



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 19th September	Tuesday 20th September	Wednesday 21st September	Thursday 22nd September	Friday 23rd September
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm)	Brass (am) Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm)	Guitar (am/pm)		Y6SJ swimming Celebration Assembly Y4 2.30pm Brass (am)
Lunchtime		Home learning		Y4,5,6 Running Club	Home Learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y4 Hockey Y2 Multi-sports	Boys Choir Y4,5,6 Netball	KS2 Football club (Mr Smith & Mr Brandrick) Y1 Tennis Y6 residential meeting 6.30pm	Orchestra	Y3 Football Y1 Multi-sports

Advance notice: Harvest Festival - Friday 30th September : Y3,4,5,6 @ 9am; YR,1,2 @ 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend

Dear parents,

Children have the opportunity to represent Newburgh in a wide variety of different activities during their time with us. Saturday 24th September sees the beginning of the winter cross-country league / season for young people in Year 6.

Any child in Year 6 can take part in this event as we do not pick a team or choose a group of children. It is open to all boys and girls in the year group. The races are approximately 1,800metres long and take roughly ten minutes to complete..

The races this season are as follows:

- 24,9,16 @ Southam College
- 15,10,16 @ Hatton Country World
- 5,11,16 @ Priors Field School, Kenilworth
- 26,11,16 @ Priory Park, Warwick

The girls' race starts at 10.30am and the boys at 11am.

I hope to enter a team of boys and girls (a minimum of 4 of each) this season.

Have a good week. Many thanks, Mr. Smith

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please note that individual school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 19th October.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Please can we ask parents to update the office if they have changed address, telephone number or email address recently? Also, if we are unaware of a particular medical status, please make sure that we have this information too. If we need to contact you in an emergency or in any other situation, this becomes very important.

BOOK WEEK:

Our book week this year will take place from 3rd-7th October. The focus in school this year will be on poetry and there will be a wide variety of activities taking place during the week for children to undertake in classes. We will also have books for sale as usual ~ further information will come out nearer the date with timings, etc.

An advance notice that on 7th October, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the 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.

P.E. KIT:

Please can we encourage children to have both indoor and outdoor PE kit in school during the week. This includes shorts, T-shirt, jogging bottoms, top, pumps (for indoor use only) and trainers (for outdoor use only) and a hair tie for girls. As the weather and light continues to be generally good we will be making the best use of our facilities during the days and weeks ahead. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL:

We have a growing number of children who are cycling to school, which is fantastic. However, not all of these children are wearing a helmet to help protect them in the event of an accident occurring. Please wear a helmet if you are choosing to cycle to school.



GOVERNORS' CORNER:

Dear Parents

My name is Raman Gurnani and I am a new Governor at your school. I have been given the opportunity to write something about me and share with you all. In a nut shell, this is who I am and what I do.

Hi parents, I'm a local friend,
thinking about your children from beginning to end.
Being a wife and a mother of two
I've managed things, well, more or less.
A nurse from India; safeguarding all from harm
and fighting diseases with my charm.
Working in NHS England;
mentoring others on how to care,
sharing my knowledge as a teacher was my passion,
and challenging my students to dare.
Even now, still in education;
helping young people flourish and grow.
Lighting their path all the way and
leading them to the end of the rainbow.
That is now my new mission in life;
with my new role as a governor,
I will do all that it takes
to make Newburgh the best runner.

Raman Gurnani, Co-opted Governor

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2016/2017).

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child. (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority