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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 6

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of the summer term at Newnham Croft. We are all very excited about all the events and activities planned for Y6's last term at Newnham. I really hope all the children have a fantastic term and enjoy their learning and time together.

As usual, if you need to pass on a message, you can catch me in the morning or send an email or make an appointment for a longer meeting. We are aiming for the children to be independent, so whenever possible, please do encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

In terms of topics, this half term starts with a history unit about Newnham and Cambridge which will lead into our local geography unit after the half-term break.

P.E. will move to a Wednesday afternoon (taught by Mr Friday) and we will then be having our additional P.E. lesson on Thursdays or Fridays; with the (hopefully) warmer and drier weather this term we can be more flexible as we'll be outdoors. This term we will focus on rounders, tennis, athletics and cricket. Please ensure active wear and appropriate shoes are worn daily.

Our PSHE begins with looking at Relationship and Sex Education. An additional letter outlining the coverage in Year 6 will follow soon - do let us know if you have any concerns.

In class, Year 6 will be supported by our brilliant TAs and one to one learning support assistants: Mrs Elbourne will be with us five mornings a week, Ms D'Oyly will join us for two mornings a week, Mrs Banerjee will be with us for three days and Mrs Wood will continue to mark homework. Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching music on Wednesdays, French lessons will be with Ms Noble and myself on Wednesday and Mrs D'Oyly will teach art on alternate Tuesdays.

Year 6 children completed a range of assessments before the holiday and have brought home their test papers and will be bringing home their writing assessments in a couple of weeks. We were all really pleased with the results and the progress children had made. This term, we will be continuing to run booster and extension groups to support the children with their English and maths before the tests next month. There is another copy of the test timetable here:

<i>Day/Time</i>	<i>Tuesday 13th May</i>	<i>Wednesday 14th May</i>	<i>Thursday 15th May</i>	<i>Friday 16th May</i>
<i>Morning</i>	<p><i>English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test 1 – 45 mins</i></p> <p><i>English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test 2: Spelling– 25 mins approximately</i></p>	<p><i>English Reading Test - 1 hour</i></p>	<p><i>Maths Reasoning Test A – 40 mins</i></p> <p><i>Maths Arithmetic Test – 30 mins</i></p>	<p><i>Maths Reasoning Test B – 40 mins</i></p>

The school will not be authorising any absences during this period.

As you know, during the test week, Ms Noble will be cooking breakfast for the children (this is always extremely popular and a great way to start the day together). Children can arrive from 8am and breakfast will be served at approximately 8.10am. As always, if you want to do extra work at home, we recommend the CGP books.

Home learning should follow the guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). We will be sending home weekly SPaG and maths, which will be given out on Monday, and will need to be back in by Friday. There are also optional extension maths problems available. Year 6 should be spending 30 - 45 minutes on each subject a week. Children should also have the Year 5 and 6 spelling words to practise and it is also very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day while at home.

Year 6 have been lucky to benefit hugely from parent talks and demonstrations in the past. If any of the areas of study this term are your areas of expertise, please get in touch.

Lastly, a massive thank you to those parents, who have offered to organise Y6's end of term celebrations and souvenirs. Thank you to Emma, Rupert's mum, for the leavers' hoodies which have been paid for with the money raised at the film festival and restaurant. Thank you to Lily's mum, Louise, who has offered to make the yearbooks and thank you to Keren, Zoe's mum, who has offered to coordinate the leavers' party in July. This term is always busy and I am so pleased people are getting started with all the organisation.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns,

Yours sincerely,

Ms Holliday

Diary Dates:

SATs Week - 13th - 16th May

Proposed date for the Y6 Play - Thursday 27th June at 6pm or 6.30pm (we'll confirm this date shortly)

Sports Day - Wednesday 10th July

Leavers' Assembly - Friday 19th July at 9.15am