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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year. It’s been lovely to see all of the children coming back into school looking so smart and ready to learn.  Staff have worked incredibly hard over the summer to make the classrooms look fantastic for the start of term and we are all really looking forward to a busy year ahead.  There is a lot of information in the newsletter including lots of dates for the year.  As always, if you are unsure of anything or you have any concerns, please, please do get in touch or speak to one of us at the start or end of the day. | | |
| **A very warm welcome** to Charlie and Immie, who have joined us in Reception; to Rowan, Rowan, and Selena, who are joining us in Nursery; and to Marnie, Andy and Cash who are joining us in Y6, Y4 and Y2  this week. We hope you enjoy your time here at Newbrough!  Also, a very warm welcome to Ms Blake Darcy who joins us to teach Year 5 and 6. We hope you enjoy being part of the team.  Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Cowen at the end of term. Mrs Cowen, who had been working alongside Mrs Bridges in the kitchen, left us to take on a new role. We wish her all the best! | | |
| **Staffing this term**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Class | Year Group | Numbers | Staffing | | Class 1 | Nursery/ Reception | 16 | Mrs Stevens and Mrs Briddock | | Class 2 | Year 1/ Year 2 | 24 | Mrs Graham (M-W)  Mrs Trotter (W pm/ Th/F)  Mrs Hodgson (am)  Miss Briddock | | Class 3 | Year 3/ Year 4 | 23 | Miss Harris (M, T,TH,F)  Mrs Mahoney (W)  Mrs Morgan  Mrs Hall | | Class 4 | Year 5/ Year 6 | 9 | MS Blake Darcy  Mrs Hall | | | |
| **Climbing Wall**  We are very excited to announce that there will be **a mobile climbing wall** in school on Tuesday 26th September. Last time we had a climbing wall in school, the children managed between them to climb the height of Mount Everest in one day! I wonder how high we will get this time.  The wall will be supervised by 2 trained and experienced staff.  A huge thank you to Mrs Graham for organising this. | | |
| **After school clubs**  We have planned a range of clubs for this term. A separate letter with a sign-up sheet will be coming out shortly;  Monday: Computing for Y2 and Y3  Starts **Monday** **25th September for 5 weeks** 3.15 – 4  Wednesday: Forest School club for Y1 and Y2 3.15-4.15 **Starts Wednesday 13th September** (next week for 7 weeks)  Thursday: Football club for Class 3 and 4  3.15-4.15 Mr Hill  Starts **Thursday 14th September** (next week for 7 weeks)  Friday: Zumba for Class 3 and Class 4  3.15-4.15 Shelly Starts **Friday 15th September** | **Options for Y5 and 6**  **Meeting for parents**  We would like to invite all interested parents- but especially those of children in Year 3 and 4- to join us for a meeting next **Tuesday 12th SEPTEMBER** at 5.30 pm in school to discuss options for Year 5 and 6. We will share with you what our Y5/6 offer is- and how that is going to develop- plus answer any questions you may have about your options.  Please do come along. | |
| **Meet the teacher evenings Class 1 and 2**  We would like to invite all parents of children in Class 1 to meet Mrs Stevens at **5pm on Tuesday 26th September.** She will be talking about early reading and phonics plus general routines and learning in Class 1.  Parents of children in Class 2 are invited to meet with Mrs Graham at the same date and time **5pm on Tuesday 26th September** for a discussion on how to continue to support your child with reading, and new routines and expectations in Class 2.  **These meetings are important. Please do come along if you can.** | **Residential information meeting for Class 4 parents**  We would like to invite parents of children in Year 5 and 6 to a meeting **at 5.30pm on Tuesday 19th September** to share more information about the residential which is fast approaching!  The children are welcome to come along as well. | |
| **Harvest Lunch**  We would like to invite one adult per family to a harvest lunch on Tuesday 17th October. Mrs Bridges is planning one of her amazing roast dinners.  More details closer to the date.  . | | **Flu Vaccines**  A reminder that you have all been sent the link to register your child for their nasal flu vaccine. ALL children are eligible (except Nursery) and we would encourage as many people as possible to be vaccinated.  No paper forms are being sent home this year. |
| **PE/ Outdoor learning**  Children in Reception- Year 6 will be having a PE session with Mr Hill this year.  Please could children **(Y1-Y6)** come to school in their PE kits on Thursdays. Reception children can wear their normal school clothes (jogging bottoms and trainers).  Class 2 (**Y1 and 2) will also have PE on a Friday afternoon with Mrs Trotter** so please can they wear PE kits on Fridays, too.  Class 3 and 4 will be **starting swimming next Tuesday, 12th September.** Please make sure children bring their swimming kits (and **all items of clothing are named**).  Class 2 will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons this term with Mrs Trotter. Please can all children bring their wellies and waterproofs into school and wear suitable clothing. | | **Wrap around care**  Breakfast Club is up and running every day from **7.45 am.** The cost of each session includes a choice of cereals, toast and a drink.  After School Club is also open Mon until 4.30 and Tues-Thurs until 5.30pm  There will be a variety of outdoor and indoor activities for the children to choose from. The children will be given a snack, and tea if they stay until 4.30pm or later.  Booking forms are available from school or via the website. Please try and give us as much notice as possible of the sessions which you require- although we will always try to accommodate last minute emergencies of course. |
