

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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## Autumn term – Year 6

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 us briefly or pass on a message, Mrs Turner or I will be on the playground before school everyday (on Thursdays, I may be slightly late coming outside because of netball club). 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 *World War II* which will include a trip to Bletchley Park. 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 the Alps?* 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 able to attend, on Friday 6 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 most of the adults working with your children this year.

You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning after school on Monday 14 October between 3.15- 4.15pm.

Parent consultations for this term will be on the week beginning 21 October.

As mentioned, Year 5 and 6 have a visit planned to Bletchley Park, to fit in with our topic of WWII. This will be on Thursday 3 October. We will send out more details when we have coach time finalised.

Our class residential visit to Hilltop Outdoor Centre will take place from 23 to 26 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 taught their RE lessons in Y5, will be teaching their maths and RE lessons on Friday mornings whilst I have Assistant Headteacher time with Ms Mangera.

On Thursday afternoons, Year 6 will have PE with one of the Premier Sports teachers; this starts with cross-country so please ensure your child has warm, suitable activewear. Our second PE lesson this term will be swimming on Tuesdays; please look out for the letter the office will be sending home.

Music lessons with Mrs Onatskaia will also continue to be on Thursday afternoons. We will also have art lessons taught by Ms D'Oyly one Tuesday a fortnight and Ms Noble will continue to use her language expertise as we team teach our weekly French sessions on Mondays.

We are lucky to be able to have TAs working with us in Year 6 this year: Ms D'Oyly and Mrs Wood will be both with us two mornings a week. Ms D'Oyly on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Wood on a Thursday and Friday.

### 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 9 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. This can be done anyway that suits your family; it's most important that the children understand the words so they can have a go at using them.

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