

Newburgh Primary School

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

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| <u>What's on this</u> <u>week</u> | Monday 3rd December | Tuesday 4th December | Wednesday 5th December | Thursday 6th December | Friday 7th December |
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| Before school | | | | | |
| 8am-8.55am | | | | | |
| Activities during the school day | Violin (am) Year 1 visit to Cadbury World | Brass (am) Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Stay & Play 9.30-11am Choir singing at Leycester House 11am | Guitar (am/pm) | Yr3 Forest School (gp2) | Y1 Celebration Assembly Y6 swimming Non uniform day (<i>in</i> return for a donation for the tombola for the PTA Winter Fair) |
| Lunchtime | | Home learning Y5,6 Drama | | Y2,3 Reading club | Home learning |
| After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated) | Y1 Tag Rugby <u>NO</u> Y3,4 Football Girls choir | Boys choir | Y1,2 Tennis | NO Orchestra Choir concert @ Chase Meadow Community Centre 4.15pm | Y2 Football Y5,6 Handball |

CHOIR NEWS:

The school choirs have had a busy couple of months, as is usual at this time of year. Please note the following events which are due to take place in the coming weeks:

* Next week, the boys and girls in the choir form Years 5 and 6 will be singing a selection of carols at Leycester House Care Home, on Tuesday 4th December, during the school day. We will be leaving to walk over at 10.30am and will be back in time for lunch.

*On Thursday 6th December it is our very special Sparkle Concert where we will showcase our repertoire at the Chase Meadow Community Centre with our orchestra. The children will be supervised straight after school: we will leave to walk over at around 3.30pm ready to start at 4.15pm. This is not a ticketed event and everyone is welcome, but it might be quite busy. Please collect your child at 5pm from the Community Centre. * On Sunday 9th December we are singing at the Lights of Love dedication service in Warwick Town Square. Please meet at the back of the museum at 3.45pm. The service starts at 4pm and will last for approximately half an hour, so children should be collected at 4.30pm. PLEASE WEAR WARM CLOTHES - LOTS OF LAYERS - GLOVES AND A HAT.

Finally, please note that there will be no choir sessions after the coming week this term. If you have any queries, please contact me. Mrs. Franklin

SPORTS KIT:

Please could <u>ALL</u> sports kit be returned to school as soon as possible, once it has been washed and dried? We have an increasing amount of kit which hasn't been returned recently and this impacts on how we can 'kit out' teams appropriately in the future. We are missing sports socks in particular if you have any of these please. Thank you in advance for your help with this.



OFFICE NOTICES:

School Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 19th December:

A letter has been sent home this week regarding Christmas dinner for children taking place on Wednesday 19th December. Please complete and return your reply slips no later than Monday 10th December.

Please note there will be no Jacket Potato or Sandwich options on this day. *Pantomime visit for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6:*

All replies and payments should now have been received. *Please remember* to provide a packed lunch from home on this day unless you have pre ordered a school packed lunch.

Children will eat their packed lunches when they return to school after this visit.

SPORTING SUCCESS FOR NEWBURGH:

Last weekend saw the final Year 6 cross-country league race of the autumn and winter season. This race was held over the demanding hills of Priory Park in Warwick on a two-lap looped circuit.

As they have done all season, children from Newburgh ran their hearts out for their respective girls' and boys' teams. Special mentions go to those children who achieved their best results of the season in this race, as well as Izzy (15th in the girls' race), Mia (17th in the girls' race), James (4th in the boys' race) and Sam (7th in the boys' race).

Overall in this race, the top four girls' finishers finished in second place as a team - their best finish of the season. Added to this was an amazing performance by the top four boys' finishers, who managed to score the lowest team total at Newburgh in memory to win the boys' team race. What fantastic ways to complete the season for the dedicated team who volunteered to attend these races on Saturday mornings.

Over the whole season, Newburgh girls finished in 4th place (out of 9

schools), while Newburgh boys finished in 5th place overall (out of 13 schools). Thank you to parents for bringing children to all of these events and well done to everyone who has competed in record numbers for Newburgh this term. Pictured right are some of the finishers after the Priory Park race.



