



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 4th June	Tuesday 5th June	Wednesday 6th June	Thursday 7th June	Friday 8th June
Before school 8am-8.55am				PTA clothing collection 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Y3-6 trading card club (breaktime) Brass (am) Violin (pm) Woodwind (pm)	Guitar (am/pm) Y5 Malvern visit	Y5 Malvern visit	Y1 celebration assembly @ 9am Y4 swimming Y5 Malvern visit
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5,6 Drama Workshop	Y4,5 PAIS club		
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y2 Summer Sports Reception Summer Multi Sports	Boys choir Warwick Town Sports @ Aylesford (4pm start)	Y3,4,5,6 Tennis NO KS2 Athletics Y4,5,6 Gardening	Orchestra Art Club Y6 Rounders	Year 1 Summer Sports Year 3&4 Summer Sports

Dear parents,

You may be aware that Mr. O'Dwyer will be leaving Newburgh at the end of the Summer Term. After over a decade of outstanding service to our school, Mr. O'Dwyer will be heading out to China to continue his teaching career in an international school in Shanghai.

We have been fortunate over the last few years that the staff at Newburgh have been very settled and there has been little turnover of teachers. We would like to wish Mr. O'Dwyer all the very best for his new experiences on the other side of the world. We will all miss his calmness and outstanding practice in the classroom.

There will, therefore, be some changes to our teaching profile as we head into the new academic year in September. We will be informing parents of movement well before our open afternoon, which this year will take place on Wednesday 11th July.

This afternoon will be revamped based upon discussions held with parents over the last couple of years. We will also be holding a 'farmer's market' on open afternoon where children from each year group will have grown their own produce and will be looking to sell it on that afternoon.

Please remember that Friday 8th June is the final day for giving sponsorship money from the PTA 'marathon' in. If you have any envelopes to give in, please put them into the PTA letter box which is sited in the main entrance. This box is emptied daily so there is no need to hand any money to class teachers.

Have a good week,
Kind regards, Mr. Smith

DUCK DETECTIVE UPDATE FROM RECEPTION CLASS:

Thank you to everyone who contacted us, concerning the whereabouts of our newly hatched ducklings and their mother. Judging by the photos and information it looks like they made it safely to the brook and lake on Chase Meadow. A duck and six ducklings arrived at the lake on Bank Holiday Monday, the day we believe they hatched. We appreciated seeing photos of them paddling under the bridge on Gog Brook and walking together on the edge of the estate as well as video footage. We shall continue to look out for them and hope they thrive.

YEAR 6 NOTICES:

May we please advise parents of the following important dates relating to Year 6. Further information regarding these events will be sent home nearer to the time.

Year 6 end of term performance 'Darwin Rocks'

- Friday 6th July - dress rehearsal (parents with toddlers/babies) @ 9.30am;
- Wednesday 11th July - performances at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Year 6 leavers party - Wednesday 18th July (4 - 6pm)

Year 6 leavers assembly - Thursday 19th July (9 am)

We hope that parents are able to attend these end of year events as appropriate.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Year 5 and 6 residential visits: these are coming round quickly. It is essential that all *medical forms* are returned and *balances* paid by the specified dates before children can attend.

Red Ridge—final balance due **1st June 2018**.



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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:

Those that can, do; those that can't, teach. This is a phrase that I have heard on various occasions over the years. Teachers spend their entire life in the education system – straight from school, to college, then university & back to a life in school again. This leads to teachers who don't have a concept what life is like in the private sector of working life and "don't know what real work is". There is often a feeling that teachers have an "easy ride" as they only work short hours, have 13 weeks holiday every year, have a guaranteed job for life – sounds like an easy gig, doesn't it? And after all that, they end up sending home the children with extra homework – why should parents have to deal with homework, surely the teachers should be responsible for educating our children?

These beliefs are something that maybe you hold or maybe you don't, but what I would like you to ask yourselves is how are these opinions formed? Growing up, the general feeling from adults around me was that it was "them and us" with regards to parents and teachers and that the school was solely responsible for educating their children and they should just get on with it. Since my children started at Newburgh and, moreover, since becoming a governor, I have seen in more detail the role of all of the teaching and non-teaching staff and this has vastly altered my opinion of education. The work and effort that goes into our children is phenomenal and the staff at our school are a diverse and committed group who work hard to pass on their knowledge and educate our children not just from an academic perspective, but also helping with life skills and developing the children as individuals.

The school relies heavily on parent involvement in all walks of their child's school life, whether it be with homework, making sure they have all the right things in their PE and book bags (this is never an easy task), getting them dressed up for book days, arranging donations for harvest festivals and PTA events, the list is endless. Our children enter the school at 4 years of age as what seem like still babies, however our hope and desire that they leave the school as well rounded and well educated children ready for the demands of secondary school life. This is not just the job of the class teacher or the Teaching Assistant, but the job of every parent or carer as well.

The relevance of this is that we are all able to have a positive impact towards our children and the school by being involved. This could be just spending time with our children on their homework or to understand what they have been doing at school during the day. Maybe even getting involved in any volunteer requests from the school or getting involved with some of the fantastic fundraising done by the PTA (many of the children really enjoy helping out at the cakes sales, fairs etc). If ever you feel you need more understanding of school life or have questions about your child's education, all you need to do is ask!

Rob Hughes, Parent Governor

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

Y3 VISIT TO COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK:

Year 3 will be visiting Cotswold Wildlife Park on Monday 11th June. Children are expected in school at the earlier time of **8:15am** through the junior playground entrance and will return by 3:15pm to the junior playground. All children must wear their school jumper and suitable clothes to walk around the wildlife park. They need a small rucksack in which they should pack their lunch, drink and a snack. They will not require any money. Thank you, Mrs Turner, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Bull

PTA NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that Newburgh Primary School PTA has organised a **textile collection** with **Bag2School** in order to help raise funds for our school. Our next collection is:

THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the **collection area in front of the main school entrance between 8.30am – 9.00am** and help us have a really good collection.

SUITABLE items include: **undamaged** adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

UNSUITABLE items include: **damaged** clothing, bedding, curtains, and household linen. **Note: all unsuitable items will be sent to landfill.** (refer to www.bag2school.com for details).

If you have any queries, please contact us by email newburghpta@gmail.com.

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Please could we remind all parents to include a label in children's school clothes? We are finding that we have a lot of unnamed cardigans and jumpers after lunchtimes to find owners for.

YEAR 2 OUTDOOR AREA:

Recently Y2 have had a covered area created so that the children can enjoy some of their learning outside. This area is used for role play and acting out stories. Unfortunately some of their resources are becoming damaged at the end of the day and therefore can we politely ask that parents and younger children do not use this area.

PTA NEWS:

After 2 years as the Chairman of Newburgh PTA, I have decided to step down in September to concentrate on other commitments in my life. This means the position of Chair will become available and will need to be filled in order for the PTA to continue. This is a very rewarding position, giving you an insight into school life and the ability to make positive changes within the school through our fundraising. I will be a support to whoever takes over the position and happy to talk to anyone who may have an interest and want to know more about it. The position of Deputy Chair and secretary will also become available in September for anyone who feels they would like to take these roles on.

I encourage anyone who is interested to please contact me. Without a PTA chairman the PTA cannot exist and there would no longer be subsidised school trips, extra funded projects such as new scooter pods, playground equipment and events such as the summer and Christmas fairs. Please contact me at newburghpta@gmail.com for more information and a chat about what the role involves.

Thank you, Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chair

RECEPTION PEBBLE ASSEMBLY:

Please note that there will be a Reception Pebble Assembly on **Friday 15th June at 2.30pm**. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.