



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 19th March	Tuesday 20th March	Wednesday 21st March	Thursday 22nd March	Friday 23rd March
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Brass (am) Violin (pm) Woodwind (pm) Y1 assembly 10.20am & 2.45pm	Guitar (am/pm)	Reception Forest School: Group 2 - 8/3 - 29/3	Y5 swimming Y5 celebration assembly @ 9am Sport Relief day (please come in sports kit ~ with a donation to Sport Relief)
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5/6 Drama workshop	Y4,5 PAIS club Y5/6 Drama workshop (extra session)		Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y2 Football Reception multi-sports	Boys choir	Rec Tennis KS2 Football Y4,5,6 Gardening	Orchestra Art Club	Y1 Tag-rugby Y3&4 Netball

Dear parents,

A key skill for children to acquire and develop in school is to learn to read. Adults in school are focused on improving children's fluency when reading and they would really appreciate your help with this.

Our reading target is for children to read three times per week. However, for fluency to really improve, this needs to be more like five times per week. Each reading session doesn't have to be overly long - ten minutes quality time would be sufficient, but it is the repetition and repeated nature of reading more often which will help to improve your children's reading fluency.

Obviously all children are reading at different levels, dependant on their ages and previous experiences. However, the more we can foster a love for books and for reading, the better children will perform. A key question which staff are frequently asked is not about how well children are able to read, more along the lines of what sort of reading culture is there in the classroom and how much do children read or enjoy books for pleasure.

Staff in school are experienced practitioners who can offer support or advice about improving reading fluency and developing a love for books. If you have any questions about this, please approach and speak to one of them.

Have a good week.

Kind regards, Mr. Smith

PARENTPAY:

May we please ask for your support in ensuring that sufficient payment is made in advance to your child/ren's ParentPay lunch accounts. We are having to send an increased amount of reminders at the moment. A really useful 'alert' facility advising you that your child's balance has dropped to a specified amount can be found within the 'communications' tab and then scrolling to 'alert settings'.

DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE:

Please can I remind parents that under no circumstances should dogs be brought onto the school site. If you feel that you have no other alternative than to bring a dog onto the site, please telephone the school office and we will make alternative arrangements. This obviously does not apply to guide dogs or dogs providing support to their owners in other ways.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR:

Sadly we are finding that more and more staff in school are being verbally abused on any given day. This is not acceptable behaviour for any person, and no member of staff in school should be subjected to this. All staff working in school aim to ensure that children and families are treated fairly and with dignity. We may not always get things 100% right all of the time, but to be subjected to some things we have recently is not acceptable. Please think before resorting to this type of behaviour.

NUT ALLERGIES:

A reminder to all parents that we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. If these children come into contact with nuts of any form the consequences will be extremely serious. Please help us to minimise this risk by not including any nuts in lunch boxes, including peanut butter.



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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.

GOVERNORS CORNER:

20 March - International Day of Happiness

Founded June 28, 2012 The International Day of Happiness Resolution was the brainchild of United Nations adviser Jayme Illien, who conceptualized the idea that would recognize the pursuit of happiness as a human right and a "fundamental human goal."

Happiness means different things to different people. There is debate about what the word "happiness" may have meant in 1776. Currently we focus on pleasant, positive emotions and having needs satisfied, whereas in 1776 the common meaning may have been "prosperity, thriving, wellbeing". However happiness and wellbeing still remain related.

Ten key actions to happier living, let's all pledge together to have a GREAT DREAM

Giving- Do things for others

Relating- Connect with people

Exercising- Take care of your body

Awareness- Live life mindfully

Trying out- Keep learning new things

Direction- Have goals to look forward to

Resilience-Find ways to bounce back

Emotions-Look for what's good

Acceptance- Be comfortable with who you are

Meaning- Be part of something bigger

Let's create a happier world together

Raman Gurnani, Co-opted Governor

If you have an issue you would like governors to consider, please send an email to governors2325@welearn365.com

STAY AND PLAY:

Please be aware that the 'Stay and Play' group for 0-4 year olds which runs on a Tuesday morning will continue as normal after the Easter break. We understand that there had been some confusion over this and hope to allay any fears with this information. The stay and play groups runs from 9.30-11.00am every Tuesday morning in the original school hall.

PTA NEWS:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake sale on Tuesday. Although we didn't have quite so many cakes as last time, we still managed to raise a brilliant £224. Thank you to all the helpers, all the wonderful cake donations and all the cake purchases made throughout the evening. If you donated cakes in a cake tin, they are in the office reception area waiting to be collected.

SAVE THE DATE! We are very excited to say we have managed to secure a camping field this year in Kineton for our annual PTA camping event. We have booked the weekend of Friday 29th June - Sunday 1st July. This is such a fantastic weekend and a wonderful way to meet other families from the school. We have lots planned again for the weekend and more information will follow closer to the date. Last year over 100 people came to camp in tents or caravans, so please come along and join in the fun.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman.

WARWICKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHORUS:

Warwickshire Music Hub are running a singing workshop in March and all **KS2 pupils** are welcome to attend. Come and sing with the Warwickshire Children's Chorus!

Date: **Saturday 24th March**

Venue: **Warwick Hall - Warwick School**

Time: **10.00am - 12.30pm**

FREE FIRST WORKSHOP is for children aged 7 - 11. Go to www.warwickshiremusic.org and register NOW for this **FREE** workshop.

Year 1 assembly: Tuesday 20th March
at 10.20am and 2.45pm.

EASTER CREATIONS:

I hope that everyone has received a letter over the last week or so about changes we have made to the opportunities we are giving children at Easter this year. In previous years we have invited children to make Easter bonnets, gardens scenes etc. We will be changing this for Easter 2018 to something which we feel will have more of an impact for the whole school and the school site in particular. Activities which we are inviting children to complete this year are as follows:

Reception children are invited to decorate a wellington boot and plant some flowers in them.

Year 1 children are invited to find some flat stones and paint them brightly to make some garden bugs.

Year 2 children are invited to create some simple birdseed ornaments which can be hung from the trees on our school field.

Year 3 & 4 children are invited to decorate a plant pot in whatever way they see fit and to plant some flowers or bulbs in the pots so these can be enjoyed around the school site.

Year 5 & 6 children are invited to create a home for an animal. This may be a birdhouse or hedgehog house which we can then use around the site to encourage wildlife to live there.

There will be no judging of entries this year as we feel that this is something where everyone will be a 'winner' because the school site will look amazing as a result.

We would ask that any creations should be made **AT HOME** please (they will not be made in school) and brought into school during the final week of this term - the week commencing Monday 26th March 2018. This may seem like a long way off, but hopefully by sending this information out early it will give you chance to prepare some fantastic creations!

eSchools reminder - All communication is now being sent home 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 correspondence is being received. The only letters which will be sent home on paper will be those which require completion of a reply slip. Please let the school office know if you require help with log in or a password reset.