

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Autumn term – Year 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 at Newnham Croft Primary School! We hope you've had a restful summer break. We are very excited to be working with you and your children this academic year. Below are some key details about school organisation for the term ahead.

Start and End Times of the School Day

The school bell will ring at 8:45am. Children will line up in the playground and be met by the class teacher. A second bell will ring to signal the start of the school day and children should be quiet and ready to follow the class teacher into school.

The school day ends at 3:15pm. Year 1 children will be dismissed from the front playground, near the Year 5 classroom. Please ensure your child arrives on time and is collected promptly. Late arrivals must be signed in at the school office.

Reading Club

A reminder that we offer a Reading Club in the mornings, from 8am, should you need to drop your child off early. No need to book, just bring your child to the school office. The cost is £4.00 per session and is payable on the SchoolGateway app.

Meet the Teacher Meeting & Staffing

You are invited to a Meet the Teacher session on Friday 5th September at 9:00am in your child's classroom. Staff will talk through routines, expectations, curriculum, and key information for Key Stage 1. The staff are listed at the bottom of the letter. Ms. Mangera will teach the class on Monday to Thursday and Mrs. Cullen will teach the class on Friday to allow for Ms. Mangera's Assistant Head duties. When the class have P.E. and music on Tuesday afternoon, Ms. Mangera will have time to plan and prepare lessons.

Items Required for School

Children should bring: - A school coat suitable for all weather, a labelled water bottle, a packed lunch, if not having a school meal, which should be placed on the lunch trolley near the school gate. Pencil cases and toys are not needed—all learning materials are provided by the school.

If children bring a snack for after school club or other extra-curricular clubs, this can be placed in a box which is stored outside the classroom.

Spare Change of Clothes

Please ensure your child has a bag containing a full change of clothes, including underwear and socks. This is helpful in case of spills, accidents, or muddy play. The bag and all belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Active Wear and PE

Children should come to school dressed in active wear every day. This should include: trainers, leggings or comfortable trousers, a T-shirt or long-sleeved top suitable for movement. Please note: boots and sandals are not suitable, hair must be tied back. Also, no jewellery, including earrings should be worn. P.E. lessons will be on Tuesday run by Mrs Roberts from Premier Sports with a second session held by the class teacher on Wednesday mornings.

Reading

We encourage daily reading at home: Your child should read aloud for 10 minutes a day, take time to discuss the book and enjoy stories together. Reading to your child is also highly beneficial. Children will be issued home reading books from our school collection. These should be returned on time to allow rotation. Children may also borrow a library book once a week. Each child will receive a reading log. After 50 home reading sessions, they will earn a reading certificate. Please do ensure that reading books are brought into school in the home folder that is provided within the book bag. Book bags are easier to store and access than back packs and help to ensure that reading books remain in good condition.

Open Afternoon

You are welcome to visit the classroom and view your child's work on: Monday 13th October, 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place during the week of 20th October. Booking information will be shared closer to the time.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

We are delighted to invite you to our KS1 Christmas production: Tuesday 16th December and Wednesday 17th December. Details on performance times and tickets will follow.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Fruit or vegetable snacks are provided at playtime - Please send a labelled water bottle daily. Hydration supports both well-being and concentration in class.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place in the Spring or Summer Term with Mrs Bicknell. We will let you know the dates nearer the time.

Other dates for your diary

- Whole school flu vaccination – Tuesday 16 September – more information coming from office soon
- Harvest festival assembly – Friday 10 October - approximately 9am
- Individual photographs – Thursday 16 October

Please keep an eye on the [school calendar](#) which updated regularly and read our weekly newsletter, which is sent on Friday afternoons.

Autumn Term Curriculum

If you would like to visit the class to share your own expertise on these themes, please speak to the class teacher—we would love to hear from you!

Communication

To speak with us: Catch us briefly at drop-off or pick-up, or email the school office—we will get back to you as soon as possible. We will continue to post updates on Class Dojo, so please check regularly but do ensure absences and urgent information is relayed via the school office.

Medications

If your child requires medication to be kept at school (e.g. an inhaler) please ensure these are brought to school in the original packaging, with the pharmacy label showing your child's name. If your child requires medication such as antibiotics or painkillers, please bring to the school office and fill in a form to allow us to administer this medication.

Contact details

If any of your contact or address details have changed over the summer, please ensure you update the office.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year with your children. The Year 1 Team

With best wishes

Ms Mangera (Class Teacher)

Mrs Cullen (Class Teacher to cover Friday)

Mrs Carrington (Learning Support Assistant)

Mrs Bole (Learning Support Assistant)