



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 12th September	Tuesday 13th September	Wednesday 14th September	Thursday 15th September	Friday 16th 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) Y2 visit to Warwick Castle House Captain elections		Y6SJ swimming Celebration Assembly Y3 2.30pm Brass (am)
Lunchtime		Home learning			Home Learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y4 Hockey Y2 Multi-sports	Boys Choir	KS2 Football club (Mr Smith & Mr Brandrick) Y1 Tennis	PTA AGM 6.30pm	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

Dear parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at Newburgh Primary School. I hope that you all had a good summer break and enjoyed yourselves.

I would like to wish a particular welcome to all of our new families and members of staff who are joining Newburgh this term. As a school we are still growing rapidly and now have 414 children on roll. This will undoubtedly mean that some of the activities which we have undertaken as a whole school will now need to be split into Key Stages or phases. Whenever this will occur parents will, of course, be informed in advance.

Prices for school meals are being held at £2.05 per day for children in Years 3-6. Children in Years 2 and below are still eligible for a free meal daily under the universal offer from Central Government. However, if you think that you may qualify for free meals in any age group, please come and discuss this with the office staff and they will be able to guide you in applying.

There are lots of exciting activities planned for this term, both during the school day and after 3.15pm. I hope that children are able to find something in these activities which they would like to participate in.

Have a good week. Many thanks, Mr. Smith

PTA NEWS:

Newburgh Primary School PTA will hold our AGM at 6.30pm on Thursday 15 September in the staffroom at school. The PTA is a collection of parents and teachers who arrange fundraising events throughout the year and use the funds to enrich our children's education. Everyone is welcome to attend - particularly any parents who are new to the school who would like to get involved and help with our fundraising efforts. Please contact us through our website www.newburghpta.co.uk or by email newburghpta@gmail.com or just turn up on the day.

SWIMMING:

Please note that we have decided to make a change to the way we send class groups swimming this year. As you may be aware, St Nicholas Park pool is closed currently for an extensive re-fit and renovation. Therefore, we are having to go to Newbold Comyn pool for our swimming lessons this year. Clearly this involves a longer journey to and from the pool, so we have come to the decision that we will send only **one class** (not year group) per half term swimming, starting with Y6SJ. We have organised it so that each class from Y4-6 will get the same number of sessions, but that the sessions will be longer than previously, thus meaning that we have better value from the sessions themselves. Letters will be sent home separately as each new class prepares to go swimming with additional details.





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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.

KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB:

This after-school club (3.15-4.15pm) will re-start on Wednesday 14th September. There is no need to sign up and any boy or girl in KS2 is welcome to attend. Please bring appropriate clothing (including a change of socks) and footwear. Boots are not essential at this stage of the season. Children can be collected at the end of the club from the doors leading into the Upper School cloakrooms. Mr Brandrick and I are looking to recruit as many new players as possible for the coming season. There is no charge for this club. Many thanks, Mr Smith

HOME LEARNING:

Please note that new home learning guidelines and expectations can be accessed via the school website. This information is relevant for all children across school regardless of their year group.

GOVERNORS' CORNER:

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf Newburgh's Governors, a very warm welcome back to all parents and children for the new school year. A special welcome to all our new children and parents, especially those joining our Reception. When I pay my first visit to our newcomers each year, it's always a joy to look at the sea of shiny new faces, curious to find out what this school business is all about.

At the other end of the school, our Year 6 children are embarking on the final leg of their primary school journey. This is an important year for them as they take their final lap culminating in SATs in the third term. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Currently we have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a **Parent Governor**, and you will receive information via your child during the next couple of weeks on how you can put yourself forward for election. Being a School Governor is a great way to involve yourself in the life and work of the school, and to have a positive influence on our vision for the school.

One of our most important duties as Governors this term is to agree and approve the school's **Learning Improvement Plan**. This is a document that sets out in great detail what the school's main priorities are for the year, and the Governors' job is then to hold the school to account for delivering the expected outcomes as the year progresses.

In November we will have our annual **Governors' Day**, when Governors spend a whole day in school, taking part in lessons, talking to children and getting a real feel for what a typical school day really is.

Have a wonderful term everybody!

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

END OF THE DAY ARRANGEMENTS:

We are constantly trying to improve the arrangements for leaving school at the end of the day at 3.15pm. For children in Years 3-6 the following guidance should be followed, particularly if they have siblings in the infants:

* Children in Year 3 with siblings in the infants will be brought to the infant playground by a member of staff to meet the person who is taking them home.

* Children in Years 4-6 with siblings in the infants will be expected to walk in front of the play structure along the pathway (not the pavement) to the infant playground to meet the person who is taking them home. These children will not be brought through the school.

Children in the infants will be able to leave the site via the gates on the infant playground with parents or carers.

Children in KS2 will be able to leave school via the junior playground as they have always done. Thank you in advance for your help with making these arrangements work effectively.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

A copy of the calendar for the academic year 2016-2017 has been published on the school website. This calendar contains all holiday dates and INSET closure days. Also, the residential visits for Years 5 and 6 are marked during the summer term.

BREAK TIME 'TUCK':

A reminder that children in Years 3-6 are able to purchase 'tuck' from the serving hatch in the main hall every break time. Children wanting to buy something from the hatch should take themselves and their money to the main hall at the start of break time. Items cost no more than 50 pence.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

At the start of the school year everyone looks smart in their new school uniforms. However, I would like to remind parents that our uniform policy states that children wear black trousers, dresses or pinafores. We have noticed that a number of children are wearing grey versions and this does stand out compared with those children wearing black. Please continue to help our children look smart every day when they come to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

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