

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Spring term – Year 1

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to a new year at Newnham Croft Primary School. We hope that you've all had a very restful winter break and would like to thank you all for the generous and thoughtful gifts you gave us.

As a reminder

Just to remind everyone, 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 for parents to start to leave. Then another bell will ring to signal the start of school. All children will continue to line up just outside the Year 5 classroom as they had done last term, where their teacher will greet them. The end of the school day will remain at 3.15pm. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruption, 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. If your child is absent or has an appointment, please inform us via the school office rather than via Classdojo as we cannot guarantee to check Classdojo during the school day.

First Spring Topic

Year 1 shall begin the spring term by focusing on a range of themes across the subjects. The curriculum overview has more details on this. If you have anything you would like to contribute to these themes, via personal experience or professional expertise, please let us know. The Rainbow Challenge, when the children complete a challenge from a range of tasks set by staff is working well. This is when, alongside their active learning (self-directed learning), the children complete a curriculum related task and document it themselves on Class Dojo. Their photography skills are definitely improving!

Items Required for School

Children will need to bring a school coat, a bag/box containing 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. Please ensure that your child does not bring toys into school. This includes trading or collecting cards such as Pokémon. Misplaced cards cause a lot of upset.

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 allows the children to exercise/run around and is appropriate for any PE lesson). Boots and sandals are not active wear, instead trainers should be worn. It is essential that if your child is not wearing the correct clothing for PE that 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.

Staffing

Every Tuesday afternoon, Ms Mangera 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. Mrs Cullen will teach the class every Friday. Mrs Carrington continues to be with the class each day and additional support is given by Mrs Bole. Mr Linge, who is a PGCE trainee teacher, will continue to be with us until the end of this half term.

Reading

I would like to once again emphasise the importance of reading at home on a daily basis, with your child reading to you for at least ten minutes a day. We shall continue to exchange library books and guided reading books on Wednesdays, so please ensure that books are brought back so that they can be exchanged.

Handwriting

We will be having a greater focus on handwriting this term with our aim being that all children form all letters correctly by the time they leave year 1. This is particularly important as once the children join year 2, they will begin to join their handwriting and this can only happen if they are confident with formation taught in year 1. Please see attachment for reference.

Whole School 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 Monday 2nd March from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on:

- Monday 9th March (3.30–6.00pm)
- Tuesday 10th March (1.30–5.00pm)

You will be given instructions on how to book your appointments on eSchools closer to the date. For parents/ carers of children on the SEN register or with an APDR, I will arrange a separate meeting, so please do not book an additional appointment during consultation week.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place on the following Fridays – 6 March, 13 March, 20 March and 27 March. Please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing and a change of shoes/wellies.

Show and Tell

The class have been keen to have show and tell sessions. See below for dates and information.

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 half term ahead.

With best wishes

The year one team

Ms Mangera, Mrs Carrington, Mrs Cullen, Mrs Bole and Mr Linge

Show And Tell Dates – Spring Term

On the date below, please help your child to bring in something from home that they would like to show and talk about with the rest of the class. For example, it could be a toy, souvenir, photograph or something related to our topic. Please send this in on the relevant Monday (or Tuesday if there is Bank holiday that week) and the session will take place at some point during that week.

Monday 12th January Simon Albert Alex	Monday 19th January Chloe Daniel Elke	Monday 26th January Erin Felix Florence
Monday 2nd February Gray Henry Iris	Tuesday 9th February Izzy Jophiel Leela	Monday 23rd February Lia Luca Max
Monday 2nd March Nancy Noah Olekса	Monday 9th March Raphy Rowan Sofia	Monday 16th March Sylvia Theo Zack Koshi
Monday 23rd March		

