



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 17th September	Tuesday 18th September	Wednesday 19th September	Thursday 20th September	Friday 21st September
Before school 8am-8.55am			Y5,6 Indoor Athletics (8am)		
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Girls football tournament (Campion) 10am-12pm	Brass (am) Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm)	Guitar (am/pm)	Yr3 Forest School (gp1) Y5 visit to RSC 9.30am-4.45pm	Y4 Celebration Assembly 9am Y6 swimming Y2 visit to Warwick Castle
Lunchtime		Home learning		Y2,3 Reading club	Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Y1 Hockey Y3,4 Dodgeball		Y1,2 Tennis KS2 Football (Mr Smith & Mr Brandrick) Y4,5,6 Gardening	Orchestra	Y2 Hockey Y5,6 Dodgeball

Dear parents,

I would like to inform you this week that Mrs Rai, our SENCo, has decided to leave Newburgh at half term. Mrs Rai was first employed at Newburgh as a class teacher. This role then changed when she became a non-teaching SENCo, championing the cause of vulnerable groups of children within our school and outside it too.

Her calmness and knowledge will be missed and we wish her well in her new venture, as she moves back into classroom teaching rather than her current more administrative role.

We are currently advertising for a new SENCo and once one is appointed I will let parents know as soon as possible. We aim to make this appointment before half term so that a smooth transition can be made.

It has been lovely to see our new reception children starting this week. Children's first days and weeks at primary school are such milestones and ones which can often be overlooked. Our new starters have entered Newburgh confidently and we wish them well as they begin their journey through school.

Dates for parents' evenings have been released already, but if you have any questions or queries which class teachers can answer for you, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Please do not leave something until parents' evening if it on your mind and can be answered or resolved quickly.

Have a good week, Mr. Smith

READING CLUB FOR Y2 & Y3:

Do you love reading? Do you want to share your favourite book with others but don't have time?

Every Thursday, I will be holding a Reading Club in my classroom from 12-12.45. The club will be open to anyone in Y2 & Y3 who loves reading. Simply come along next week with a book or choose one of mine.

I look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Connell.



ATTENDANCE:

Regular attendance is essential if children are to progress well and develop the habits of successful learners. Please make sure your child arrives promptly for school and only takes time off when absolutely necessary. It should not usually be necessary to be away from school because of a cold and we ask that routine medical appointments, such as dental check-ups, are planned after school or in the school holidays.

In the case of a sickness bug, however, children must be kept away from school for 24 hours after final symptoms to avoid spreading the illness across the school.

Please also note that the majority of children are very honest and will tell us when they have been away from school on holiday even if their parents give another reason! In addition to the impact of missing school, I ask you to consider the long term consequences of a parent asking their child to be less than 100% honest.

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 similar.



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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:

I've been thrilled to see how excited many of the children were at seeing their friends again and how well they have settled back in already. It's also wonderful to see the colour returning to the faces of parents after the 6 week break! I hope the reception children have settled in and a big welcome to the new parents who have embarked on the Newburgh adventure. I remember those first few weeks and the anxiety and excitement that fuel them. Given that I was only appointed Parent Governor 3 months ago, it feels like a lot has happened during that time which is undoubtedly a reflection of the amount of change we are currently undergoing. I appreciate that this can seem somewhat overwhelming for parents both new and old but let me take this opportunity to tell that you that after seeing beneath the surface, I am filled with confidence that this school is fuelled by people who care about the wellbeing and education of your children and the success of our school. In just the short time I have been on the Board I have seen the passion that underpins Newburgh and the motivation of everyone on the Board to ensure that we achieve everything we set out to. I hope to see some of you around, please do come and say hello on the playground if you see me.

Victoria Davies, Parent Governor

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

CROSS-COUNTRY:

The first Year 6 cross-country race of the season will take place on Saturday 22nd September. This race is being held at Southam College with girls racing at 10.30am and boys at 11.00am. If you plan to compete in this event please make sure that a reply slip has been given to Mr Smith and that you give yourself enough time to park and get to the start before the race commences. Parking is not always easy at this event, so please leave yourself enough time to get to the start line.

We do not pick a team for the cross-country events and all Year 6 children are invited to participate. If you return a reply slip, I will presume that you will be running on the 22nd September.

YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES:

Year 6's assembly will take place on Tuesday 13th November. Assemblies take place at both 10.20am and are repeated at 2.45pm. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

INDOOR ATHLETICS:

Please note that Y5,6 Indoor Athletics club will start on Wednesday 19th September. Children should come to school for 8am and make their way to the old hall please. Indoor sports kit should be worn for this activity with school uniform in a bag to change into before the bell rings for the start of school. Any child in Years 5 & 6 is welcome to attend this club.

PTA NEWS:

Hello from your new PTA committee! We are already working hard planning some great upcoming events; we have a film night on 29th Sept and the PTA Quiz Night on 5th Oct. Look out for more details in letters home soon.

Hopefully you will have noticed the new juniors' bike shed, funded by the PTA. Everything we do is to raise money to help enrich our children's time at Newburgh. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help run events - email newburghpta@gmail.com if you are interested. No offers refused!

Tom Billyard, PTA Chair

BREAK TIME 'TUCK':

A reminder that children in Years 3-6 are able to purchase 'tuck' from the serving hatch in the main hall every break time. Children wanting to buy something from the hatch should take themselves and their money to the main hall at the start of break time. Items cost no more than 50 pence.

ORCHESTRA & CHOIR:

Please note that Orchestra will begin rehearsing on Thursday 20th September. Also, our boys and girls choir practices will start during the week beginning 1st October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

This year our harvest festivals will take place on Friday 5th October at the following times: Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) at 9am; Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend these festivals. We will be asking once again for a donation of tinned food please which can then be given to our local food bank following the festival.

PARENTS EVENINGS:

An advance notice that our parents' evenings this term will take place on Tuesday 23rd October and Wednesday 24th October between 3.30 & 7pm. Booking will be via eschools nearer these dates.

FOREST SCHOOL:

A reminder that Year 3 children (from group 1) will be heading into our Forest School next week. The Forest School offers a fantastic environment for children to learn new skills in the outdoors and we are fortunate that our Forest School itself is part of the school site. Children will head to the Forest School in all weathers so should come to school when it is their turn in clothing which is appropriate - ie, not school uniform, but warmer and more relevant alternatives.