



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 13th May	Tuesday 14th May	Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May	Friday 17th May
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	NO Violin	NO Stay and Play group NO Woodwind NO Brass	No Guitar		Y5 Celebration Assembly 9 am Reception Pebble Assembly 2.30 pm
Lunchtime		Home Learning club		Orchestra Class Catering 'Pirate' themed lunch	
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Athletics Club Infants Girls Choir	Boys Choir Class Catering 'Taster' 3.15 pm	Tennis Club Y2&3 NO KS2 Athletics Club Y5&6 Gardening Club	Football Club (Y5 & 6)	Dance Club Y1 & 2

Dear Parents/Guardians

*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 to ensure that they are all able to make good progress.*

*Next week sees the National SATS test for our Y6 pupils. They, and other internal tests for our other year groups, provide us with valuable 'summative' information which allows us to judge how well each child has progressed. Some children find 'formal tests' worrying, so we are careful to prepare them in advance and support them through the process. We wish all of our children the very best over the coming weeks as they undertake these assessments. Don't forget that breakfast is available for Y6 pupils at 8.15am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.*

Kind regards,  
Mrs Simpkins, Headteacher

## ABSENCES

If a child is absent through illness or any other reason, the school must be informed on the first day of absence by telephone or email. If possible all medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day.

## SPORTS DAY

After consultation with a number of our parent body, we have decided to change Sports Day to be one day on Friday 12th July.

**Years 3,4, 5 & 6 will be in the morning and Years Reception, 1 & 2 will be in the afternoon.**

More information about the day will be sent nearer to the time.



## INCLUSIVE TENNIS EVENT

Congratulations to the children who represented the school last week at the 'Inclusive Tennis Festival' at Warwick Prep. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and really gained from it as well as bonding well with each other.

One child in particular visibly changed from being very nervous, openly admitting she found large spaces and crowds of people difficult but by the end of the afternoon had happily taken part in 6 activities and had clearly grown in confidence!

Well done everyone for your excellent score and for representing the school so well and a big thank you to the staff who accompanied the children to the event.

## YEAR 6 - DATES TO REMEMBER

'Shakespeare Rocks' performances (more info to follow shortly)

Monday 8th July @2pm

Tuesday 9th July @ 2pm

Wednesday 10th July @ 2 pm & 6 pm

Leavers Party - Wednesday 17th July 4 - 5.30 pm

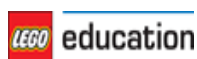
Leavers Assembly - Thursday 18th July 9 am

## CLASS CATERING TASTER

'Class Catering' our onsite catering team are organising a special taster session for children and parents next Tuesday 14th May. This will be held on the infant playground at 3.15pm and will be a great opportunity to speak to the team and sample their menu. They will be happy to answer any questions or queries you may have.



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*Our school day begins at 8.55am and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am. Please ensure that children are in school for 8.55am so they can begin their day calmly and with their peers.*

**Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service and Warwickshire Young Persons Substance Misuse Service has launched a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. ChatHealth is an award-winning school nurse messaging service and is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. There will be automatic bounce-back responses to incoming messages out of hours. Answering the text message will be a nurse who can assist with any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing issues. The text number is 07520 619 376.**

**The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204.**

**Thank you for your support and should you have any queries, please contact us.**

**Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service Compass**

## PTA - IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 3rd June - PTA meeting, 7.30pm at school

7th - 9th June - PTA camping weekend, Kineton

Fri 21st June - PTA quiz night, 7.30pm at school

Thur 27th June - PTA meeting, 7.30pm at school

Fri 5th July - PTA Summer Fair

More information regarding the camping event will be sent closer to the time but any questions in the meantime can be sent to

[newburghpta@gmail.com](mailto:newburghpta@gmail.com)

## WATER BOTTLES

We have water coolers installed in school to make fresh drinking water more accessible for all pupils. Pupils should bring in their own water bottles which may be refilled throughout the day, as required. For hygiene reasons, all bottles must be clearly named and taken home to be washed daily in warm soapy water or washed in a dishwasher and returned the next day. We have a small supply of disposable paper cups should a child forget their water bottles but we are very mindful of the impact of waste on the environment. We have a small stock of free bottles in school - please ask at the office.



## GOVERNORS' CORNER - Victoria Davies, Parent Governor

As a working parent, I have learnt to let go of the guilt that often follows me on days when I drop my child off and wave to some other parent volunteer as I sneak away, BlackBerry in hand. But last term I had the opportunity to visit the Cotswold farm park with the year 1 children and thought I would take this opportunity to share my experience and cast some light on the highly anticipated and exciting events that are 'class trips'. I think it goes without saying that such activities are the highlight of most children's school days but do we ever really stop to think about and appreciate all the behind the scenes activity that is required to pull these days off?

Let's start with the coach trip, as parents we have all experienced travelling with children. Now think about that and multiply it by 60. Before we had even left Warwick I had been asked by 2 children if we were nearly there yet...we were travelling to the Cotswolds...Combine this with mass travel sickness, toilet dilemmas, squabbles and various stages of hunger and you've got a good feel for it. Consider also, this was before we even arrived.

These educational trips take learning to another level and that was evident in the things the children experienced and spoke about (we saw a lamb being born and held bunnies, far from classroom activities!) but as a parent I'm not sure I've ever thought about it from a teacher's perspective and whilst only responsible for a group of 6 small people, it felt like 60. In my endeavours to identify various breeds of sheep, count identical, fast moving piglets and ensure the goats were only eating the food and not the children I was also continuously counting my 6 children like some mad woman!

My view is simple, teaching staff are superhuman. Their patience, creativity, determination and what must only be dedication to their job and our children is admirable. I was shattered before we even got off the coach but the organisation that goes into such activities ensures not only that the children learn and experience new things on these trips but that they enjoy every minute and are completely unaware of any time constraints and dilemmas that may lie beneath the surface.

So thank you all. I can imagine that the planning and execution of these trips is like a military operation and I wanted to take this opportunity to both enlighten other parents and thank the teachers and staff who are brave enough to embark on these adventures. (A special mention to Mrs Simpkins who donned her wellies and got stuck in the day after the draining experience of interviewing for a headship!)

So what's the message? Volunteer if you can. While it may sound like an experience I survived rather than enjoyed, I was so glad I made the time to go because volunteering on a field trip certainly makes for amazing memories.



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