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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 Reuben, who has joined us in Reception, and to Kobi, Layla and Charlie who are joining us in Nursery this week. We hope you enjoy your time here at Newbrough.  Also, a very warm welcome to Miss Briddock who joins us to work in Breakfast and After School Club as well as supporting in Class 2. We hope you enjoy being part of the team. | |
| **Staffing this term**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Class | Year Group | Numbers | Staffing | | Class 1 | Nursery/ Reception | 17 | Mrs Stevens and Mrs Briddock | | Class 2 | Year 1/ Year 2 | 23 | Mrs Graham (M-W)  Mrs Houghton (Th/F)  Mrs Hodgson (am)  Mrs Morgan  Miss Briddock | | Class 3 | Year 3/ Year 4 | 21 | Miss Harris  Mrs Hall | | Class 4 | Year 5/ Year 6 | 10 | Mr Chapman | | |
| **School photos**  The school photographer is going to be in school next THURSDAY, 15th September to take photos of the children.  The proofs should be available by the end of next week for you to look at. | |
| **After School Clubs**  Sports Club with Mr Hill will start NEXT THURSDAY- 15th September.  Zumba will start next FRIDAY 16th September.  There will be other afterschool clubs starting the following week- details to follow. | **Parent Consultation Evening this term**  We will be holding parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November.  These will be **FACE TO FACE** meetings.  If you would find a virtual meeting easier, then we can, of course, arrange this for you. |
| **Options for Y5 and 6**  **Meeting for parents**  **Monday 12th September 6pm**  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 MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at 6pm 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.  . | **Support your child with early reading**  **Meeting for parents**  **Monday 26th September 5.30 pm**  We would like to invite parents of children in Class 1 and 2 to a meeting in school on Monday 26th September at 5.30 pm.  We will introduce you to our new phonics scheme (Little Wandle), explain how we teach reading and talk through how you can support your child at home- plus of course answer any questions you might have.  Parents of older children are of course welcome if you are interested! |
| **PE/ Outdoor learning**  PE for Class 2, 3 and 4 will be on Thursdays with Mr Hill.  Please could children come to school in their PE kits on Thursdays.  Class 3 and 4 will be **starting swimming next Tuesday, 13th 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 Morgan. 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-Thurs until 5.30pm and on a Friday until 4.15pm. Mrs Johnson and Miss Briddock have planned a series of exciting autumn themes for this half term:  Week 1: Hedgehogs  Week 2: leaf printing and shading  Week 3: Fruit cocktails  Week 4: Autumn Stories  Week 5 Apple crumble  Week 6: Painting pasta.  There will also 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.  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. |
| **Music Lessons**  We are very excited to let you know that **all of the children in Class 3 will** all have the opportunity to learn to play a ukulele this year.  Individual music lessons are also available in school in guitar and piano. There will be more information coming home about this shortly but in the meantime please contact school if you are interested.  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 plus spellings to learn each week. They will also have a log in for ‘Numbots’ so that they can choose to practise number skills at home if they wish to do so.  Children in Class 3 will have reading books, spellings and times tables to practise weekly.  Class 4 will have reading homework, online spelling and times tables homework plus additional work set for them in Google classroom each week.  We appreciate that sometimes it is difficult for several children in the same family to complete their homework at the same time- especially if internet access is just via a phone- and so we will be setting up a ‘homework’ club during the school day so that children could complete their homework in school if they would prefer to do so. | |
| **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. Payment can be made online each week or in full for the Autumn term. | **Contact details**  Please can you send 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. A new form has been sent home with the data sheet for completion. |
| **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. | |
| 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** |  |
| Monday 12th September | Meeting about Year 5 and 6 options 6 pm |
| Tuesday 13th September | Swimming starts for Class 3 and 4 |
| Thursday 15th September | School photos  Sports club 3.15-4.15 |
| Friday 16th September | Zumba (Class 3 and 4) 3.15-4.15 |
| Friday 23rd September | Flu Vaccinations |
| Monday 26th September | Support your child with early reading 5.30 pm |
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| **October** |  |
| Tuesday 18th October | Harvest- church service |
| Friday 21st | Break for half term |
| Monday 31st | Back to school |
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| **November** |  |
| **Tuesday 8th November** | Parent consultation evening |
| **Thursday 10th November** | Parent consultation evenings |
| **Tuesday 29th November** | **Advent – church service** |
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| **December** |  |
| **Provisional dates!**  Monday 19th  December  Tuesday 20th December  Wednesday 21st December | Christmas Play-afternoon  Christmas play- evening  Christmas party |
| Friday 23rd December | End of term |
| Monday 9th January | Teacher training day |
| Tuesday 10th January | Children return to school |
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