec Multi sports	<u>NO Boys Choir</u> Parents Evening 3.30-7pm PTA cake sale during parents evening	<u>NO KS2 Football club</u> Y2 Tennis <u>NO Film club</u> Change Makers 3.30-5pm Parents Evening 3.30-7pm	<u>NO Orchestra</u> Y6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm Girls Football	<u>NO Fencing</u> Y1 Tag Rugby Y2 Basketball

Dear parents,

This coming week will be the last one for Mrs Payne at Newburgh.

Mrs Payne has decided that the time is right to head off for a new challenge at another school and after a decade of loyal service and dedication to our school she will be sadly missed. As a particularly calm and considered individual, Mrs Payne's classes have always mirrored this approach in their learning and achievement.

I would like to pass on my thanks for all Mrs Payne's efforts over the years at Newburgh and to wish her all the very best in her new school after half term.

As Mrs Payne leaves Newburgh this means that an opportunity for another teacher has arisen and I am delighted to inform parents that Miss Wilson will be joining the school after half term.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Wilson to the staff team and hope that they will be happy and productive during their time with us.

Have a good week,

Mr Smith

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.

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS:

We currently have a number of children throughout the school whose going home arrangements depend upon an older sibling (invariably from Aylesford) coming to Newburgh and taking them home. Please could we ask that children are 100% secure and certain what their home time arrangements are as we have had several occasions where children haven't known what is happening one way or another and, as a result, have been waiting outside the school office for a long period of time at the end of the school day.





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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:

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Beetle drive last weekend. I hope you had a fun afternoon and managed to win a few prizes. We raised over £165 so thanks for coming along and supporting the PTA and contributing to a lovely atmosphere. We always welcome feedback from our events, so if you ever have feedback on how we can improve things please pop your ideas/comments in the PTA box in the office reception area.

Remember to come along to the Parents Evening Cake Sale next Tuesday 14th February (Valentines themed), after school in the library 3.15-7pm. As usual we can't make the cake sale work without your support and fantastic contributions so please donate any home made or shop bought cakes on Tuesday morning at the school gates. Also if anyone can lend a hand at the sale for half an hour please sign up at <https://app.ptasocial.com/events/33431> or email the PTA website. Thank you!

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

GOVERNORS CORNER:

Recently we had the privilege of being one of a few schools across the country that the RSC performed in, thanks to the hard work of Mr O'Dwyer. It was the most amazing experience to watch even our Year 1 children being captivated by the actors and understanding the basic elements of the story. Our older children have studied the language of the Tempest and were able to ask some very intelligent and thought provoking questions to the actors, about how the play has developed. Throughout the two days the RSC was in school, it was interesting to see the actors warm up, the stage being prepared and the costumes being pressed between performances! The director would talk to the actors about all the changes she would like to see between performances in the way they responded to each other and the audience. The whole experience was one that Newburgh is proud to have been part of.

Karen Turner, Staff Governor

YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY:

Please note that Year 5s assembly will take place on Tuesday 14th February at 10.20am and 2.45pm. Parents of children in Year 5 are welcome to attend these assemblies.

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.



VOUCHERS:

Sainsbury's Vouchers will soon be available to collect once again. The box to post any vouchers will 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 PE equipment with our vouchers.



OPPORTUNITIES:

Central Warwickshire Sports Partnership Easter fun days - April 10th and 11th 2017 9.30am-3pm @ Campion School. Open to pupils in years 3-6 only.

£12 per child per day (25% discount for siblings)

Please click on the link for more information and to book.

<https://goo.gl/forms/QoewZK3KIQpr78XN2>

PTA NEWS:

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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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.

