



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 12th March	Tuesday 13th March	Wednesday 14th March	Thursday 15th March	Friday 16th March
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Brass (am) Violin (pm) Woodwind (pm)	Guitar (am/pm)	Reception Forest School: Group 2 - 8/3 - 29/3 Y2 celebration assembly @ 9am (re-arranged from 2-3-18)	Y5 swimming Y4 celebration assembly @ 9am Y3,4 Cross-country @ Warwick Prep 10.30am-12.00pm
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5/6 Drama workshop	Y4,5 PAIS club		Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y2 Football Reception multi-sports Football V Woodloes (h)	Boys choir Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm	Rec Tennis NO KS2 Football NO Y4,5,6 Gardening Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm	NO Orchestra Art Club	Y1 Tag-rugby Y3&4 Netball Girls football V Coten End (h)

Dear parents,

Although your children will have (hopefully) enjoyed the snow last Friday, the disruption this caused for so many people in so many ways was extraordinary. So many things happen in school on any day of the week, including Fridays, that to miss one in a short half term causes all sorts of problems.

Swimming for Year 5 needed cancelling. The coach company who take the children swimming needed informing. Outside sports coaches had to be informed as well as caterers. This was all on top of letting staff and parents of our decision.

One event which we wanted to re-arrange from last Friday was Year 2's Celebration Assembly. Therefore, we have arranged for this to take place on Thursday 15th March at 9am. We hope to welcome parents of children in Year 2 on Thursday this coming week.

I am hopeful now that the inclement weather has all passed us by and we can begin to enjoy the early springtime in school. We are really lucky to have a fantastic school site with so much room for exploration and play opportunities, but we do need the field, in particular, to be dry before we can use it. We know that the children are always keen to get out onto the grass and play - we will aim to get this happening as soon as possible, without making too much mess on uniforms when your children come home at the end of the school day.

Have a good week.

Kind regards, Mr. Smith

CALENDAR 2018-2019:

Please note that a copy of the calendar for 2018-2019 is now on the school website. This calendar includes holiday dates and any days when the school will not be open to children.



CROSS-COUNTRY:

Please note that the planned county cross-country trials on Saturday 10th March have been cancelled by the venue. Hatton Country World have closed their fields to protect them following the recent poor weather.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all parents, children and staff for their patience following the poor weather we endured at the end of last week. The heavy snowfall, whilst predicted, still came as a shock to most of us in its severity and therefore the decision to close the school for one day was taken as you know. This decision is never taken lightly as it affects so many people but everyone's safety has to be taken into consideration continually as we monitor conditions on and around the school site. Thankfully the snow has all but gone now although we have been left dealing with the after effects of this, namely waterlogged grounds. Let us hope that this is the last of this type of weather for the near future and that Spring conditions help to dry everywhere out.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Please note that some of our 'in-house' extra-curricular activities will not take place next week due to parents evening meetings. We expect clubs to re-start the following week, beginning 19th March 2018.

Swimming refunds have been made this week for relevant Year 5 children. Refunds have been made direct to your child's ParentPay account.



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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:

I hope everyone enjoyed the snow this week. In our house we stayed in and watched far too much TV and it got me thinking about whether my boys are active enough.

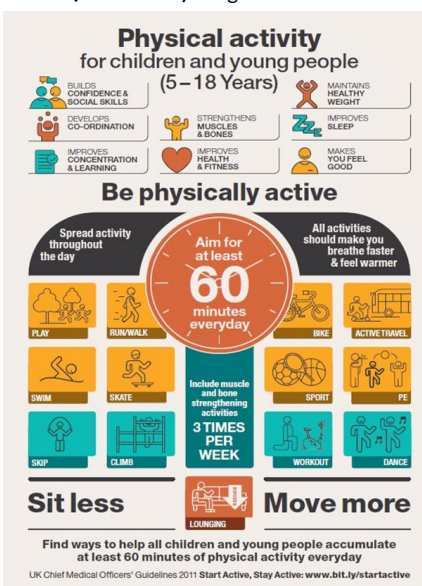
UK guidelines say children should aim for at least 60 minutes of activity a day. They will obviously get some of this at school at lunchtime and in PE. NHS choices website has other suggestions for us including.

- Walk, scooter or cycle to and from school together as often as possible.
- Do an activity challenge together, such as training for a fun run or charity walk. See the parkrun website for details of the free 5km runs held at locally at Stratford. Leamington and Coventry (Junior runners get a free T-shirt after 10 runs!). For the younger children look on 'kidsrunfree.co.uk' for details of runs held at St Nicks park and in Leamington.
- Support your kids in sports, clubs or any other activities that may interest them. Joining a weekend club sport encourages them to make a commitment to a team and regular exercise. There are quite a few after school sports activities going on at Newburgh and the very popular KS2 football training.

There is lots more advice on getting active on the Change4Life website.

Sally Nowak, parent Governor

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



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!

PTA NEWS:

The PTA will be holding our very popular cake sale on **Tuesday 13th March**, straight after school in the library from 3.15pm. This event runs through the evening until 7pm to coincide with Parents' Evening, and this year you will be able to purchase hot drinks while you wait to speak to the teachers. We will also have second hand uniform and second hand books on sale during the afternoon too.

In order to hold this event, we ask if you can kindly donate some bought or home-made cakes on the morning of Tuesday 13th March to the trolleys outside the playgrounds. We can normally raise a great deal from this event so all help, donations and sales are hugely appreciated. If you think you could spare half an hour volunteering on the stall, please sign up at the PTA social website, or contact us directly at newburghpta@gmail.com.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman.

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.