

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. This term we will be starting a new topic based on 'Crime and Punishment through the Ages'. You will find a breakdown of the skills and areas of the curriculum the children will be covering on the topic overview that can be found on the school's website. 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 Day

The bell for the start of the day will continue to 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 children will be sent to the front playground for collection at 3.15pm. 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 lunches

Payment is made through the SchoolGateway app if you decide to select this option for your child. The office can help you set this up. 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 can be supplied from home if you desire your child to have one at break times. 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 swimming sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings starting the first week back on 17th April. Please can you ensure that your child brings a one piece swimming costume and towel with them. Swimming goggles are optional. Our other PE session will take place on Thursday afternoon and be overseen by Premier Sports. 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 Thursday 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 Summer Term will be communicated to you 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. Your child will continue to have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home for the week. There is an opportunity for Year 4 children to change books in the library every morning. I always encourage the children to select a 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. Please help your child by making sure their reading folder is in school every day.

School Trip

We are very excited about our residential trip to Grafham Water This term. It is on the 9th and 10th of May. There will be information, including a kit list, coming home soon. All KS2 year groups are visiting the Thalia waste site this term as part of our Eco school work. We are also hoping to organise a trip that is connected to our topic at some point during the term. Details of both will be sent out nearer the time.

Spellings

Each Friday a list of spellings will be sent home for your child to practise. You may wish to dictate sentences that contain some of these words and get your child to think about the punctuation they need to include.

TimesTables Rockstars

Please can you encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars to improve their rapid recall of their times tables. In particular, it would be good to focus on the 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s and 12 times tables and related division facts. The national year 4 multiplication check will be carried out in the week beginning Monday 3rd June. Year 4 children are expected to be able to recall all multiplication facts, and related division facts, up to 12 x 12, with only 6 seconds to recall each answer.

Open Afternoon

You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning after school on Monday 10th June between 3.15-4.15pm.

Other Diary Dates

Tuesday 30th April – Euro 2024 Speed Kick Challenge with Premier Sports – Charity Event

Tuesday 7th May – Litter picking on Coe Fen

Monday 17th June and Wednesday 19th June – Eat lunch with Year 4 child

Monday 1st July – KS2 Orienteering Day

Sunday 7th July PTA Fete

Wednesday 10th July - Afternoon – KS2 Sports Day (Thursday 11th July reserve day).

Friday 12th July – Moving up afternoon

Monday 15th July – Charity afternoon

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.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Cullen

(Class Teacher)