

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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## **Autumn term – Year 2**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to a new school year at Newnham Croft Primary School. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the year together, I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning, wellbeing and development. It is always a privilege to see the children grow in confidence and enthusiasm, and I am excited to create a positive and engaging classroom environment where every child can thrive.

### **Start and end times of the school day**

The bell for the start of the day will ring at 8.45am. The children will line up in the playground, where I will collect them and take them into class. One bell will signal that it is time for the children to line up and say goodbye to their parents, and a second bell will signal the start of the school day. The end of the school day is at 3.15pm. The class will be dismissed from the computer room doors in the front playground. Please ensure your child arrives promptly in the morning to avoid disruption and is collected on time at the end of the day. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

### **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.

### **First autumn topic**

This term I will be introducing the topic of *Traditional Tales*, which provides a wonderful introduction to Year 2. The children will have the opportunity to engage with familiar stories and develop their imagination. Our main focus will be *The Three Little Pigs*, which links closely to our science curriculum. In science, pupils will investigate and compare materials, considering their suitability for different purposes.

### **Meet the teacher meeting**

On Friday 5th September at 9am, you are invited to visit your child's classroom. I will talk to you about routines, expectations, the curriculum, and other important aspects of Key Stage One.

### **Items required for school**

Your child will need a waterproof coat, a labelled water bottle, and a packed lunch if required. All stationery will be provided, so there is no need for pencil cases or other items from home.

### **Active wear and PE**

Children are expected to come to school each day in active wear suitable for exercise and PE lessons. This includes trainers, leggings/comfortable trousers, and a t-shirt or long-sleeved top. Boots and sandals are not suitable. Hair must be tied back, and no jewellery, including earrings, should be worn.

### **Tuesday afternoons**

On Tuesday afternoons I will be out of class for planning and preparation. During this time, Premier Sports will teach PE and Mrs Onatskaia will teach Music.

### **Reading**

I will be talking to the children about the importance of daily reading at home. Please ensure your child reads to you for at least ten minutes each day, discusses their book with you, and is read to regularly to develop a love of stories. We have transitioned to home reading books so the children will receive a physical reading book on a Wednesday and will return the book the following Wednesday. Children will also be able to borrow library books weekly. To encourage reading, I will issue reading logs, and children will receive a certificate after 50 reading sessions.

### **Open afternoon**

Ahead of Parent Consultations, there will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and view their work on Monday 13th October from 3.15- 4.00pm.

### **Parent consultations**

Parent consultations will take place during the week of 20th October. Further details about booking will be shared closer to the time.

### **Key Stage One Christmas performance**

The KS1 Christmas production will be held in December. You are welcome to attend one of the following performances:

- Tuesday 16th December
- Wednesday 17th December

Further details on how to get tickets will be shared nearer the time.

### **Snacks and water bottles**

Children will be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack at playtime. Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle each day.

### **Forest School**

Forest School sessions will take place in the spring or summer term (dates to be confirmed). Please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing on the day, as this helps the sessions start promptly.

### **Religious Education**

This term the children will be learning about special religious occasions and how they are celebrated. If your family will be celebrating an event of religious significance and you would like to share this with the class, please contact me.

### **Communication**

If you would like to speak to me about any aspect of your child's schooling, please feel free to catch me briefly at the start of the day, or email the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on the [school calendar](#) which updated regularly and read our weekly newsletter, which is sent on Friday afternoons.

### **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.

Thank you for your support in making a positive and happy start to the new school year. I look forward to an enjoyable and successful year with your children.

Best wishes,  
Miss Harvey