

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 1

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to what will be our final term in Year 1. No need to fret however, as we have plenty of fun and learning to come between now and the summer holidays. We hope that you had an enjoyable spring break and it is great to see the children back in action.

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 say goodbye to their parents. Then another bell will ring to signal the start of school. You are welcome to leave your children in the line once a member of Year 1 staff has arrived in the playground. Children should not play on the playground equipment during this time.

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 many children participate in phonic group activities between 8.45 am and 9.00 am. If your child is late at the beginning of the school day, please sign them in at the office.

First Summer Topic

Year 1 shall begin the summer term by focusing on the topic *Explore the Wilderness*. This topic is designed to find out about how famous explorers such as Columbus and Henson have changed the world, explore their journeys, and discuss how exploration has changed over time. The Rainbow Challenges will continue, so do look out for them on Classdojo. The photos taken and uploaded by the children may not tell a clear story of what the children have been working on but are intended to use as a trigger for discussion with you.

Items Required for School

Children will need to bring a coat/jacket, 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. Please ensure that your child does not bring toys into school especially now that our topic on toys is over. This includes trading or collecting cards such as Pokémon as misplaced cards cause a lot of upset. Spare clothes continue to be useful, however do label the bag they are in as the children often declare they have never seen the items before! Now the sunnier weather is with us, please ensure that your child wears sunscreen to school when necessary. If you would like them to reapply sunscreen, the preferred method is a roll-on applicator, labelled with your child's name and given to a member of staff. This will be stored in a safe place so that children are not tempted to share (in case of allergies). Summer tops should ensure shoulders remain covered and named hats should be worn.

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 jewellery should not be worn at school at anytime, 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 Marroncelli will teach the class every Friday morning and alternative Friday afternoons. Mrs Carrington continues to be with the class each day and additional support is given by Mrs Cummins.

Reading

We 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. E-books will still be placed on the Big Cat reading portal weekly for everyone. Reading books are becoming tatty so please place them in the plastic home folders and in book bags rather than back packs that contain other items as this can result in books becoming damaged.

Mystery Readers

The class have requested the return of mystery readers. If you would like to surprise the class with being our mystery reader, discretely let a member of staff know to organise a date!

Whole School Open Afternoon

Parents/carers 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 9th June from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Phonics Screening Check

An assessment will take place nationally for Y1 pupils during the week of 9th June. See attached document created by Little Wandle, the providers of the phonics programme we follow at Newnham Croft. The phonics teaching that we will deliver until then will contain review sessions rather than introducing new learning.

International Afternoon

We will be holding a celebration of the international make up of our school community during our International Afternoon on Thursday 22nd May. This used to be a much enjoyed event in our school calendar which is making a welcome come back. This year, we will be looking at India and each class will find out about an aspect of that country. All parents are invited to join us from 2.45 pm until 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd May to enjoy the children's learning. If you have photos, clothes or artefacts from India that you would like to display at the event, please let us know. More details will be shared closer to the time.

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 message directly on Classdojo and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Dates

Open afternoon Monday 9th June 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm

International Afternoon Thursday 22nd May 2.45 pm - 3.30 pm

Sports Day Tuesday 15th July – 1.15pm – 3.15pm

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes

The Year One team.

Ms Mangera, Mrs Carrington, Mrs Marroncelli, Mrs Cummins