

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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## Year 3 – Mr Goller

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and had an enjoyable summer break. I look forward to hearing about what you child got up when they return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The topic for this term is Invaders. The children will learn about the period in history from The Stone through to the Viking Invasion. We plan to visit West Stow Anglo–Saxon Village in the second half of the term to provide children with a first-hand experience of what life might have been like during this period. Details regarding the trip will be sent to you nearer the time. If you are an expert in this area and would like to come into school and share your knowledge with the children please speak to me before or after school. I would also appreciate any books or resources you may have to help us make the topic as interesting as possible.

### Start and end 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 now be rung at 8.45am and the children will be asked to line up. At this point the adults who had accompanied their children will be asked to leave the playground. The second bell will then go and the children will be led into school by their class teacher. The end of the school day is now at 3.15pm. The children will be brought to the front playground for collection at 3.15pm in a similar place to last year. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

### School dinners / Packed Lunch

School lunches are no longer free in KS2. Payment is made through the school office if you decide to select this option for your child. The school dinner menu is displayed in the school kitchen window and emailed with the weekly newsletter. You may prefer instead to send your child in with a packed lunch which needs to be placed on the trolleys in the playground at the start of the school day.

### Snacks and Water Bottles

Healthy snacks are no longer provided at break times but can be supplied from home if you desire your child to have one. We would be grateful if you could continue to send your child's labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day obviously helps to keep them fully hydrated.

### PE times and Active Wear

Our PE slots for this term are Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear (in line with the school's active wear policy) not just on these days but for the whole of the week as PE times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Active wear means: clothes and footwear comfortable and appropriate for physical activity (not sandals).

### PPA Cover

PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Onatskaia (Music) and Premier Sports (P.E) in order for me to be able to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

### **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 date for Forest Schools for the Autumn Term will be emailed out nearer the time. 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.

### **Reading**

I hope you have enjoyed listening to your child reading over the holidays. It is vital to stimulate a love of reading at this age and to nurture an ability to discuss what they have read. Listening to your child read daily is highly recommended. Every Friday, your child will have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home for the week. I always encourage the children to select broad selection of books that encompass a wide selection of different genres. I would encourage you to listen to your child read for around 10-15 minutes a day and to discuss afterwards what they have recalled.

### **Booknic**

On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, we will be having a year 3/4 book-nic (book picnic) where you can join your child after school from 3:15 to 3:50 on the field to read over a picnic. Bring some snacks and a book and enjoy sharing it together outside. There will also be books available at school for you to explore. The book-nic is a chance for us to celebrate the joy of reading with you and your child and has been previously enjoyed by key stage one.

### **Spellings**

Each Friday a list of spellings will be sent home for your child to practise in preparation for a spelling test the following Friday. You may wish to get your child to practise these spellings by writing sentences containing them.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultation week will take place the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October. A questionnaire will be sent to you to ascertain whether there is a preference for zoom meetings or in person. The outcome of this will be shared with you by the second week of the term.

### **Communication**

If you wish to talk to me regarding any aspect of your child's schooling please feel free to briefly chat to me 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.

### **Diary Dates – (first half term)**

Meet the staff meeting: 9.00am – 9.20am Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

I look forward to working with you to support your child's learning this year.

Kindest regards,

Mr Goller  
Year 3 Class Teacher