

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Autumn term – Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer break. I am really looking forward to speaking to the class about what they got up to when they return to school on Wednesday 3rd September.

This term we will be starting a new topic entitled '*Why do people live near volcanoes?*' 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. The children will be sent out 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.

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.

School lunches

School lunches are no longer free in KS2. Payment is made via the SchoolGateway app – if you have any issues, contact the school office. 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 trolley in the playground at the start of the school.

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 PE slots for this term will be on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. 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 Mrs Roberts from 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 dates for Forest Schools for the Autumn Term are:

Friday 10 October

Friday 24 October

Friday 7 November

Friday 14 November

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. Every Wednesday, your child will have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home for the week. I always encourage the children to select broad selection of books that encompass a wide range of genres. I would encourage you to listen to your child read for around 10-15minutes a day and to discuss afterwards what they have recalled.

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.

Open Afternoon and Parents Consultations

You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning after school on Monday 13th October at 3.30pm.

Parent consultations will take place the following week on Monday 20th October after school and Tuesday 21st October in the afternoon. The school office will send details on how to sign up for these in the coming weeks.

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 get back to you as soon as possible.

Dates for Your Diary

- Meet the teacher: Friday 5 September at 9:00am – an opportunity to discuss this letter and the year ahead.
- Whole school flu vaccination – Tuesday 16 September – more information coming from office soon
- Harvest festival assembly – Friday 10 October - approximately 9am
- Open Afternoon: Monday 13 October, 3.15pm–4.00pm – a chance to see your child's work from the first half term.
- Individual photographs – Thursday 16 October
- Parent Consultations: Week beginning 20 October – details on booking will follow closer to the time.

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.

I look forward to working with you to support your child's learning this year.

Kindest Regards,
Mr Goller
(Class Teacher)