



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 10th September	Tuesday 11th September	Wednesday 12th September	Thursday 13th September	Friday 14th September
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day		Brass (am) Woodwind (pm)	Guitar (am/pm)		Y3 Celebration Assembly 9am Y6 swimming
Lunchtime		Home learning			Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	PTA AGM 6.30pm (staff room) Y1 Hockey Y3,4 Dodgeball		Y1,2 Tennis KS2 Football (Mr Smith & Mr Brandrick) Y4,5,6 Gardening		Y2 Hockey Y5,6 Dodgeball

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term at Newburgh Primary School following the long summer break. We would like to welcome in particular those children and families who are joining Newburgh this term and hope that you settle quickly into life within the school community.

As you can see from the photograph, improvements to the school site have continued throughout the summer break. This year we have been fortunate to have had installed a new cycle storage shelter at the



KS2 entrance to the school. The PTA kindly funded this project and through their efforts and hard work we are now able to accommodate twice as many bicycles as before.

Also, there have been the obvious roadworks directly outside the school. I am sure that everyone will quickly get used to the one-way system which has been put in place and we all hope that this will increase the safety of pedestrians and motorists around the school itself.

There are lots of dates for the term included in this newsletter on p.2. I hope to be able to see you at these as appropriate.

Have a good week, Mr. Smith

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority. Please consult the school office if you require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, returned and considered.



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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:

On behalf of all the governors, I welcome you and your children back to school for another school year. I hope you've had a wonderful summer, and that you have enjoyed spending time with your children. A particular welcome for our new Reception Class children. It's always a joy to see the eager faces on our youngest recruits each year. As many of you already know, besides being a governor, I am deeply involved in the musical life of the school, and my weekly singing session with 60 Reception Class children is most definitely the highlight of my week!

Your Governors have many important tasks throughout the school year, and one of the most important takes place early in the autumn term. This is when Mr Smith and his dedicated team presents the school's Learning Improvement Plan to the Governors. This sets out in detail the school's priorities for the year ahead, and how success will be measured. Once the Governors have approved the plan, all parents will receive a summary.

The governors wish you and your children a productive and above all, a happy year ahead.

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

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

PTA NEWS:

Welcome back to a new school year. As always the year will be jam packed with lots of exciting fundraising events for the PTA. We will be holding the AGM on Monday 10th September at 6.30pm in the school where we will be nominating any new positions in the committee.

If you have a desire to help or step up to one of the available positions (Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary), please come along, we're a very friendly and sociable bunch. We will also be planning some of the future events for this term, so we welcome any news ideas or willingness to help.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lisa Hernandez, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING 2018-2019:

From September 2018 we will be returning to the St. Nicholas Park pool for swimming lessons. These lessons will take place, as before, on a Friday afternoon as follows. Year 6 will go during the Autumn Term until Christmas. Year 5 will go during the Spring Term until Easter. Year 4 will go during the Summer Term until the summer break 2019. Specific dates and organisation for individual classes will be sent out via individual letters.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & DRESS POLICY:

Please note that there is an updated version of the school uniform and dress policy on the school website. This version contains additional information regarding jewellery and non-uniform days. Please note that, although not in the policy, we have noticed that more and more children are wearing 'Fitbit' style devices. These are worn at children's own risk as we are aware of how expensive they are. As a wearer myself, I know how often mine gets knocked and I would not want to see someone else's get broken at school. Parents and children should decide, please, if school is the best place for them to be worn.