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|  | <h1 style="text-align: center;">Newburgh Primary School</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">“A caring school where every child matters” (OFSTED)</p> | <p><b>Headteacher: Mr. A. Smith</b><br/>B.Ed (Hons), NPQH,<br/>PGCertSENCo</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>w/c: 29/1/2018</b><br/>Tel: (01926) 775453</p> |
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| What's on this week                                   | Monday 29th January                               | Tuesday 30th January                                   | Wednesday 31st January   | Thursday 1st February  | Friday 2nd February  |
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| Before school<br>8am-8.55am                           |   |  |  |  |  |
| Activities during the school day                      | Violin (am)                                       | Brass (am)<br>Violin (pm)<br>Woodwind (pm)             | Guitar (am/pm)<br><b>RSC performance of Julius Caesar (Y3,4,5)</b>   | Reception Forest School:<br>Group 1 - 18/1 - 15/2;<br>Reception Group 2 - 1/3 - 29/3 | Y5 swimming<br><b>Y5 celebration assembly @ 9am</b><br><b>Non-uniform 'NUMBER DAY' for NSPCC</b> |
| Lunchtime   |   | Home learning<br>Y5/6 Drama workshop                   |  |  | Home learning  |
| After school<br>(3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated) | Girls choir<br>Y3 Tag Rugby<br>Reception football | Boys choir<br><b>Netball V All Saints, Warwick (h)</b> | Y1 Tennis<br><b>NO KS2 Football</b><br><b>Football V St Margaret's (h)</b><br><b>RSC performance of 'Julius Caesar' 6.30pm</b> | Orchestra  | Y1 Football<br>Y2 Hockey   |

*Dear parents,*  
Newburgh Primary School is continuing to develop. We have been informed this week that the windows which face into the courtyard from all sides (apart from the existing hall) will soon be replaced for brand new, modern glazing. We are very fortunate to be in receipt of this and are looking forward to removing the existing, original glass which in many cases is only just fit for purpose. This will also mean that some new doors are also installed or replaced which will enhance that area of the school further.  
Wednesday this coming week sees the RSC visiting school again. This year they will be performing 'Julius Caesar' twice - once for children and once for adults. I look forward to seeing you at the evening performance if you are able to make this.  
Have a good week. Kind regards, Mr. Smith

#### NUMBER DAY - FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY:

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on Friday 2nd February 2018.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive 'can-do' attitude. On Friday 2nd February, we will be having a number based maths morning across the school where children will have the opportunity to work with different children and staff to play maths games and create mathematical art. We will be taking part in 'Dress Up for Digits' and pupils are invited to wear clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, socks or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1.00.

Thank you for your support, Miss Maisey and Mrs Preston



#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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!



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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:

A belated Happy New Year and as I write to you now we are already at the mid stage of this first half term. 3 weeks down 3 weeks to go! January can always be a bit of a quiet month with all the excitement of Christmas having passed. However, it's back to full swing here at Newburgh. It's an exciting time with so many great activities packed in, both inside and outside of school.

This doesn't happen by chance and is in fact down to meticulous planning and the hard work of all staff in school.

With us already starting to think about our Easter Creations it's a busy but fun time.

With the first month of 2018 already nearly behind us, February half term fast approaching and before you know it Easter will be upon us! Enjoy the next few weeks.

Steve Nemeth, Co – opted Governor

## CATERING ASSISTANT: JOB VACANCY / JOB DESCRIPTION:

Newburgh Primary School, Warwick

General assistant required.

Hours of Work: 16 hours per week, working 11.00pm – 2.15pm

Monday – Thursday, Friday 11.00am – 2.00pm. term time only.

Rate of Pay: £7.50 per hour

Main Duties (from job description): To prepare fresh food; assisting the chef with day to day kitchen duties; serving children at lunchtimes; cleaning kitchen and dining hall.

Contact:- [helenohara@classcatering.co.uk](mailto:helenohara@classcatering.co.uk) or call 07957 624177

## 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.



## PTA NEWS:

The PTA will be having a **Beetle drive** afternoon on **Saturday 3rd February from 3-5pm in the old school hall**. Letters have been sent out in book bags and on eschools with all the details. The event costs £2 per person and we will have refreshments and cakes available to buy. A Beetle Drive is an old family favourite and can be enjoyed by all ages. The aim of the game is to be the first person to draw a complete beetle, and the body parts you draw are determined by the throw of the dice. There will be prizes for the winners and losers, so come along and have a fun afternoon. Let us know you are coming by filling in the reply slip with payment and dropping it into the PTA box in the office reception.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help us on our **Parents' Evening Cake sale** which will be on **Tuesday 13th March**. If you would like to volunteer please sign up to the PTA social website <https://app.ptasocial.com/events/42297> or emails us at [newburghpta@gmail.com](mailto:newburghpta@gmail.com).

Alternatively, if you would like to help but can't give your time, please help by baking some cakes for us to sell at the sale and donating them on the morning of Tuesday 13th March. Thank you  
*Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman.*

## WATER BOTTLES:

We still have some children who are not taking the opportunity to keep themselves hydrated via one of our three new water coolers. Children only need to bring a bottle into school so that they can refill this once their water has been drunk during the day. There are three new water coolers around the school for children to access and we would encourage everyone to do so. Every child is welcome to have a water bottle in class with them during the day.



*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.*

## ACCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS:

Head bump notifications, sent via eschools, will not now specify your child's name. Please ensure you check you child's bag at the end of the day for the accident slip. We will continue to telephone parents for anything that requires immediate notification.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Thanks to all the Reception Class parents who completed the questionnaire that was sent out recently. You can view the results under the **News** tab on our school website.

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

## JULIUS CAESAR:

Following the success of our work with the RSC last year with The Tempest we will again be working closely with them during the new Spring Term to learn about another well know play 'Julius Caesar'. We are excited to announce that the RSC will perform their First Encounters Tour of Julius Caesar in our school hall on Wednesday 31st January @ 6.30 pm. Further information on how to purchase tickets has been sent via an eSchools letter.

**Just a few tickets remaining for the evening performance of Julius Caesar on 31st January 18. Please purchase tickets through ParentPay.**

## CAR PARKING:

Please can I remind parents not to park in the staff car park at school. As you can appreciate this is a very busy area at either end of the school day, particularly with junior children crossing to it to get into their playground. I do appreciate that parking on the roads around school is difficult, but we really must ask for your help with this.

As Newburgh is now a large school, the issues around car parking will not reduce. Please consider parking a little distance away from school on one of the neighbouring roads or somewhere suitable and taking a short walk to the school gates. Please do not, however, block driveways for our neighbours.

Please be patient as a road user during these busy times and make sure that children's safety is your principal consideration.