



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 18th September	Tuesday 19th September	Wednesday 20th September	Thursday 21st September	Friday 22nd September
Before school 8am-8.55am				School bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Violin (pm) Brass (am) Woodwind (pm)	Guitar (am/pm)	Forest School (Y3)	Celebration Assembly Y4 @ 9am
Lunchtime	Drama	Home learning			Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y1 Cricket Y2 Athletics	Boys choir	KS2 Football (Mr. Smith & Mr. Brandrick) Y3 Tennis	Orchestra	Football V Budbrooke (a) Y4 Athletics Y2 Cricket Y3 Street Dance

Dear parents,

It has been one of the wettest and most unsettled return to school periods that I can remember. Usually September is lovely and warm with long sunny days. We have had no such luck so far this term. Please could we ask that children bring a rain jacket into school on a daily basis in case a passing shower catches us?

I have been pleased to see lots of children making use of our new 'scooter pods' outside each playground. Funded by the PTA, these pods enable children to come to school on a scooter and leave it in a secure place away from the bicycle shelters. It also allows children choosing to cycle to school more room to store their bicycles safely during the school day.

Please encourage your children to use these pods should they decide to leave a scooter at school.

This coming week sees our Reception children start on full days for the first time. This is always a big step for children and families alike and we wish them good luck and hope they are happy during their time with us at Newburgh.

Have a good week. Many thanks, Mr. Smith

Our Harvest Festivals will take place on Friday 29th September this year. For children in KS2 (Years 3-6) this will begin at 9am. For those children in KS1 and Reception this will start at 2.30pm. Children are asked to bring in a donation for our festival on Thursday 28th September please. Parents are welcome to attend these festivals if they have a child performing in them.

IMPROVING THE SCHOOL DINING EXPERIENCE AT NEWBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The aim of improving the dining experience for pupils is to develop a happier and calmer population of children. Pupils' surroundings have an impact on their sense of wellbeing, and in terms of changing the culture, ethos and understanding of healthy eating messages, schools have found that focusing on their dining rooms is invaluable.

After consultation with our pupils, we are now using both halls for packed lunches and school meals so that the children can sit with their friends. Flight trays will no longer be used; instead pupils will use plates and bowls, the design of which was chosen by the school's nutrition action group (SNAG committee). New tables have been purchased for the main hall, with help from the PTA, and calming music is played in both halls.

Children have been reminded that good table manners will be encouraged and rewarded: eating with a knife and fork, cutting food independently, not dropping food, not speaking with a mouth full etc. Healthy eating and trying new things will be also be rewarded. There is a booklet on the school website that gives advice on packing a healthy packed lunch box at home.

Please let us know if you have any ideas that you would like to add to this for improving the lunchtime experience for our pupils. The new SNAG committee will be involved in discussing and implementing new ideas.

Morning snacks

KS1 and reception children are provided with fruit by the school. KS2 children may bring in their own fruit or healthy snack (no crisps or sweets please) which is to be packed separately from their packed lunch, as access to packed lunch boxes during morning break is not possible. KS2 children may also purchase healthy snacks from the school tuck shop.

Mrs J Simpkins





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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.

GOVERNORS CORNER:

Last year the learning and enjoyment that came from the Royal Shakespeare Company visits introducing The Tempest was exceptional. This year the children will be exploring Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, so the staff spent an interesting and informative inset day receiving training from Fiona from the RSC. Unlike the tempest Julius Caesar is much more gruesome and delves into relationships, subterfuge, politics, history and murderous plots. Much of which I am sure the children will enjoy getting stuck into.

Initially there was a feeling of trepidation and being out of our comfort zone. It was beneficial to reverse roles and be the students rather than the teachers, and appreciate how children can feel at times when faced with new tasks. However Fiona cleverly brought the play to life through different activities. The Shakespearean text, difficult to comprehend in parts became much clearer as we stripped it down to important words and phrases. Using drama, music and emotion when recreating scenes, also increased our understanding. The activities are valuable tools to be used in the classroom and are not only applicable to Shakespeare. I look forward to the creative teaching and learning to come.

Rebecca Poole Co-opted Governor

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

PTA NEWS:

If you have any spare foreign coins left over from your holidays this summer, please consider donating them to the PTA. We can take ANY coins; foreign, old UK currency, old foreign currency, Euros etc and we can exchange them for cash. We have a bucket in reception which has already made £100 from since April, so please continue to pop your unwanted coins into it.

We also have a box next to it for used UK and foreign stamps (foreign stamps give us more money per Kg), which we can also exchange for cash. They need to have no more than 1cm of envelope left around the stamp.

We are also on the look-out for any **good quality** used school jumpers or cardigans which can be resold at our second hand uniform sales. Please donate any unwanted items to the office, but please make sure they are in a good condition as our space is limited.

The PTA would like to thank the parents who have matched funds through their places of work this summer. In total we have made over £1400 since July from HSBC and National Grid. If you think your work may have a similar matched giving scheme, please contact us at newburghpta@gmail.com and we can help you find out how to apply.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Chase Meadow residents association are arranging another "big tidy up" around Chase Meadow on Saturday 23rd September between 10:00 and 11:30, meeting outside the community centre. Anyone is welcome to join in.

Please note that allocation of extra-curricular club places (where appropriate) will now be sent via an eSchools message. This will NOT now be sent home on paper through children's book bags. As mentioned above, please make sure that you are able to log on and receive messages via eSchools. If you are unable to do so, please contact the main office.

CROSS-COUNTRY:

The first Year 6 cross-country race of the season will take place on Saturday 23rd September. This race is being held at Southam College with girls racing at 10.30am and boys at 11.00am. If you plan to compete in this event please make sure that a reply slip has been given to Mr Smith and that you give yourself enough time to park and get to the start before the race commences. Parking is not always easy at this event, so please leave yourself enough time to get to the start line. We do not pick a team for the cross-country events and all Year 6 children are invited to participate. If you return a reply slip, I will presume that you will be running on the 23rd September.

BOOK FAIR:

There will be a Book Fair in school on Monday 2nd October until Friday 6th October for you to purchase books. These make great presents for Christmas!! This will run from Monday morning to Friday morning in the main hall each morning from 8:30 to 8:55am and again after school Monday to **Thursday** from 3:10 to 3:50pm. Please support our book fair as the school is rewarded with books relative to the number we sell!! Each book fair is even better than the last one. Thank you for your support. Mrs Turner, Literacy Manager

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please note that individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 9th October.

SCHOOL SWIMMING 2017-2018:

From September 2017 we will be returning to the St. Nicholas Park pool for swimming lessons. These lessons will take place, as before, on a Friday afternoon as follows. Year 6 will go during the Autumn Term until Christmas. Year 5 will go during the Spring Term until Easter. Year 4 will go during the Summer Term until the summer break 2018. Year 6 will begin swimming on Friday 29th September.

INSTRUMENT TUITION:

A reminder - Instrument lessons have now commenced. All payments for the Autumn Term **must** be received before lessons can be taken up. Payment should be made on ParentPay.

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.

