



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 23rd September	Tuesday 24th September	Wednesday 25th September	Thursday 26th September	Friday 27th September
Before school 8am-8.55am	Maths Day		Indoor Athletics' Club Y5&6		
Activities during the school day	Violin lessons	Stay and Play group Violin lessons Woodwind lessons Brass lessons  School Tour - families with children due to start school Sept 2020 @ 9.30 am	Guitar lessons	Forest School Y3 (Group 1)  School Tour - families with children due to start school Sept 2020 @ 1.30 pm	Celebration Assembly Year 5 @ 9 am
Lunchtime	Card swap club	Home Learning club		Orchestra Club	Home Learning club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir	Boys Choir	Gardening Club Y5&6 KS2 Football Club	Netball Club Y5&6	

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*In my assembly on our school values this week, I spoke about 'Enjoyment'. As a school, one of our aims is 'To provide rich, stimulating and accessible learning opportunities for every child.'*

*In a review of our whole school curriculum, I asked staff and governors to consider what memorable activities and events should be an integral part of the Newburgh curriculum and this week the children have been adding their contributions. When I drop in on lessons, a key element I am observing is the level of enjoyment and engagement of the children in the class.*

Kind regards,

Mrs Simpkins, Headteacher

## STAFF CHANGES AT NEWBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Miller will be leaving us next week after 13 years as a teaching assistant at Newburgh. Mrs Miller has supported many children over her time here and has seen the school grow and change in that time. We are thankful for her commitment and the many voluntary contributions that she has made to the school over the years. Her Harvest table display, Christmas decorations and hamper wrapping are legendary!

Mrs Debbie Price will soon be joining us as a teaching assistant in Y3 and is looking forward very much to meeting the children and becoming a part of the Newburgh team.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our traditional Harvest Assemblies will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Parents are very welcome to attend this festival where each year group will perform a short piece. The assembly for Reception and Y1 will begin at 9am; the assembly for Y4, Y5 and Y6 at 10.30 and the assembly for Y2 and Y3 at 2.30pm. The assemblies will be approximately 40 minutes long. We are sorry that we are unable to accommodate buggies and prams in the main hall due to lack of space.

As in previous years, children are asked to bring in a donation of produce which will be displayed in the hall and will then be donated to Warwick & Leamington Foodbank. The types of donations which are always welcomed include: tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned custard, long life fruit juice, jam, biscuits, sponge puddings, coffee etc.

Newburgh Primary School is a registered distributor of Foodbank vouchers so that should one of our families find themselves struggling to put food on the table due to low income, sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill etc. we are able to help. Should this situation arise you should ask to meet with Mrs Simpkins.

Please bring in donations by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Our Year 6 pupils are busy harvesting fruit from the courtyard and making apple and pear produce for you to enjoy after the assembly!



Adopted charity  
for the year.





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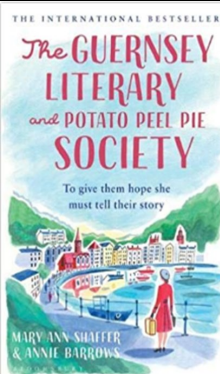
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*Our updates Home Learning Policy and guidelines can be found on our website*

[https://www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home\\_learning/182733](https://www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home_learning/182733)



## BOOK SOME TIME - *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

*"I wonder how the book got to Guernsey? Perhaps there is some sort of secret homing instinct in books that brings them to their perfect readers."*

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man in Guernsey who she's never met?

As they exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man, his friends and "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" which boasts a charming, funny and deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists!

Through Juliet's remarkable correspondence with the society's members, she learns about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds changes her forever.

Written with warmth and humour as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word and our human ability to find connections in the most surprising ways.

*A great read for adults and older teens.*

## PTA CORNER

### Foreign coins

Have you been somewhere exotic over the summer? Do you have a pile of foreign coins with nowhere to spend them?



The PTA made £105 last year from collecting unwanted foreign currency - a huge thank you to everyone who dropped theirs in. If you have some you would like to donate drop them in the bucket in the school office reception area.

### School Uniform

We have an excellent selection of second-hand school uniform available. We know how quickly things can wear out, so rather than buying new why not have a look at what we have on offer? Easier on your pocket and eco-friendly as well!

The uniform is in the boxes in the school office reception area - help yourself and just put an appropriate donation into the PTA post box on the wall above.

## MATHS SPACE CADETS DAY - YRS 1 & 2

Monday 23rd September will be the launch day of an exciting maths initiative across Yrs 1 & 2 called Space Cadets. Children are invited to come to school dressed as anything space related (eg. Astronaut or an Alien).



## MATHS TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS DAY - YRS 3 - 6

Monday 23rd September will be the launch of an exciting maths initiative across Yrs 3 - 6 called Times Tables rockstars. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a rockstar



## GOVERNORS' CORNER - Rob Hughes, Parent Governor

The new term is in full flow at Newburgh and the summer holidays now seem a distant memory! As well as all of the various academic work that the children do at school, there is also a clear emphasis on us providing other opportunities for the children, both during the school day and after school. During the day our children get opportunities for activities such as forest school, music lessons and various school trips. After school, there are a wide array of clubs available, such as choir, gardening club and various sporting activities - some provided free of charge by the school and some provided by third parties at a small cost. Although academic results are important, it is also the case that children will learn better if they enjoy their time at school and also engage in some of other activities that they enjoy. All the information relating to the school clubs is sent out by "eschools" and also on the weekly newsletter - I would strongly encourage all children to take part in as much as possible. As my father said to me every day before I went to school - work hard and play hard!

If you gave a comment or query for governors, please contact us at [governors2325@welearn365.com](mailto:governors2325@welearn365.com)



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