



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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## END OF TERM

School is closed to children on Friday 19th July, and children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd September. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a lovely, well earned Summer break.

*Dear Parents / Guardians,*

*Our two end of year assemblies this week, were a real highlight of the year for me. They were truly a celebration of the ethos and values of Newburgh Primary School. As trophies were presented on Wednesday, teacher after teacher praised the resilience, determination, consideration and caring nature of our pupils. At the Y6 leavers assembly on Thursday, I was so proud of all of our pupils, their behaviour and appreciation for others shone out as the Y6 pupils reflected on their time at Newburgh and received their awards.*

*The staff and I thank you for all of your lovely end of term, cards, comments and gifts. As the holidays begin, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.*

*Kind regards,*

*Mrs J Simpkins, Headteacher*

## PTA CORNER

***Thanks again for all the support. See you next year!***

Newburgh PTA has had another excellent year and it is all thanks to all of you who have come to our events, helped out, bought raffle tickets, donated prizes, baked cakes, and loads more.

We have raised an amazing £14,000 this school year, which is a really brilliant achievement. This has gone towards lots of things to enrich the school experience for all of the children at Newburgh.

We can't make all this happen without the amazing support of parents who volunteer to make the events a reality. We have a wonderful core of volunteers but could always do with more to spread the load. In addition the secretary and vice-chair will be stepping down at the end of the year so we could do with some replacements!

If you are interested in becoming involved in the PTA, why not come along to our Annual General Meeting? This will be on Thursday 19th September, 7.30pm in the school library. As always if you want to know more email [newburghpta@gmail.com](mailto:newburghpta@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook.

**When purchasing new uniform and preparing for your child's return in September please check that you are adhering to our school uniform policy.**

Trainers and boots are **NOT** part of our school uniform and should not be worn on a daily basis. Children should **ONLY** wear black school type shoes in school. We do not wish parents/carers to invest in footwear or clothing which is unacceptable so please consult the policy which can be found on the school website. A summary is attached with this newsletter. Hair sculpting (eg. Excessive tram lines, ticks and other markings) are not allowed. Hairstyles must be neat and smart. Use of hair gels and/or styling products should be minimal. For reasons of health and safety and to avoid the spread of head lice between children (boys and girls), all shoulder length and longer hair should be tied back with a hair band. Highlights, dyeing and colouring of hair is not allowed. Trousers, skirts, pinafores or shorts should be black and not grey.

## UNIFORM ORDERING



The deadline for ordering your child's uniform for the new school year is fast approaching and we would therefore advise that parents make an order as soon as possible. Brigade have advised that the deadline for orders to be delivered before the new school term in September is 7th August 19. May we also remind families that there is a stock of good quality used uniform available in the school office entrance area. Newburgh PTA gratefully accept any donations made for these items.

## END OF TERM GIFTS AND COMMENTS

A sincere **THANK YOU** from all staff in school for such lovely comments in cards and emails and for gifts given at the end of an exceptionally busy term.

We very much appreciate such thoughtful gestures.



## HELP NEEDED - SEPTEMBER 19

We would be most grateful to receive any help on a Friday afternoon to accompany children to their swimming lessons at St Nicholas Park swimming pool.

If this is something you feel you can help with and would like to be added to our rota then please come and speak to the school office.



Adopted charity for the year.





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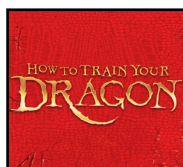
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*Our school day begins at 8.55am and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am. Please ensure that children are in school for 8.55am so they can begin their day calmly and with their peers.*

## BOOK SOME TIME - Cressida Cowell: How to Train Your Dragon and The Wizards of Once

Cressida Cowell has been appointed as the new Waterstone's Children's Laureate. She is the international bestselling author and illustrator of the *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Wizards of Once* series. Here is her "Charter" - a 'giant to-do list' to help ensure that books and reading are available to absolutely everyone.



### **Every child has the right to:**

- Read for the joy of it
- Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
- Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
- Own their OWN book
- See themselves reflected in a book
- Be read aloud to
- Have some choice in what they read
- Be creative for at least 15 minutes a week
- See an author event at least ONCE
- Have a planet to read on



She said: "Books and reading are magic and this magic must be available to absolutely everyone."

What can you do over the summer holidays to help make this charter a reality? Have a fantastic break and enjoy lots of books!

## SUMMER MONDAY FUNDAYS - EVERYONE WELCOME

**SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FROM 50p**

**PLEASE CALL FOR MORE DETAILS**

***Packmores Community Centre - 01926 492488***

***29th July 11am - 2pm***

***19th August 11am - 2pm***

***The Gap Community Centre - 01926 494200***

***12th August 3pm - 6pm***

***Chase Meadow Community Centre - 01926 490845***

***5th August 3pm - 6pm***

**CLIMBING WALL, TOMBOLA, BOUNCY CASTLE, FOOD AND DRINK, FACE PAINTING, WILDSIDE ENCOUNTERS, OBSTACLE COURSE**

## GOVERNORS' CORNER - Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

Here's a question for you to think about. What makes a good school into a great school? High quality teaching and outstanding results of course, but after all, isn't that what teachers are paid to do anyway? I believe the difference lies in what teachers do that they *don't* get paid for, providing all the extras that enrich our children's lives and experiences. Here are just a few of the things our teachers do unpaid in their own time.

At Newburgh we have a huge range of after-school clubs. Gardening club, cookery club, drama club, boys' and girls' choirs, orchestra to name just a few. We also have a massive array of sporting activities, fixtures and events, many of which require teachers to give up time during the evenings and weekends. Were you one of the many parents who came to last week's sports day? Wasn't it brilliant? Miss Maisey was the brains behind that event which took up a great deal of her own time to organise. Most parents will have attended their child's class assembly, but have you ever wondered who wrote the script and when? The class teacher will have done that in their own time. Many parents came along last week to view our Year 6 leavers performance. Who adapted the script, arranged the rehearsals, made the props? You guessed it! Our classrooms are adorned with beautiful and colourful displays, all relating to the work the children are undertaking. I have seen staff working on these long after the children have gone home, and have even seen work being done during the summer holiday!

Then of course there's marking to be done – around 2 hours a day on average – and writing reports which takes up a huge amount of teachers' own time. I could go on, but I'm sure you get the picture. So let's hear it for our brilliant staff whose commitment to our children is unbounded.

The governors wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you and your children in September. Good luck to our leavers as they move to the next stage of their learning journey.

If you have any comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at [governors2325@welearn365.com](mailto:governors2325@welearn365.com)



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