



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 11th February	Tuesday 12th February	Wednesday 13th February	Thursday 14th February	Friday 15th February
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin tuition	Stay and Play group Brass tuition Woodwind tuition Violin tuition Y5 Class Assembly 10.05am & 2.35pm	NO Guitar tuition	Forest School Group 1 (Reception)	Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Lunchtime		Home Learning club Playbox Drama club			Home Learning Club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y3 & 4 Netball Reception Multi sports	Boys Choir	KS2 Tennis club Orchestra Cooking Club Y6	Class 6KT rearranged Parents evening (original timings)	Y5 & 6 Netball Y3,4,5,6 Dance

OFSTED

This week saw the publication of our latest OFSTED report. You should have, by now, received an email attachment and a paper copy from us. A copy has also been placed on the school's website and it will be published on the OFSTED website on the 13th February 2019. Having worked at the school for so many years I took great pleasure in reading the positive comments from the inspector about areas in which our values and ethos shone through. We are so proud of our pupils and the positive comments that were made about their behaviour, consideration for others and resilience. There are, of course, points for development, the next steps for us being to develop the planning and progress for our SEND pupils; development of skills in the wider curriculum and providing greater challenge for the most able in Mathematics - but it was recognised that we are in a strong position to address these points and develop in these areas quickly. I will update you soon with the changes to be made to our Learning Improvement Plan.
Mrs Simpkins, Headteacher

START OF THE DAY AT NEWBURGH

At Newburgh, our school day officially begins at 8.55am when the bell is rung and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am.



Some time ago, we made the decision to open our doors from 8.45am to enable a staggered, calmer start to the day for all of our pupils instead of having a playtime, blowing the whistle, and then lining up to come in to school at 8.55am.

There is no member of staff on duty until 8.45am and therefore we would not expect children to be playing on the playground at this time, even if their parents are with them. If they arrive before the door is open then we have asked them to wait quietly and calmly. We would appreciate it, therefore, if children and parents would time their arrival at school for between 8.45am and 8.55am.

LATENESS

I have noticed that some children are regularly arriving after 8.55am and entering through the front office. Please ensure that your child arrives in time to enter through the playground entrances with their friends for a smooth start to their day.

PTA NEWS - UPCOMING EVENTS

25th - 28th February - We will be having a costume bring and buy sale to help you find that perfect costume for book day.

29th March - Quiz night. Our always popular adults only quiz is back for an extra night this year by special request. If you enjoyed the crisp tasting last time you'll love the special round this time. Accompanied as always by fish and chips and the Newburgh PTA bar.

Remember - if you have any unwanted gifts lurking at home we are always happy to take them off your hands for raffle prizes etc. Drinks, chocolates, cosmetics and things like that are always appreciated. Just drop them into school and we'll do the rest.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES



Friday 15th February	Year 2
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



Adopted charity for the year.





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ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential if children are to progress well and develop the habits of successful learners. Please make sure your child arrives promptly for school and only takes time off when absolutely necessary. It should not usually be necessary to be away from school because of a cold and we ask that routine medical appointments, such as dental check-ups, are planned after school or in the school holidays.

In the case of a sickness bug, however, children must be kept away from school for 48 hours after final symptoms to avoid spreading the illness across the school.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

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



CARE4CALAIS

May we thank you for your kind donations of winter coats for the 'Care4Calais' campaign. Your donations are now on their way to their destination.

GOVERNORS' CORNER

We have a lot of top-notch art work taped to the walls of our house in a variety of well-thought out locations (fridge, random doors, cupboards). Some are even multi-part homages to seasonal holidays (I think) such as Santa being arrested, a no ghosts allowed sign and a Valentine's day homage to Lego City.

Before children, my house was always neat and minimalistic, but now, everywhere I look there's a hint of a memory that makes me smile. Whether it's a sign taped to the wall or a stack of toys piled under a window, it's a little piece of this crazy, exasperating, overflowing life we are busy living.

Often when your life is consumed by parenting or you're trying desperately to achieve some kind of work/life balance, making it through the week unscathed feels like a triumph, importantly though, a lack of big events doesn't make these victories unimportant. Look around. The little stick men decorating your less than perfect house are certainly more valuable than they seem at first glance and given they have evolved from circles to potentially resembling family members, you might even say they are worth celebrating.

With this in mind, the celebration assemblies held at school for each year group are currently under a period of transformation and it caused me to reflect on the things we celebrate both inside and outside of school. As adults we appreciate words of praise from a boss or a celebratory dinner that acknowledges something we're proud of achieving and it's no surprise then that our children also like to celebrate their accomplishments.

Achievements can range from doing well in school to scoring a goal in a football match or even just making it through a tough week and all of these are worthy of recognition. They can be memorable moments or small personal victories and often in the chaos of a week they can get forgotten about. I urge all of us to find moments to celebrate and make use of these assemblies to mark these achievements. They are not just for showcasing extracurricular activities but to celebrate the milestones of each and every one of our children and to recognise those equally important stepping stones to getting to the big things. Celebrate the small stuff!

Victoria Davies, Parent Governor

If you have any comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at governors2325@welearn365.com.



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