



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 14th January	Tuesday 15th January	Wednesday 16th January	Thursday 17th January	Friday 18th January
Before school 8am-8.55am			8.15 Football Bedworth - county Final		
Activities during the school day	Violin tuition	Brass tuition Woodwind tuition Violin tuition	Guitar tuition	Forest School Group 1 (Reception)	Y4 Celebration assembly 9am Y5 Swimming
Lunchtime		Home Learning club Playbox Drama club			Home Learning Club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y3 & 4 Netball Reception Multi sports	Boys Choir	KS2 Tennis club		Y5 & 6 Netball Y3,4,5,6 Dance

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Having taught at Newburgh for many years, I was delighted to be asked to lead the school following the departure of Mr Smith. At this time it is important that we work together to maintain our standards as well as looking to the future and embracing opportunities for change that may further benefit the lives of our pupils and their families. I'm pleased that we were able to give Mr Smith a good send off with the 'Winter Sports Day' at the end of term. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves and staff entering into the spirit of the event! Please see below a message to you from Mr Smith.

Mrs Simpkins

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families. I have asked Mrs. Simpkins for the opportunity to use the first newsletter of the new year to say a very big 'thank you' to you all for your generosity and kindness at the end of the Autumn Term. It has taken me a considerable amount of time to fully appreciate the efforts you went to before Christmas and I was completely overcome by everything at the end of term.

Have a good start to the new term and I wish all of you every success and happiness in the future.

With best wishes,
Mr. Smith

RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2019

Please note that the deadline for making applications for a Reception place is Tuesday 15th January. If you still need to make an application or know someone who does, then please do so online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryschool> as soon as possible.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION:

As technology has advanced and we now live in an age of instant communication, we are experiencing a rapid and substantial increase in email communications to teachers. As you can appreciate, a class teacher is teaching during the school day and therefore unable to deal with enquires immediately. Emails from parents regarding their child will therefore be responded to as soon as possible, but within a maximum of 5 working days. If the matter is urgent then please make an appointment through the office to speak with your child's class teacher.

START OF THE DAY AT NEWBURGH:

At Newburgh, our school day officially begins at 8.55am when the bell is rung and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am.

Some time ago, we made the decision to open our doors from 8.45am to enable a staggered, calmer start to the day for all of our pupils instead of having a playtime, blowing the whistle and then lining up to come in to school at 8.55am.

However, more recently, children have been arriving on the junior playground much earlier than 8.45am. There is no member of staff on duty until 8.45am and therefore we would not expect children to be playing on the playground at this time, even if their parents are with them. If they arrive before the door is open then we have asked them to wait quietly and calmly. We would appreciate it, therefore, if children and parents would time their arrival at school for between 8.45am and 8.55am.

Access to the playground will still be available before 8.45am as we do not feel that it is safe for pupils to be waiting outside of the school gate before that time in the morning.



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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.*

TUCK:

For children in Years 3-6 there the opportunity to buy 'tuck' at breaktime from the serving hatch in the main hall. A healthy snack of fruit may also be brought in to eat at breaktime but to avoid litter on the playground we ask that wrapped snacks are avoided or consumed in the main hall only. Reception, Y1 and 2 pupils are provided with a fruit snack daily, free of charge.



taking care

helping children learn to
keep themselves safer

The month of January will be 'Taking Care' month in our school. Each class will be using the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board 'Taking Care' Programme which aims to teach children about feeling safe and building networks of support they can use if they don't feel safe. Please do not hesitate to speak to me should you have any concerns or questions about the programme.

Mrs Snell

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER:

Trainers and boots are NOT part of our school uniform and should not be worn on a daily basis. Children should ONLY wear black shoes in school. Trainers may be worn for appropriate sporting activities only. Children are welcome to wear boots to and from school on rainy / snowy days, but these must be changed when they enter their cloak or classrooms. We are proud of our uniform and what it represents. Help us to keep it special and smart all year round. Second hand uniform can be obtained from the school's reception area. Please help yourself from the drawers – a donation towards PTA funds is welcome but not expected.

POLITE NOTICE

Please do not allow your children to use the ball court at the end of the school day because we cannot ensure their safety. Thank you for your understanding. Both playgrounds are used by after school clubs so we ask that you vacate the areas as swiftly as possible.

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.



GOVERNORS CORNER:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. I hope you all managed to find some time to recharge your batteries in between all the family fun and festive frolics that we all associate with this time of year which is so magical, especially for younger children. My children are all grown up now with their own families, so we had lots of fun with our grandchildren which is always a joy. Having said that, we do enjoy the peace and quiet once they've all retreated! Anyway, the decorations are packed away once again in the attic and we have reclaimed our house. Back to normality.

The governors have a busy term ahead. We will be undertaking possibly the most important task a governing body has to perform: selecting our new Headteacher. We will be advertising the post soon, and hope to have a shortlist of applicants in place by the third week in March. Interviews will be held over a two-day period on April 3rd & 4th, after which I would hope to be able to inform you that we have made an appointment. The governors wish you and your children a happy a productive term.

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

If you have a comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at governors2325@welearn365.com



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