

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Autumn term – Year 2

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to a new year at Newnham Croft Primary School. We hope that you've all had a very restful summer break.

Start and end times of the school day

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. Then another bell will ring to signal the start of school. The end of the school day is at 3.15pm.

- Year 2N (Miss Harvey class) will take her class to the front playground and dismiss her class from the computer room doors.
- Year 2C children (Miss Wakelen class) will take her class to the front playground and dismiss her class through the main doors next to Year 4.

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.

Topics and learning

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.

Meet the teacher meeting

On **Friday 6th September at 9am** you will have an opportunity to go to your child's new classroom, where your class teacher and other staff members assisting in that class will talk to you about the routine, expectations, curriculum and any other important aspects of Key Stage One.

Items required for school

Children will need to bring a waterproof coat, packed lunch if they are having a packed lunch and a labelled water bottle to keep themselves hydrated during the school day. There will be no need for pencil cases or any other items from home as these will be provided at school.

Active wear and PE (Physical Education)

All children will be expected to come to school wearing **active wear**. This includes, trainers, leggings/ comfortable trousers, t-shirt or long sleeved t-shirt, ie 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, including earrings should be worn whilst at school, not just in sessions of PE.

Tuesday afternoons

Tuesday afternoons, class teachers will be out of class planning and preparing lessons. On these afternoons Premier Sports teachers shall be teaching PE, Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching Music.

Reading

We shall be 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, to reinforce the enjoyment of reading stories for pleasure. We will be using the same Big Cat Collins e-portal for your child to access their reading books. If you are having difficulties signing in, please let your class teacher know and they will issue you with a new login. Just like last year, your child will also be able to take books out of the library, to take home and then return once a week. To further encourage your child with their reading, we shall be issuing reading logs to your child and when they have completed 50 reading sessions, they will receive a reading certificate.

Open afternoon

In preparation for Parent Consultations, 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 14th October from 3.15 to 4.15 pm**.

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be during the **week of 21st October**; more information about how to book a parent consultation with your class teacher will be released closer to the time.

Key Stage One Christmas performance

The Key Stage One Christmas production will take place in December and further details of this will be shared with parents closer to the time. The dates of this are:

- Tuesday 17 December at 9-10.30
- Wednesday 18 December 1.30-3.00

You are welcome to come and watch the performance on one of these dates.

Snacks and water bottles

Snacks are provided for playtime (fruit or vegetable). Please continue to send a labelled bottle of water each day.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place next half term and the dates for this are to be confirmed. Please ensure that your child has warm and waterproof clothing with them on the day as failure to do this causes disruption and delay in getting started.

Religious Education

The children will be finding out about special religious occasions and how people celebrate them. Many families will be celebrating special occasions this term, which have a religious significance for them. If you would like to come in and talk to the children about the celebrations in your home, please contact your class teacher.

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 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or email the school office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in making such a positive and happy start for your children in this new school year. We look forward to a happy half term ahead.

With best wishes

The Year 2 team

Miss Harvey – Year 2N class teacher

Miss Wakelen – Year 12C class teacher