



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 14th May	Tuesday 15th May	Wednesday 16th May	Thursday 17th May	Friday 18th May
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Y6 SATs tests	Violin (pm) ~ replacement lesson Y3-6 trading card club (breaktime) Y6 SATs tests	Y6 SATs tests Reception visit to Stratford Butterfly Farm	Y6 SATs tests	Y5 celebration assembly @ 9am Y4 swimming Y3-6 trading card club (breaktime)
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5,6 Drama Workshop	Y4,5 PAIS club		Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y2 Athletics Reception Athletics	Boys choir	Y3,4,5,6 Tennis KS2 Athletics Y4,5,6 Gardening	Orchestra Art Club Y6 Rounders	Y1 Athletics Y3,4 Athletics

PLEASE NOTE: Year 4's assembly will now take place on **TUESDAY 22nd MAY** at 10.20am & 2.45pm and not on the previously published date. Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

Dear parents,

We are getting to the stage in the academic year when our children will experience a number of really important tests. Despite repeated calls from professionals to reduce formal testing for primary school children, children nationally now experience more tests than ever.

At Newburgh we strongly believe that 'continuous daily assessment' is the key to children's success. On a lesson by lesson basis we don't 'test' children, but by careful observation and excellent teaching we make sure we understand how well children have understood new concepts and adjust our teaching accordingly.

However, tests are also very important. They provide us with valuable 'summative' information which allows us to judge how well each child has progressed at varying points of the year. We understand that some children find 'formal tests' worrying, so we are careful to present formal tests in ways which are unthreatening. We wish all of our children the very best over the coming weeks as they undertake these assessments.

Have a good week.

Mr. Smith

SCHOOL MEALS:

Class catering have a Royal Wedding lunch planned on **Thursday 17th May 2018**. It will consist of a traditional roast chicken dinner or cheese and potato pie, followed by a strawberry muffin.

Due to this change please also note that there will be a change to lunch choices on **Wednesday 16th May 2018**. On this date, children will now be able to choose from either beef lasagne or vegetable hot pot.

CHOIR NEWS:

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT - DISNEY SPECTACULAR - TUESDAY 22nd May at 4 pm in the school hall. Also featuring DISNEY dancers!

Children will remain at school at the end of the day for a quick rehearsal before the concert starts at 4pm. Children to be collected from the school hall at 4:40pm (if your child is going to Pathways they will be taken there at the end).

Everyone is welcome - siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Children to wear smart school uniform plus a Disney head band or a cap with a Disney character if they would like to.

ECO COMPETITION:

Well done and thank you to everyone who entered our plastic competition. We are really pleased that so many people are aware of the plastic problem and were inspired to make things out of plastic bottles, design a machine to clean up our oceans or invent an ECO superhero.

The ECO club had a really tricky job to choose the winners. This picture shows the amazing things that can be made from a plastic bottle!

Winners will be announced at the next whole school assembly.





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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.

GOVERNORS CORNER:

Have you heard that there is an exciting event happening in Reception class? A duck has nested in one of the tyres on the decked area outside. This happened the week before breaking up for Easter. Over the holiday she laid some eggs and covered them with downy feathers. She has proceeded to sit on them ever since, vacating the nest for short spells to feed. It has been a wonderful learning opportunity, especially as Reception's topic is all about 'Growing' and significant changes are recorded in each child's Duck Diary. Judging by information on Google the ducklings should be hatching any day now and excitement and anticipation are mounting!

BREAKING NEWS

I wrote the above last weekend and when we returned to school on Tuesday eager to see if the eggs had hatched we found they had! However as it happened over the Bank Holiday all that remained were empty shells and no sign of the duck or fluffy ducklings, much to our disappointment. The children can complete their Duck Diaries but not quite as we were expecting.

Calling all Duck Detectives. If you have any sightings of what could be our new duck family please let us know, as we would love to find out if they made it to the brook or lake.

Rebecca Poole Co-opted Governor

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

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.

WARWICK FESTIVAL 2018:

St Mary's is very much looking forward to taking part in the Warwick Festival 2018 – The Legend of Guy of Warwick, we will be hosting:

A WRITING WORKSHOP to reveal the legend of Guy of Warwick. between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 26th May. You will hear the legend of Guy and Felice brought to life by Jenny Heap, local writer and poet. Then write your own story or poem or even create a picture. At 4.00pm meet some special visitors "Guy of Warwick & Friends" and participants will perform their stories and poems. Tickets £3 per child (age range 5 – 13) accompanying grown up FREE. A perfect opportunity for the adults to take a leisurely tour of our magnificent church, steeped in this country's history. Have a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake in our Pop up Café and finish the afternoon enjoying hearing the children's tales of a daring knight! To book please email admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or call 01926403940 or tickets on the door.

'GUY IN THE SKY' –over the bank holiday weekend 26th – 28th May, climb the 160 steps of the iconic tower of St Mary's to see amazing views over Warwick and the surrounding countryside and the places associated with Guy of Warwick and other historic landmarks, participate in our quiz and earn a prize. £3 per adult, children FREE, Family (2 adults and up to 4 children 18 and under) £6. Subject to weather conditions.

There are plenty of other things going on over the weekend - **MARKET HALL MUSEUM** - View the modern influences of Guy through a visual arts exhibition created by Warwickshire College students all weekend. On Saturday 26th (10am -12noon) bring the kids to our 'Make and Create' - make a Guy or your very own superhero mask, £1 donation to take part in the craft activity and on Sunday browse food stalls throughout the museum, part of the Warwick Food Festival. FREE entry. <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/museum-service/market-hall-planning-your-visit/>

On Monday 28th the **GUY OF WARWICK SOCIETY** have initiated Bank Holiday Monday as 'Guy of Warwick Day' which will feature a service and re-enactment at Guys Cliffe House at 11am, followed by a costumed procession leaving Priory Park on foot at 1.00pm and arriving in Market place around 1.30pm, where The Slaughterhouse Players will perform the Slaying of the Dun Cow in the Holloway followed by other entertainment.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Year 5 and 6 residential visits: these are coming round quickly. It is essential that all *medical forms* are returned and *balances* paid by the specified dates before children can attend.

Malvern—final balance due 11th May 2018

Red Ridge—final balance due 1st June 2018.

PTA NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that Newburgh Primary School PTA has organised a textile collection with **Bag2School** in order to help raise funds for our school. Our next collection is:

THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the collection area in front of the main school entrance between 8.30am – 9.00am and help us have a really good collection.

SUITABLE items include: undamaged adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

UNSUITABLE items include: damaged clothing, bedding, curtains, and household linen. **Note: all unsuitable items will be sent to landfill.** (refer to www.bag2school.com for details).

If you have any queries, please contact us by email newburghpta@gmail.com.



SPORTS RESULTS:

Y4/5 football V Telford Juniors: Won 2-1 (Riley 2); Girls football V Telford Juniors: Won 7-1 (Milly 3, Poppy 3, Elizabeth 1).

Girls football tournament winners: played 4, won 4 ~ scored 12, conceded 0 (Poppy 8, Milly 4). Congratulations to the girls team again for winning another tournament this term.

Well done to everyone involved in these fixtures.