



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 25th February	Tuesday 26th February	Wednesday 27th February	Thursday 28th February	Friday 1st March
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin tuition	Stay and Play group Brass tuition Woodwind tuition Violin tuition	Guitar tuition	Forest School (Reception) SEND Coffee Morning 9.15 - 10.00 am	Y3 Celebration Assembly
Lunchtime		Home Learning club Playbox Drama club			Home Learning Club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y1 & 2 TAG Rugby club Reception Multisports club	Boys Choir	NO Orchestra Cooking Club Y6 Y1 Tennis Club Y5 & 6 Netball Club	KS2 Football Club	Y3 & 4 TAG Rugby club Y1 & 2 Dance club

Dear Parents/Guardians

*How quickly this half term has flown by and what a lot we have packed in to such a short amount of time!*

*It has been a pleasure this week to see the whole school enjoying taking part in a performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' and also, as a Lead Associate school for the RSC, welcoming pupils from local schools to take part in this project.*

*I hope the children enjoy their week's holiday and return refreshed to enjoy the remainder of the Spring Term. Please remind your children of the ways they should keep themselves safe when out and about during the holidays.*

Mrs Simpkins,  
Headteacher

## ADVANCE NOTICE - PANTOMIME

Please note that Years 1 - 6 will be visiting the Royal Spa Centre on Tuesday 10th December to see a performance of Snow White. Further details to follow later in the year.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES (all begin at 9 am)

Friday 1st March - Year 3  
Friday 8th March - Year 4  
Friday 15th March - Year 5  
Friday 22nd March - Year 6  
Friday 29th March - Year 1  
Friday 5th April - Year 2



## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER:

Trainers and boots are NOT part of our school uniform and should not be worn on a daily basis. Children should ONLY wear black shoes in school. Trainers may be worn for appropriate sporting activities only. Children are welcome to wear boots to and from school on rainy/snowy days, but these must be changed when they enter their cloak or classrooms.

We are proud of our uniform and what it represents. Help us to keep it special and smart all year round. Sweatshirts and cardigans must have the school emblem and not a plain alternative please.

Second hand uniform can easily be obtained from the school's reception area. Please help yourself from the drawers – a voluntary donation towards PTA funds can be placed in the PTA donation box on the wall.



## LEAMINGTON AND WARWICK FOODBANK

Newburgh Primary School is a registered distributor of Foodbank vouchers so that should one of our families find themselves struggling to put food on the table due to low income, sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill etc. we are able to help. Should this situation arise you should ask to meet with Mrs Simpkins.

## Holiday Lunch Club

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Registered Charity: 1127224

12 noon – 1.45pm  
St Paul's Church Warwick  
(by the racecourse)

Fun activities for the children, Free hot lunch for the family

Find us on Facebook:  
Make Lunch Warwick St Paul's  
In Partnership with: TLG Make Lunch



Adopted charity for the year.





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*Our school day begins at 8.55am and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am. Please ensure that children are in school for 8.55am so they can begin their day calmly and with their peers.*



Coffee Morning  
Thursday February 28th  
9:15am – 10am  
(old hall)



Newburgh Primary School welcomes all parents and carers of children with SEND (or not) to a coffee morning.

If your child has been identified with needs or concerns please feel free to attend. You will have the opportunity to meet key adults who support and work with your child, as well as find out how we endeavour to support all children in school to achieve.

Thank you.

Please signup – sheet available in the school office, for appropriate catering.

## Annual Book Dress Up and Book Fair

Our annual book week starts on Monday 11th March; the children can dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Throughout this week the children will take part in a range of activities that promote a love of reading and books.

Also may we welcome as many of you as possible to our book fair. The book fair will start on Monday 11th March and finish on Friday 15th March in the morning. It will be held in the main hall each morning from 8.30 - 8.55am and each afternoon from 3.10 - 3.50pm. Books make great presents and we really value your support as the more you buy the more books we earn for school.

I look forward to seeing you.

Mrs K Turner, Deputy  
Headteacher



## YOU ARE INVITED!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Find us on Facebook at MakeLunch Warwick and please let us know you are coming, so that we can cater accordingly.

11.30 - 1.15 pm, Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow, Warwick CV34 6BT [www.chasemeadowcc.co.uk](http://www.chasemeadowcc.co.uk)

Make Lunch is a national initiative responding to parents struggling on tight budgets and aims to fill the holiday hunger gap! Register with us on arrival.



We are open to families from across Warwick and our sessions include games, activities, lots of fun and a free hot and healthy lunch! Organised by St Michael's Church,

[www.stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk)



## PTA - BAG2SCHOOL

Please use the bag sent home with your child this week to donate any unwanted clothing, paired shoes, hats, handbags, ties and soft toys. Bags should be dropped off outside the school office on Friday 1st March. Thank you.

## GOVERNORS' CORNER

An Ofsted Day in the Life of a Governor

When you put yourself forward to be a school governor, the last thing you're thinking about is an official Ofsted inspection. However, at some point the call will come. It's an interesting position for governors to be in: we're a group of unpaid volunteers full of goodwill and enthusiasm, but that's not proof of good governance; and somehow we're partly responsible for the overall leadership of the school and the judgement it will receive from Ofsted. It's a daunting responsibility. Ron Binnie, our chair of governors, was notified as soon as the Ofsted call came through, the morning before the visit. He spent that day liaising with Mrs Simpkins, collating all of the minutes from previous governor meetings as proof that we provide the leadership team with sufficient challenge, and buying in chocolate to fortify the staff through the following day. He also phoned the rest of the governing body so that we could organise time off work – employers are obliged to provide us with time to fulfil our governing duties – to come in and meet the inspector the next day. The evening was then spent swotting, as if for an exam, only one where you're not sure what the questions might be: How is sports funding spent? What's the provision for PP students? How would you summarise KS2 results and data trends over the last three years? In actual fact, our meeting with the inspector was really rewarding: while there was a range of issues she clearly wanted to discuss, she also gave us a chance to talk about our impressions of the school and to share our passion for Newburgh. I think what came through quite clearly was that what the inspector was told by the staff was echoed by the pupils and then reiterated by the governors. It showed consistency across the school, a shared understanding and is evidence that we know our school. We were then invited to the feedback meeting at the end of the day where the inspector shared her findings with the governing body and members of leadership. It was a privilege to be part of that, not just to see how the whole process works but also to hear some of the lovely things she said about our school. And in our own tiny way, we governors had played our part and not let anyone down.

Anna Meredith (Co-opted governor)

If you have any comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at [governors2325@welearn365.com](mailto:governors2325@welearn365.com).



Adopted charity  
for the year.