| **Musical theatre**  We are very excited to let you know that **all of the children in Class 3 and 4 will** all be having musical theatre sessions this year starting on Friday 22nd September. This has been funded by the Friends of Newbrough Primary School.  Individual music lessons are also available in school in guitar and piano.  There will be more information coming home about this shortly.  Children can also learn in paired lessons- which means that costs are shared. | |
| **Reading books and homework this term.**  **The most important homework that the children will have this term is their reading. Your support is vital with this.** Please could you hear your children read every day and then sign their reading diaries to show that they have read at home. Reading **to** the children and sharing books with them is also really important. Evidence suggests that **the more parents read to their children, the better a child will perform in terms of their later academic and social performance.**  Our expectations of homework for the children in each class this year are outlined below. We really appreciate all of the support that you give the children at home.  Children in Class 1 will be bringing home key rings with sounds cards shortly so that they can practise their sounds at home. They will be bringing home reading books in due course.  In Class 2, the children will have reading books each week. They will also have a log in for ‘Numbots’ and Spelling Frame so that they can choose to practise number skills/ spellings at home if they wish to do so.  Children in Class 3 will have reading books, spellings and times tables to practise weekly using Spelling Frame and Times Tables Rockstars.  Class 4 will also have reading homework, plus online spelling and times tables homework each week. | | |
| **Water bottles**  A reminder that all children need a NAMED water bottle in school.  Water bottles should only contain water- NOT juice. | | **Names in uniform**  A huge plea from all staff- please could you put names in your child’s uniform- including their shoes. A huge amount of time is spent trying to re-unite children with lost jumpers |
| **Dinner Money**  A reminder that dinner money is currently £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week.  We are trying hard not to put up the costs of school meals- although, as you will appreciate, the costs of ingredients have risen substantially. School is currently subsidising the costs of each meal that we produce.  We would really appreciate the prompt payment of dinner money. | | **Contact details**  Please can you return data collection sheets into school as soon as possible. It’s absolutely essential that we have up to date contact details for everyone. |
| **Collecting Children from School**  Just a reminder to please let us know if somebody different is collecting your child from school or if the ‘end of the day’ arrangements are different from usual.  If we do not recognise the person who is collecting your child, we will ring you and check. |
| **Attendance**  It is vital for all children that they attend school regularly this academic year.  Sometimes there are genuine reasons for taking children out of school during term time. However, as a general rule I would ask that this is only in **exceptional** circumstances.  **We cannot, and will not, authorise holidays in term time.**  We will send home an up-to-date list of holidays and training days separately by Parentmail next week as a reminder. The dates are always on our website. | | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out!  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **September** |  |
| Tuesday 12th September | Swimming starts for Class 3 and 4  Meeting about Year 5 and 6 options 5.30 pm |
| Wednesday 13th September | Forest School Club Y1/Y2 7 weeks 3.15-4.15 |
| Thursday 14th September | Sports club 3.15-4.15 (football) Class 3 and 4 |
| Friday 15 th September | Zumba (Class 3 and 4) 3.15-4.15 |
| Tuesday 19th September | Residential information meeting for parents of children in Year 5 and 6 5.30 Pm |
| Friday 22nd September | Musical theatre lessons start |
| Monday 25th September | Computing club starts Note the time: 3.15-4pm |
| Tuesday 26th September | Climbing Wall in school all day |
| **October** |  |
| Tuesday 17th October | Harvest lunch in school |
| Friday 27th October | Break for half term |
| Monday 6th November | Back to school |
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