

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Year 2 ~ Mr Goller (class teacher)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and managed to fill the summer holidays in whatever way was possible. I am looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and hopefully getting this part of their lives back to some sense of normality. I know Mr Matthews has outlined what measures we have put in place regarding Covid-19 but wanted to take the opportunity to remind you and make you aware of some of the routines and expectations for the year. Initially we plan to do a mini topic entitled 'Here We Are' inspired by the Oliver Jeffers book. The children will then spend the remainder of the Autumn Term enjoying our main topic about Pirates, Heroes and Heroines.

Start and end of the school day

The school day will start at 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm. The drop off and collection point for our year is on the field at the back of the Year 6 classroom. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions.

School dinners / Packed Lunch

Children will be given a choice of healthy meals which they can select from the school menu each day. School lunches and packed lunches (supplied from home) will be eaten in class bubbles in the hall.

Snacks and Water Bottles

A fruit snack will be provided by school for your child every day. Please no packet snacks please, as we are a healthy and eco friendly school. Please continue to send your child's labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day helps to keep children well hydrated.

PE times and Active Wear

Our PE slots are Monday afternoon (outdoors) and Friday morning (indoors). 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 comfortable and appropriate for physical activity (no denim and skirts), children should wear trainers. This will enable the children to take part in physical activity every day and save on changing time.

Jewellery

It is important that children should **not** wear any jewellery to school, including earrings but they may wear watches. Please note that watches must be removed for P.E.

PPA Cover

Mr Matthews supported by Mrs Mahoney and Mrs Onatskaia will teach the class each Tuesday afternoon to provide release time in order for me to be able to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

Christmas Production

More information regarding a possible Christmas production will be sent out nearer the time.

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 that will take place termly. Our date for Forest Schools for the Autumn Term is Friday 6th 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.

Reading

I hope you have enjoyed listening to your child read over the summer holidays. I always like to talk to them about what they have liked about the books they have chosen and listen to them recall some their favourite parts. Each week on Monday your child will have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home for the week. Please can you ensure that you complete the reading log book for each session and return this along with the books they have taken out every Friday.

Italian Lesson

The children will start to have Italian lessons each week. Classes will take place on Monday mornings for about 30-40 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn greetings, numbers, colours, foods and other daily Italian word and phrases.

Parent Consultations

More information regarding parent consultations will be sent out closer to the time.

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 I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

We will be having a short information meeting, for those wishing to attend, on Wednesday 9th September at 5.30pm – a Zoom link will be sent out for you to join. This will be to discuss the information in this letter and talk about the year ahead. Meetings will be recorded if you cannot attend, or simply ask the teacher outside for an update.

I look forward to getting to know you over the coming year and working in partnership with you for the benefit of your child.

Kindest regards,

Mr Goller
Y2 Class Teacher