

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the final term at Newnham Croft! We are so excited about our summer term with Year 6 back in school.

As you know, we will be having our test week slightly later than the usual external tests, on the week starting the 17th May. During the test week, the children will have the option of having a relaxing and delicious breakfast at school from 8am. This is a great way to start the day together and children in the past have all really enjoyed it. The tests will all take place in the morning. The timetable below shows which test will be on each day.

- **Monday May 17th:** SPaG Test- Grammar/Punctuation- *45 minutes*
- **Monday May 17th:** SPaG Test- Spelling- *20 minutes*
- **Tuesday May 18th:** Reading Test- *60 minutes*
- **Wednesday May 19th:** Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)- *30 minutes*
- **Wednesday May 19th:** Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)- *40 minutes*
- **Thursday May 20th:** Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)- *40 minutes*

We will be preparing and revising for the test in our maths and English lessons during May, including work on past papers. During this time, groups of children will continue to attend extra booster/extension lessons taught by teachers and teaching assistants.

After the tests in May, we will be concentrating on the Year 6 musical production, forest school, extended writing and writing assessments, topic work and transition units of work leading to Year 7 objectives. Secondary schools have started to get in touch with us and hopefully, we will soon learn more about how the transition process will work this year.

As usual, this term we will be following the National Curriculum. In all subjects, wherever possible, we will be making links with our topic, Water, Water Everywhere. Throughout this topic, we intend to look at the impact and importance of water through the whole range of curriculum areas; at times the children will also have opportunities to decide the direction of our learning within the topic. Please see the topic web for more details of learning over this term.

Every Thursday afternoon the children will have PE lessons with Mr West and our second PE lesson will usually be Tuesdays (however, we will be flexible with the weather). Your child will be expected to have the correct kit in school or wear active ware at all times and to take part in every lesson; if he or she is unable to do this for some reason please speak to us before school or provide a note. Children with long hair must also bring in something to tie it back with and no jewellery should be worn at school at any time.

Our SEAL topics for this term are 'Relationships' in the first half term, which will focus on self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy and 'Changes' in the second half term. As part of our PSHE and science, years 5 and 6 will be learning about relationships and sexual health education

(RSE). This work focuses on the changes that occur during puberty, why they occur and how to deal with them. For Year 6 this will also involve human reproduction and sexual intercourse. If you have any questions or want to view any of the materials, please get in touch.

We will be sending English and Maths homework books out every week from now on. These need to be handed in on Fridays for Mrs Wood to mark; we will be ordering more for those who have finished book 1. It is also very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day at home and continue to practise their Year 5 and 6 spellings.

Thank you for everyone for returning the Hilltop forms. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the next set of education guidance, that comes out in May, will allow us to go on our trip (11th -13th June). Other dates will follow soon as the school is in the process of working out what sports days and school plays will look like this year. We look forward to seeing you all (virtually) for our Film Festival next Friday (23rd).

Lastly, for those of you new to Year 6, there are a number of Year 6 leavers' traditions. These include a leavers' party (usually a BBQ in the school grounds), a yearbook and a leavers' t-shirt/hoodies (we have some examples from previous years if anyone would like to see them). These are all usually all organised by parents. I am so pleased that two parents have already been in touch, this week, to say they will organise t-shirts/hoodies. Please let me know if you would like to help or are planning something and have any questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions. You can contact me by kholliday@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk or if you prefer to meet in person, I can arrange to meet you in the carpark.

Yours faithfully,

K. Holliday