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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.

CHRISTMAS (2018) DATES:

Please find below a list of Christmas dates for children and parents:

CHRISTMAS DECORATION MAKING: Tuesday 18th December: Reception (afternoon)

RECEPTION NATIVITY PERFORMANCE:

Monday 10th December: Dress rehearsal: 2pm (open to parents with toddlers)

Tuesday 11th December: 10am (no babies or toddlers please) Wednesday 12th December: 10am (no babies or toddlers please)

'THE CHRISTMAS STORY' - LOWER SCHOOL:

Tuesday 11th December: Year 1 ~ 2.15-2.45pm & 5.30-6.00pm Wednesday 12th December: Year 2~ 2.15-2.45pm & 5.30-6.00pm Thursday 13th December: Year 3 ~ 2.15-2.45pm & 5.30-6.00pm



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - UPPER SCHOOL:

Monday 17th December: Year 6 @ St Paul's Church, Warwick ~ 10-11am

Tuesday 18th December: Year 5 @ St Paul's Church, Warwick ~ 10-11am

Wednesday 19th December: Year 4 @ St Paul's Church, Warwick ~ 10 -11am

We hope to welcome you to as many of the events listed as possible this year.

For health and safety reasons, please can we remind children who have long hair that this should be either tied back in a pony tail or

POLITE NOTICE

Please do not allow your children to use the ball court at the end of the school day because we cannot ensure their safety. Thank you for your understanding. Mrs K. Turner

SPORTS RESULTS: Football:

Newburgh 11 - 1 Woodloes (Jeevan 4, Jay 3, Ben 2, Braydon 2). Well done to the team who have now won 6 out of 6 league fixtures this season so far in the large schools league.

Indoor athletics:

Well done to all the children who competed for Newburgh in the Central Area Indoor Athletics final last week. Everybody performed superbly to help the team finish in 3rd place out of 8 schools from across the Central Warwickshire area. The top three schools were well ahead of the remaining five schools and the result was in doubt right up until the last few track and field events. We were really pleased for all 26 children who represented Newburgh at this event.













PTA NEWS:

DON'T FORGET THE PTA WINTER FAIR ON SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER FROM 12.00 UNTIL 2.00pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS TRADITIONAL SCHOOL EVENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. Tom Billyard, PTA Chair

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY:

On Friday 16th Pupils and Staff dressed up in their pyjamas for children in need. It was wonderful to see so many colourful onsies and slippers. We raised £386.50. Thank you for to everyone for taking part and your generous donations.

GOVERNORS CORNER:

As you will be aware, Mr Smith will be leaving Newburgh at the end of December. Although there is still plenty of hard work to be done between now and the end of term, as this will be my final newsletter piece before he leaves for pastures new, I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for his hard work and commitment over the 8 years he has been in post at Newburgh. This has been a time of huge transition for the school as we moved from single form entry to two form entry. Being a headteacher is often a thankless task where you have to wear many hats and take on numerous roles. Let's face it, keeping 430 children, around 70 staff & numerous parents happy is not an easy task!

As a parent, I have been delighted with the opportunity that Newburgh has given my children to develop both academically and as young people, and Mr Smith has been an integral part of this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Smith for driving our school forward and his all-round hard work and dedication. I wish him all the success for the future in his new challenge.

Rob Hughes, Parent Governor

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

We urgently need a large artificial Christmas tree for the school please, and also any spare or unused decorations. If you have any that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful. Please drop any donations in at the main school office for the attention of Mrs. Miller.



ILLNESS:

As we approach the time of year when diarrhoea and vomiting illness is prevalent, we have consulted Compass Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service to check on the latest health advice.

They have informed us that Public Health England recommends that children are kept away from school for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting. We would therefore ask parents to follow this advice and keep children away from school for the recommended period of time.

You may wish to access the guidance from Public Health England where there is also useful information on other childhood illnesses or diseases.

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/ Guidance on infection control in%20schools poster.pdf