

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 2

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope that you've all had a very restful Easter/ spring break.

As a reminder to 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 to signal that it's time for the children to line up and say goodbye to their parents. When they hear the second bell the children should stop talking and will follow the teacher into class. All children will continue to line up just outside the Year 4 classroom as they had done last term, where their class teacher will greet them.

In addition to this, the end of the school day will remain at 3.15pm when you will still be expected to collect them but, as we introduced last term, all children will walk into the playground independently without their class teacher. All class teachers will continue to meet classes and parents at 8.45am on Monday and Wednesday, and from 8.35am on the other days during drop off.

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.

Items Required for school

Children will need to bring a raincoat, a labelled water bottle to keep themselves hydrated during the school day and if your child is having packed a lunch, please could the lunch box be labelled and left on the trolley first thing in the morning, which is to the right of the gate as you enter the playground. Please try to ensure that lunch boxes have healthy options and do not contain nuts.

Active Wear and PE (Physical Education)

All children will still 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; instead trainers should be worn. Hair will also need to be tied up and no jewellery should be worn at school.

Tuesday Afternoons

On Tuesday afternoons, class teachers will be out of class planning and preparing lessons. On these afternoons Mrs Roberts shall be teaching PE (Physical Education) and Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching Music.

Reading

We shall continue 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 and being read to; and enjoying stories for pleasure. We shall continue to exchange library books once a week, so please ensure that books are brought back once read on the day that your class teacher has agreed. All children who are expecting a Big Cat home reading book either on a Wednesday or a Friday will still receive these. Please can you ensure that your child brings these back on the days agreed with the class teacher (either Wednesday or Friday). E-books will still be placed on the Collins Hub reading portal weekly. Please continue to read these with your child every day.

Year 2 Swimming

Starting from the morning of Thursday 24th April, all Year 2 children will be going to Parkside Pools where they will have a weekly half hour swimming session. Please could all Year 2s bring a bag with a swimming costume, towel, (swimming hat).

Whole School Open Afternoon and Sports Day

Once more, 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 9th June from 3.15pm to 4pm. This year's Sport's Day will be on Tuesday 15th July with KS1 taking part in the afternoon.

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.

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 and with the warmer weather hopefully approaching all the more important.

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 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 all of your support. We look forward to a happy half term ahead.

With best wishes

Miss Wakelen and Miss Harvey