



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 16th January	Tuesday 17th January	Wednesday 18th January	Thursday 19th January	Friday 20th January
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm) Y3KT to Warwick Library 1.30-3pm Y5,6 Indoor Athletics 2-4pm @ Myton	Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Y3NB to Warwick Library 9-10.40am	Guitar (am/pm) Y4MP visit to Priory House	Y4EP visit to Priory House	Y5KP swimming Y3 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)	NO Girls Choir Mad Science club Y3 Hockey Rec Multi sports	Boys Choir	KS2 Football club Y2 Tennis Film club 3.15-4.50pm	Orchestra Y6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm	Fencing Y1 Tag Rugby Y2 Basketball

Please note that there will be no GIRLS CHOIR on Monday 16th January. This will be a one-off cancellation of Girls' choir, which will continue on 23rd January as usual. Boys' choir is unaffected.

Dear parents,

If you make a regular visit to the Infant Playground to drop children off or collect them afterwards, or even if you walk past on the way home, you will have noticed that the PTA, along with a National Lottery grant have had some new play equipment installed.

This equipment has been in situ for a while now and should be in use very soon. However, before children are able to use it we are having a small picket style fence put up around the equipment to demarcate it from the rest of the playground. This will enable us to keep it for the use of the intended year group and not all infant children at once.

The installation of this fence will begin on Monday 16th January and should be complete by Thursday 19th January.

This means that the builders will need access through the usual playground gate for the week and we would ask parents and children, therefore, to use the Pathways and Children's Centre path and entrance to the playground at both the beginning and end of the day.

Have a good week.

Many thanks, Mr. Smith

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES:

Since snow is such a rarity these days, a lot of parents and children at Newburgh will never have experienced what happens when an emergency closure decision has to be made. A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and will only be made in the most severe of circumstances, where it is felt that the safety of both pupils and staff could be at significant risk.

As we approach a period of possible snowfall we would like to bring your attention to the methods in which we advise parents of a school emergency closure. Wherever possible the decision to close will be made by 7am and we would ask parents to check the school website: (www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk) in the first instance. You may also choose to visit

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Here you can sign up for text alerts and link to a Twitter feed from the local authority for school closures.

We will also email a closure notification to those families where parents receive their weekly newsletter by email as soon as a decision is made.





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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:

3 months ago I became a parent governor at Newburgh and now my turn has come to write for the weekly governor column! All the governing body have their photos and a little bit about themselves displayed on the school website and so for those who don't know me this is a little introduction.

I currently have 2 boys at the school in years 4 and 2 and my twins will be due to start school in 2018. I hope to be involved with the school for a number of years yet. I work as a GP in South Warwickshire and also as GP inspector for the Care Quality Commission so I have been involved in regulations, policies and targets in healthcare. It has been a steep learning curve so far in the meetings I have attended as I haven't worked in education previously; the 3 letter acronyms in use baffled me at first but I have now got to grips with SLT, FGB, LIP and EAL (to name but a few!)

I have taken on the role as Safeguarding governor and I am also linked to the literacy learning improvement plan for KS1. With my governor training and safeguarding training planned for the next couple of months I am certainly going to be kept busy by this interesting role for the next few years.

Sally Nowak, Parent Governor.

Please note that Girls football will re-start on Thursday 26th January.

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.



LIBRARY VISITS:

Children from Year 3,4,5,6 will be visiting Warwick Library over the next few weeks.

Week beginning 16/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 3

Week beginning 23/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 5

Week beginning 30/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 6

To ensure the children can make the most out of this opportunity, it would be beneficial for them to sign up for a library card, if they do not have one. The registration process is quick and easy and can be done online by visiting www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary.

PTA NEWS

Happy New Year and Welcome back to the new school term! So far this year the school has received 35 new chrome books funded by the PTA totalling over £8000. These are much faster than previous laptops and give each child their own log in and password with access to all the services the school use to teach, whilst easily monitoring how the children use the internet. This is an expense the school would not have been able to afford without the PTA's funding and will benefit every child in the school.

Secondly the school have now received the new bikes, scooters and helmets for KS1, funded by the PTA totalling £1634. These will give all infant children the chance to practice their cycle skills safely, while developing balance, co-ordination and their fitness.

Thank you for all your help in 2016 which contributed to these fantastic donations to the school. We will continue to fundraise throughout 2017 in order to fund even more fantastic projects.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

FOREST SCHOOL:

We are very fortunate at Newburgh to have the facilities to give our pupils the opportunity to take part in Forest School activities. Our special Forest School area is at the back of our field under some beautiful, mature, large trees. We are looking for a happy band of volunteers who would be able to give up their time to assist with Forest School sessions under the supervision of the Forest School leader. **Volunteers can be any age but they would need to be happy to work with the children outdoors and also would need to have a DBS check** (which can easily be arranged through the school). At the moment the plans for Forest School sessions are very flexible and the day chosen will depend upon the availability of willing helpers. Sessions would normally last for a whole morning or afternoon. We would need help to get the children changed in advance and then to assist with the activities.

Forest School is an inspirational process, which offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

If you are interested please contact the school by phone or in person through the school office. Alternatively please send an email to admin2325@welearn365.com

Many thanks, Sarah Franklin

YEAR 5 SWIMMING:

This term Year 5 will be going swimming to Stratford Leisure Centre. We have had to make this arrangement due to the fact that both pools at St Nicholas' Park and Newbold Comyn are being closed for either rebuilding or long-term maintenance work at the same time. We have been fortunate to secure the same time slot for swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon and we expect timings to run similarly to how they are presently. We will be mindful of the return journey to school after the lessons as children may return very close to the end of the day depending on traffic. Year 5KP will start on Friday 13th January, with their lessons lasting until 17th February. Year 5OD will then begin on Friday 3rd March.

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.

