

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Autumn term at Newnham Croft – Key Stage One

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to a new year at Newnham Croft Primary School. We hope that you've all had a restful summer break.

Start and End Times of the School Day

The start and end of the day has changed from last year. The bell for the start of the day will be rung at 8.45am and the children will be asked to line up in the playground, where they will be taken into the class by their class teacher. One bell will ring at 8.45am to signal that it's time for the children to line up and say goodbye to their parents. Then another bell will ring and the children will be led to their classes. The end of the school day is slightly later and is now the same as KS2, which will be 3.15pm.

- Year 1/2 children (Mrs Markham's class) will be brought to the front playground to be collected from the little playground (on the image of a world map) nearest the cagde
- In Year 2, (Mrs Cullen and Mrs Palmer's class) will be brought to the front playground to be collected near the Year 5 classroom (Mrs Turner's room).
- Year 1 (Miss Wakelen's class) will take her class to the front playground and dismiss her class from the hall doors.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions and if they could also be collected on time. If your child is late at the beginning of the school day, please sign them in at the office.

First Autumn Topic

KS1 shall begin this year by exploring the topic, 'Traditional Tales.' This topic is designed to build on the children's experiences of traditional tales and stories learnt in previous years. Children will study a range of traditional tales from around the world and these stories will link into scientific exploration of materials. Their writing will involve creating stories in the style of a traditional tale and in writing a science report.

Meet The Staff Meeting

On **Wednesday 7th September at 9am** you will have an opportunity to go to your child's new classroom, where your class teacher and other staff members assisting in that class will talk to you about the routine, expectations, curriculum and any other important aspects of Key Stage One.

Items Required for School

Children will need to bring a school coat, packed lunch if they are having a packed lunch and a labelled water bottle to keep themselves hydrated during the school day. There will be no need for pencil cases or any other items from home as these will be provided at school.

Active Wear and PE (Physical Education)

All children will be expected to come to school wearing active wear. This includes, trainers, leggings/ comfortable trousers, t-shirt/ long sleeved t-shirt (suitable clothing which allow the children to exercise and run around), and appropriate for any PE lesson. Boots and sandals are not active wear and we would ask that trainers are worn instead. It is essential that, if your child is not wearing the correct clothing for PE, they have appropriate clothing with them on the days that we have PE. Hair will need to be tied up and no jewellery should be worn at school, not just in sessions of PE.

Early Morning Activities

Each morning the children will have an activity to complete as they arrive at school. This generally reinforces a concept in Maths, Reading or English. This ensures a calm, purposeful start to the day. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher to discuss any issues relating to their school life, please feel free to e-mail me or the office.

Tuesday Afternoons

Tuesday afternoons, class teachers will be out of class planning and preparing lessons. On these afternoons Premier Sports teachers shall be teaching PE (Physical Education); Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching Music; and Mrs Marroncelli will be teaching RE on a three week rotation.

Reading

We shall be talking to the children about the importance of reading at home on a daily basis. It is really important that your child reads to you for at least ten minutes a day as well as discussing the book, being read to and enjoying stories for pleasure. Books are available in the library for your child to take out and return once a week. There will be a meeting (date and time below) to explain our new Phonics and Reading scheme, where we shall explain how you can access the correct book for your child to read to you at home, how this should be recorded and what happens when your child has completed 50 reading sessions.

KS1 Reading and Phonics Meeting

As mentioned above, we shall be having a meeting about Reading and Phonics, which will take place on **Friday 9th September for Year 1 and Year 2 parents at 2.45pm** and we strongly encourage you to come along.

Booknic

Like last year, there will be an opportunity for all Year 1 and Year 2 parents to read with their children on the school field. This will take place straight after the KS1 Reading and Phonics Meeting on **Friday 9th September at 3.15pm**.

Open Afternoon

In preparation for Parent Consultations, parents will have the opportunity to come into their child's classroom and look through their work (books) to see what they have been learning about. This will take place on the **10th October from 3.15pm to 4.15pm**.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be the **week of the 17th October**, but a questionnaire will be sent out to parents to ascertain whether parents prefer to have their consultation as a zoom meeting or in person.

Key Stage One Christmas Play

The Key Stage One Christmas production will take place in December and further details of this will be shared with parents closer to the time. The dates of this are:

- Tuesday 13th December 1.45pm
- Wednesday 14th December 9.30am

You are welcome to come and watch the performance on one of these dates.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Snacks are provided for playtime (fruit or vegetable). Please continue to send a labelled bottle of water each day. Drinking water throughout the day helps to keep children well hydrated.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place next half term and the dates for this are to be confirmed. Please ensure that your child has warm and waterproof clothing with them on the day as failure to do this causes disruption and delay in getting started.

Religious Education

The children will be finding out about special religious occasions and how people celebrate them. Many families will be celebrating special occasions this term, which have a religious significance for them e.g. Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas. If you would like to come in and talk to the children about the celebrations in your home, please contact your class teacher.

Communication

If you wish to talk to your class teacher regarding any aspect of your child's schooling please feel free to briefly chat to us at the start or end of the school day or email the school office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in making such a positive and happy start for your children in this new school year. We look forward to a happy term ahead.

With best wishes

The Key Stage One Team

Miss Wakelen – Year 1 class teacher

Mrs Markham – Year 1/2 class teacher

Mrs Cullen/ Mrs Palmer – Year 2 class teachers