

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Autumn term – Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break. Our geography topic for the first half term is *Volcanoes*. After half term, we will move to a history topic, *Ancient Egypt*. Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in our curriculum overviews if you would like more detail. If you are an expert in either of these fields, please get in touch; it would be great to use some of the knowledge residing in the parent body to enrich the children's learning. Previously, we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please get in touch if this is something you would like to do.

Routines and staffing

Children need to be in the playground, ready to come into class, by 8.45am, and will finish their day at 3.15pm. If you need to speak to us briefly, teachers will be available on the playground from 8.35am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact the office if you need a longer meeting with us. Whenever possible, please encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

The Year 4 staff schedule is as follows:

Monday: Mrs Kivisild

Tuesday: Mrs Cullen

Wednesday: Mrs Cullen

Thursday: Mrs Kivisild

Friday: Mrs Kivisild

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, children will be supported in class by Mrs Wood.

On Thursday afternoons, Mrs Roberts will teach PE and Mrs Onatskaia will teach music. On

Monday afternoons, Ms Noble will teach French with Mrs Kivisild. On Tuesday afternoons,

Ms D'Oyly will be teaching the class. She will also be supporting on Wednesday mornings.

The children will have two PE lessons a week – Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

Your child is expected to wear appropriate active wear at all times, and to take part in every lesson: if they are unable to do this for any reason, please speak to us before school or write a short note to inform us of any issues. Children with long hair must also bring in something to tie it back with and no jewellery is allowed in school without written permission.

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.

Dates for your diaries:

All classes will be having a short information meeting, for those wishing to attend, on Friday 5th September at 9:00am.

Parent consultations this term will be on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October with an open afternoon the previous week on Monday 13th October.

There will be a whole school flu vaccination on Tuesday 16 September – more information coming from office soon

The Harvest festival assembly will be on Friday 10 October at approximately 9am – more information will come from the office closer to the time.

Individual photographs will be taken on 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.

Forest Schools and Outdoor Classroom

The children will be using the areas outside the classroom to extend their learning as well as Forest school sessions. Our dates for Forest Schools for the Autumn Term are:

Friday 19 September

Friday 26 September

Friday 7 November

Friday 14 November

We ask that you provide a waterproof coat, trousers and wellies on these days but also ensure that your child is suitably dressed on other school days so that we can enjoy the outside space around the school, whatever the weather.

Big Cat reading books

If your child is given a Big Cat reading book to take home for practice, it must be returned before they borrow a different one. Any lost or damaged books must be replaced by parents as they are expensive for the school.

Home learning

Home learning should follow the themes and guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). It is important for children to be practising their times tables regularly. Little and often is the best way - 5 minutes every day is enough. We will provide all children with logins for Times Tables Rock Stars which is a fun and effective way to practise and allows teachers to monitor individual progress.

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.

We are very much looking forward to the start of an exciting new school year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cullen and Mrs Kivisild