



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 12th June	Tuesday 13th June	Wednesday 14th June	Thursday 15th June	Friday 16th June
Before school 8am-8.55am				School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm) Y3/4 Quad Kids 10am-12pm 'SPRING FEVER' week begins Y4 Egyptian Day	Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Brass (am) Year 2 assembly 10.20am & 2.45pm	Guitar (am/pm) Y5/6 Football tournament @ North Leamington School 10am-12.30pm Class photographs Y4 Egyptian Day	Road Safety Day	Y6 celebration assembly Y4EP Swimming
Lunchtime	Y5/6 Drama	Home learning		Y4,5,6 Running Club Y3 Recorders	
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Girls Football V Coten End (h) Y1 Mini-Golf Reception Cricket	Boys Choir Y6 Rounders	Y4,5,6 Gardening club NO KS2 Athletics Warwick Town Sports 4pm start @ Aylesford Y3 Tennis	Orchestra Y5/6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm	Y2 Athletics Y1 Handball

UPCOMING YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES:

Year 2 (10.20am & 2.45pm) on Tuesday 13th June; Reception (10.20am & 2.45pm) on Tuesday 20th June

Dear parents,

This week I want to focus on some 'unsung heroes' who work tirelessly at Newburgh. These staff work in the main office and although they are not involved in directly teaching our children, without their 'backroom work' our school would quite simply grind to a halt.

School offices are very busy places. Seldom do the office staff have the opportunity to complete a task uninterrupted. On a daily basis they deal with visitors, telephone enquiries, absences, booking visits, ParentPay questions, eSchools and general letters. Being a member of our office staff requires a wide range of skills and talents, and we are fortunate to have extremely dedicated people working for us who always give their best and seldom go home on time. Work in the school office has changed significantly over the past few years and this trend will undoubtedly continue. The introduction of Parent Pay and eSchools, for instance, has benefits for both families and school. However, we still rely heavily on the support of parents. We urge you to ensure school bags are checked regularly and all correspondence and payments are dealt with promptly as this benefits all involved.

Have a good week. Kind regards, Mr. Smith

LATE PAYMENTS:

Please be aware that the office staff are spending a huge amount of time chasing up payments for lunchtime meals, extra-curricular clubs and activities, visits and music tuition. This is hugely time consuming and we would ask for your help with making this improve please.

Parents and carers can help massively to make this situation become less of a problem by ensuring that payments are made by the date requested.

Extra-curricular activities are usually over-subscribed now and late payment (where payment is required) may result in your child losing their place. Payment MUST be made before the first session.

Likewise lunch payments MUST be made in advance of a meal being taken.

Your help and understanding in this matter is much appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER:

Trainers and boots are NOT part of our school uniform and should not be worn on a daily basis. Children should ONLY wear black shoes in school. Trainers may be worn for appropriate sporting activities only. Children are welcome to wear boots to and from school on rainy / snowy days, but these must be changed when they enter their cloak or classrooms.

We are proud of our uniform and what it represents. Help us to keep it special and smart all year round.





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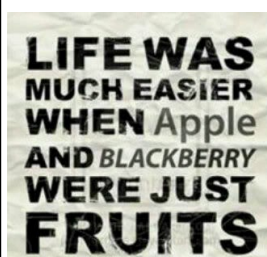
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Please remember our responsibilities to ourselves and our children when driving or parking around the school site. This is especially important where children and parents are crossing Kipling Avenue to enter school.

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

GOVERNORS' CORNER:



I heard a phrase on the radio last week that really struck a chord: apparently I'm a *digital immigrant*. This means that I have come to technology later in life. *Digital natives*, however, are the younger generations who were born into a world of modern technology and who seem to have a fearless attitude towards it. So where does this leave us digital immigrants, other than watching with a mixture of desperation and awe

as our children navigate their way around apps and computer games that we can't even pronounce, never mind download? I try to explain to my children what life was like when I was growing up: one telephone in the house that was attached to the wall in the dining room, computer games that got no more exciting than Space Invaders and Pacman (not that we actually had a computer), and one family television where someone had to stand up and manually change the channel. It's fair to say that childhood today doesn't look much like that. And my point? Maybe life was easier when Apple and Blackberry were just fruits, but technology is one of our 'five-a-day' now and it's something that teachers and parents must deal with. Secondary schools have given up the battle of banning mobile phones from school sites and must try to manage their use within school, and primaries, as we know from Newburgh, are spending more and more time dealing with the fall-out of technology use out of school hours. As for parents, just as we need to teach our children good routines for eating properly, sleeping well and interacting with others, we need to teach them boundaries for their technical devices: when it's okay to use them, how to use them sensibly, and, of course, how to turn them off.

Anna Meredith (parent governor)

PTA NEWS:

This year's Class group Photographs will be taken throughout the day on Wednesday 14th June, so comb that hair and polish those shoes ready to capture end of year memories. Full sized proofs will be available to view in the windows of the school office and order forms will be going out into book bags shortly after. The price per photo is £6, which includes a cardboard frame. All profits will go towards the PTA.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

MAIN SCHOOL GATES:

Please note that the main school gates for vehicles will remain closed throughout the school day. This is a security measure and follows advice from Health & Safety representatives. Gates will be locked as advertised before and after school to keep children safe and then unlocked, but closed at all other times. There will be an adult supervising the gates before they are locked in the afternoon to enable blue badge holders to gain access to the school site.

A date for your diary:

Our annual 'Sports Day' will take place on **Friday 14th July**

Juniors (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) in the morning;

Infants (Reception, Y1, Y2) in the afternoon;

Exact timings will be released shortly as will what colours children will be encouraged to wear (house-related).

Parents are invited to stay for a picnic at lunchtime with their children on the school field.

OPEN AFTERNOON:

An advance notification that our Open Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 18th July from 3.30pm until 5pm**. This will be a chance to enjoy your child's work from their current year and to meet their teachers for the new academic year in September.

FENCING:

Unfortunately we will no longer be able to offer fencing as an extra-curricular activity at Newburgh due to the fact that Peter Rome, our fencing coach, has moved out of the local area and has taken up a new position. We would like to thank Peter for the work he has done at Newburgh to introduce a lot of young people to fencing and wish him every success in the future.

eSchools reminder - All newsletters are being sent via the eSchools platform. It is really important for parents to log in to eSchools and update their email address within the personal details tab to ensure that newsletters and other correspondence is received. Please let the school office know if you require help with log in or a password reset.

RESIDENTIALS - IMPORANT:

Please return any outstanding medical forms for the forthcoming Y6 residential visit to Red Ridge. Please also arrange to make any outstanding payments as soon as possible. Thank you

YEAR 5 & THE RSC:

Year 5 have recently taken home correspondence regarding their performance of The Tempest at The Other Place Theatre in Stratford. The correct telephone number to purchase tickets is **01789 403434**. When booking tickets parents should inform the booking office that they would like to attend Newburgh Primary School's performance in the RSC Dream Team Playmaking Festival.

DRINKS IN SCHOOL:

Please could we remind all parents that children should ONLY have water in their drinks bottles when they bring them into school, unless they have a particular medical requirement which has been discussed individually with Mr. Smith beforehand. Liquids such as 'flavoured water' or those advertised as containing 'no added sugar' are not permitted. Please help us by only sending water in with children each day. Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day to ensure they are given a thorough wash before being brought back in the next day with fresh water in. Thank you for your help in advance with this.

