

	<h1>Newburgh Primary School</h1> <p>"A caring school where every child matters" (OFSTED)</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs. J Simpkins B.Ed NPQH</p> <hr/> <p>w/c: 24/02/2020 Tel: (01926) 775453</p>
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What's on this week	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	String tuition	Stay and Play group String Tuition Brass Tuition Woodwind Tuition	Guitar Tuition	Reception Forest school Group 1 last session	Y2 Celebration Assembly 9am Y5 Swimming
Lunchtime				Orchestra	
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Handball Club Y3 & 4 Handball Club Y5 & 6	Boys Choir	Coolsportz Tennis Club Y1 & 2 Parents Evening 3.30 - 7.00pm	Premier Active - Active Adventure Club Parents Evening 3.30 - 7.00pm	

Dear Parents/Guardians

*The quality of mercy is not strained,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest:
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
(The Merchant of Venice -Portia, Act 4 Scene 1)*

It has been an amazing week with the culmination of our whole school Shakespeare topic being a whole school performance of the play, with every child taking part. I'm so impressed with the quality of their performance and so proud to see children able to display their talents in areas across the curriculum.

Have a lovely half term break!

Kind regards

Mrs Simpkins, Headteacher

PARENTS EVENING BOOKING

The parents evening booking window is now open for all classes in school except 2EP. Please make sure you have made an appointment via your eSchools log in. If you need any assistance with this then please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Appointments for class 2EP will take place on Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March with Mrs Goulding now that Mrs Preston has begun her maternity leave. The booking window for these appointments will open on Tuesday 25th February at 1am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th February - Parents Evening

Friday 28th February - Year 2 celebration assembly

Saturday 29th February - Mid Warwickshire regional cross country qualifier @ Moreton Morrell College

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March - Class 2EP Parents Evening (*booking window opens Tuesday 25th February*)

Friday 13th March - Y3 celebration assembly

Friday 20th March - Reception Pebble Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March - Year 1 Class Assembly 10.40am & 2.50pm

Thursday 26th March - Reception Easter decoration making. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 1st April - Newburgh Community Coffee morning 8.40 am onwards



RESIDENTIAL VISIT PAYMENTS

Please can we remind you that the next instalments will become due by **21st February 2020**. It is very important that the payment schedule is adhered to so we can honour our payment commitment to both centres and ensure your child's place is secured.

We actively encourage all families to make smaller, more regular and manageable instalments towards the cost of these trips. Please make all payments via ParentPay.





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Please remember our responsibilities to ourselves, our children and our neighbours when driving or parking around the school site. This is especially important where children and parents are crossing Kipling Avenue to enter school.

BOOK SOME TIME -

Winter Sleep, Sean Taylor, Alex Morris and Cinyee Chiu

In this cosy bedtime story, follow a child and his grandma through a snowy landscape to explore how the earth goes to sleep for winter. Spot the sleeping animals as the tale unfolds then learn about their hibernating habits in the information pages at the back.

This beautifully illustrated, large format picture book has a mix of narrative and factual content and blends a sweet story with information on different types of animals, how they hibernate through winter and what we can do to keep them safe.

A great bedtime story from any age and suitable for independent readers from 5+

Mrs. Fitzpatrick



PTA CORNER

"Thank you to everyone who came along to our quiz night. It was our most successful yet, raising over £400 for school funds and everyone had a great time. There will be another one in May so don't miss out!



The week after half term brings parents' evening and so the return of the cake sale on Wednesday 26th February. We need lots of cake donations and lots of hungry people to come along and eat them! A letter has gone out on eSchools with more information - please help if you can."

POLITE REMINDERS - School Gates

Please do not park in front of our main school gates entrance at any point during the school day, even if only for a short while.

This area must be kept free at all times to allow access to emergency vehicles if needed. This also ensures the safety of our children as they enter and leave school.

SHAKESPEARES GOT TALENT

A new venture for our Shakespeare Ambassadors! They arranged a talent show where groups of children performed their own sketches. The only criteria was that it must be linked to Shakespeare. The children had to write their own sketch and practice this performance.



Throughout the evening we met many famous characters from the plays the children have studied over the years. Each show was performed to the judges who gave constructive feedback before eventually deciding on the winner. Well done to everyone involved!

ADVANCE NOTICE - PANTOMIME

Please note that Years 1 - 6 will be visiting Royal Spa Centre on Friday 11th December 2020 to see a performance of Aladdin. Further details will follow later in the year.



GOVERNORS CORNER - Anna Meredith (Co-opted governor)

I've been a secondary school teacher for over twenty years and I regularly ask myself why, with all of my experience, the job doesn't seem to get any easier. Of course, there are all of the external factors from the modern world of data and the need to record and monitor every little thing we do to government-driven targets; indeed, I remember fondly the days when students were responsible for their GCSE grades rather than me! A significant change also, however, is the children themselves: family life looks different to twenty years ago, the pressures of modern life are different and, of course, social media has transformed the way young people communicate and conduct relationships with others. This then can transform the classroom into a potential pressure cooker with the diverse range of needs that need to be catered for.

As governors we work hard to stay informed about the daily reality of classroom life at Newburgh. Only this week I was at a meeting hearing about increased community links to make our school part of a network of provision for young people and families; about the innovative ways school is using outside assistance like Speech and Language Therapy to benefit pupils; and about the new training opportunities for teaching assistants to support key children. As the world changes, so must schools, and it's good to see that Newburgh is doing just that.

If you have a comment or query for governors, please contact us at governors2325@welearn365.com