



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 30th January	Tuesday 31st January	Wednesday 1st February	Thursday 2nd February	Friday 3rd February
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm) Y6SJ to Warwick Library 1.30-3pm RSC performance of 'The Tempest' 1.30pm (Children only)	Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Brass (am) Y6ES to Warwick Library 9-10.40am RSC performance of 'The Tempest' 1.30pm (Children only)	Guitar (am/pm)		Y5KP swimming Y5 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)	Girls Choir Mad Science club Y3 Hockey Rec Multi sports	Boys Choir RSC performance of The Tempest 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm) (Ticket only)	KS2 Football club Y2 Tennis Film club 3.15-4.50pm Change Makers 3.30-5pm	Orchestra Y6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm Girls Football Football V Clinton (h)	Fencing Y1 Tag Rugby Y2 Basketball

Dear parents,

*This coming week is an exciting one at Newburgh. For the first time we are welcoming the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) into school to perform three times. Two of these performances are for children and the other is a public performance which I know that many of you have purchased tickets for.*

*We are the only school in Warwickshire where these performances are taking place and we should be grateful to Mr O'Dwyer for his hard work in securing the services of the RSC. The performances at Newburgh will be the first ones before the actors and production team head off on a nationwide tour. It promises to be an extremely important event for our school.*

*Have a good week.*

*Many thanks, Mr. Smith*

## PARENTS EVENING:

Please note that Parents Evenings this term will take place on Tuesday 14th February and Wednesday 15th February between 3.30 & 7.00pm.

Letters regarding how to book an appointment have been sent out as the system we have used previously is changing this term.

Please keep an eye out for these letters which will be named for individual families,

## Pathways Nursery and Extended Services – Point of clarification

There appears to have been some confusion caused by the wording with reference to 'Pathways consultation' re: future plans on a school newsletter and website just before Christmas. Pathways and the school, would like to clarify that this referred to plans for proposed alterations to the rear of the nursery (and lease) and is a formality related to reducing the nursery grassed play area, demolition of the 'greenhouse' and proposed additional modular extension with toilets. Planning Permission was granted some time ago and the consultation is merely a formality under planning law, in relation to checking that there are no objections to the loss of a small section of the play area, and in view of the limited size of the proposed work, this is unlikely. This consultation is intended to apply where schools are selling land/playing fields for housing, but unfortunately is also applied in the smallest of cases.

Therefore, we can confirm that, for those parents who have expressed concern and in terms of rumours that Pathways is closing, these are entirely false. Pathways has a secure tenancy (est 1994 on site) and will continue to be the school's on site provider of nursery care on site and out of school hours care for older children for many years to come. The consultation is a small piece of red tape and nothing to worry about.

Caroline A Jones (Pathways Director)





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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.

### PTA NEWS:

Remember to book your place at the Beetle drive next weekend, Saturday 4th February 3-5pm. We are trying something new with the hope of getting people together to have a bit of fun while raising a little bit of money. There will be a range of cakes available and hot and cold drinks, plus prizes to be won. Pop your ticket requests and payment (£1 per person) in the PTA post box in reception.

Also save the date for the next cake sale which will be held on Valentine's Day this year, on Tuesday 14th February, in the library after school. Cake donations will be collected that morning from anyone wishing to contribute. We rely on your kind donations to help with the success of this event, so thank you to everyone who is planning to donate cakes or help on the stand. Please sign up to the PTA Social in order to volunteer for a half and hour slot on the stand. Thank you.

*Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman*

### SCHOOL BANK:

The Bank will be open before school from 8.30am onwards on each Thursday morning.



Once an account has been opened it can be serviced as you wish for one off deposits or for more frequent saving. If you would like any further information please come along to speak to the bank team on a Thursday morning. Thank you, the school bank team and HSBC.

Any children can open an account once they have reached **seven years of age**.

### 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 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary).

Any volunteers to walk with the children, would be gratefully received. Please contact your class teacher.

### GOVERNORS CORNER:

Safeguarding of our children whilst at school, is of vital importance to us all and following on from Sam Raftery's piece from last week, I wanted to re-iterate the importance of this and how we, as parents, can help with this. In the busy mornings of trying to get the children out of bed, battling to get teeth cleaned, hair brushed, breakfast eaten, and to actually put their school clothes on (or is this only in our house?!) and trying to get ourselves ready for work or whatever the day may hold, the mornings can be quite a stressful time for parents. Getting our children to and from school is not always easy, however as the school grows, how we access the school at the start and end of the day becomes more challenging. It is not always feasible for all children to walk/cycle/scoot to school, however research has shown that this is a great way of providing children with a small amount of exercise and fresh air and promoting a calm start to the school day. Pressure on parking around the school is growing and the amount of traffic around the school is not only a nuisance to our neighbours, but also provides a danger for children (particularly parking near junctions etc.) I would urge parents, wherever possible to not use cars for the school run, or even if cars are required, to park a short distance from the school and walk in with their children.

Rob Hughes, Parent Governor

### LOWER SCHOOL PANTOMIME:

As Lower School enjoyed the pantomime so much this year, I have booked next year's already. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 we will be taking Y1, 2 and 3 to watch Sleeping Beauty at the Spa Centre in Leamington.

Mrs Turner, Lower school Manager

### VOLUNTEER READER HELPERS IN YEAR 2:

Year 2 are looking for any parents, grandparents or friends of families to become volunteer reader helpers. Being able to read with an adult consistently outside guided reading sessions each week would be a huge benefit to our children. If you think this is something you would like to get involved in, please collect the relevant forms to complete from the main office. You do not need to have a child in Year 2 to take advantage of this opportunity.



### Y5,6 RESIDENTIAL VISITS:

Can we please remind parents to continue making regular instalments towards Year 5 & 6 residential trips taking place in the Summer Term. Instalments can be made via ParentPay as often as convenient, from £10 upwards.

*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.*

