

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of your child's year in Year 6 at Newnham Croft. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

If you need to talk to me briefly or pass on a message, I will be on the playground just before the start of the day. Alternatively, you can make an appointment by emailing me [kholliday@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kholliday@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk) for a longer meeting. We are aiming for the children to be independent, so whenever possible, please do encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

In terms of topics, this term sees us starting off with a history project finding out about *Ancient Greece* which will include a trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum. Some of our class music, art and computing lessons will link to this topic. After half term, we will move to a new geography topic: *What's it like in a desert?* Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in our curriculum overviews if you would like more detail.

### Dates for your diaries:

All classes will be having a short information meeting, for those wishing to attend, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am. This will be to discuss the information in this letter and talk about the year ahead; it will also be a chance for you to be able to put faces to the names of the adults working with your children this year.

Our first Year 6 event for parents and children will take place on the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please put this date in your diaries and more details will follow soon.

Parent consultations for this term will be on the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October.

As mentioned, Year 5 and 6 have a visit planned to The Fitzwilliam Museum, to fit in with our topic of Ancient Greece. This will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Year 6 will also be taking part in our usual Forest School sessions starting after half term, although the dates have yet to be finalised.

Our Hilltop residential visit will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Year 6 Staff:

I will be teaching Year 6 for the majority of their lessons and will be with them every day. The class are very lucky that Mrs Turner, who knows them all well, will be teaching their maths and RE lessons on Friday mornings whilst I have Assistant Headteacher time with Ms Magera.

On Thursday afternoons, Year 6 will have PE with Mr Friday; this starts with cross-country so please ensure your child has warm, suitable active wear. Our second PE lesson this term will be swimming on Wednesdays; please look out for the letter the office will be sending home. In the two weeks before swimming starts, we will have tag-rugby sessions, as I am sure everyone is excited about the World Cup starting so soon. Music lessons with Mrs Onatskaia will also continue to be on Thursday afternoons. We will also have art lessons taught by Ms D'Oyly on some Tuesday afternoons this term and Ms Noble will use her language expertise as we team teach our weekly French sessions on Wednesdays.

We are lucky to be able to have some wonderful TAs working with us in Year 6 this year: Mrs Elbourne will be working with our class every morning; Ms Noble will be with us for three, hour-long sessions in the afternoons; Ms D'Oyly will be with us two mornings a week; Mrs Burke will be with us two afternoons; Mrs Banerjee is coming back and will be with us three days a week and Mrs Wood will be with us Friday afternoons. This is a lot of different adults, however as I am sure you are aware all schools are juggling staffing and we feel confident that we have a plan that ensures we are doing our very best to meet all the needs of our class. They are also all adults the children are familiar with from last year.

### Home learning:

Home learning will be weekly SPaG and maths booklets, which will be given out on Monday and returned by Friday. This will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The children have a choice of optional extra maths challenges as well. It is very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day at home. Please also support your child with practising their spellings; we will send home extra copies of these this week.

Finally, if any of the areas of study this term are your areas of expertise, please get in touch. In previous years we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please do get in touch if this is something you would like to do.

Best wishes,

Ms Holliday