

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Key Stage One

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope that you've all had a very restful Easter/ spring break.

As a reminder

Just to remind everyone, 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. When they hear the second bell the children should stop talking and will follow the teacher into class. All children will continue to line up just outside the Year 4 classroom as they had done last term, where their class teacher will greet them. In addition to this, the end of the school day will remain at **3.15pm** where you will still be expected to collect them, but as we introduced last term, at the end of the school day, all children will walk into the playground independently without their class teacher. All class teachers will continue to meet classes and parents at **8.45am** on Monday and Wednesday, and from 8.35am on the other days during drop off.

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.

First Summer Topic

KS1 shall begin the summer term by focusing on the topic, 'Beside the Seaside.' This geographical, exciting topic is designed to teach the children a little more about coasts which are local to them and teach them about all the different features located at different coasts. This topic will link nicely with English as we shall be completing some narrative work around stories associated with the sea, such as The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Connected to this, we shall be exploring seasonal changes in science, where all children will be exploring how the weather, day length and plants change from season to season.

Items Required for School

Children will need to bring a raincoat, a labelled water bottle to keep themselves hydrated during the school day and if your child is having packed a lunch, please could the lunch box be labelled and left on the trolley first thing in the morning, which is to the right of the gate as you enter the playground. 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 still be expected to come to school wearing active wear. This includes, trainers, leggings/ comfortable trousers, t-shirt/long sleeved t-shirt (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 should be worn in school at all, not just PE sessions.

Early Morning Activities

Each morning the children will have an activity to complete as they arrive at school. This generally reinforces a concept in maths, reading or English. This ensures a calm, purposeful start to the day. If you wish to speak to your class teacher to discuss any issues relating to your child's school life, please feel free to email the office.

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 (Physical Education); Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching Music; and Mrs Marroncelli will be teaching RE on a three week rotation.

Reading

We shall continue 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; and enjoying stories for pleasure. We shall continue to exchange library books once a week, so please ensure that books are brought back once read on the day that your class teacher has agreed. All children who are expecting a Big Cat home reading book either on a Wednesday or a Friday will still receive these. Please can you ensure that your child brings these back on the days agreed with the class teacher (either Wednesday or Friday). E-books will still be placed on the Big Cat reading portal weekly. Please continue to read these with your child every day.

Year 2 Swimming

Starting from **Tuesday 23th April**, all Year 2 children will be going to Parkside Pools where they will have weekly half an hour swimming sessions from **9.30am** until **10am**. These sessions will last for 10 weeks. We will leave by coach at 8.50am and be back for break time. Please could all Year 2s bring a bag with a swimming costume, towel, (swimming hat) and underwear. We recommend that all Year 2s wear their swimming costume underneath their clothes to save time when getting ready. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to talk to your child's class teacher. As the sessions will be starting quite early, we will require all children to arrive at school by **8.30am, meet just outside the hall in the playground**, where they will be able to put their things away in the KS1 cloak room apart from anything they require for their swimming lesson and then be ready to depart for the coach.

Whole School Open Afternoon and Sports Day

Once more, 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 10th June from 3.15pm to 4pm**. This year's Sport's Day will be on **Wednesday 10th July** with KS1 taking part in the morning.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Snacks are provided for playtime (fruit or vegetable). Please continue to send a labelled bottle of water each day. Drinking water throughout the day helps to keep children well hydrated.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place next term but dates are still to be determined.

Religious Education

The children will be finding out about special religious occasions and how people celebrate 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 or email the school office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for all of your support. We look forward to a happy half term ahead.

With best wishes

The Key Stage 1 Team

Miss Genochio – Year 1 class teacher

Mrs Markham – Year 1/2 class teacher

Miss Harvey – Year 2 class teacher