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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 so enthusiastically.  We are all hoping that this year will be more ‘normal’ than the previous two and are keeping our fingers-crossed that we’ll be able to go ahead with more of our usual activities. The children have certainly been enjoying playing together on the yard again.  There’s a lot of information in this newsletter- including dates at the end of the letter. If anything is unclear, or you aren’t sure about something, please do get in touch. | | |
| **A very warm welcome** to Cora, Freddie, Archie, Riley and Greta (Nursery), April, Millie, Thomas, Henry and Lola (Reception), Dylan (Y2) and Noah (Y4). We hope you will all be very happy here at Newbrough. | | |
| **Stars of the week**  The children have all been amazing this week and I know that staff have had a tough job choosing their ‘Stars’.  However, these children are the ones that have been awarded certificates:  Frankie, Ophelia (Class 1) , Dylan, Archie (Class 2), Max, Aidan and Vinny (Class 3) and Logan (Class 4).  The Headteacher’s award this week goes to all of Years 5 and 6 for impressing Mr Chapman so very much with your fantastic learning. Very well done to all of our stars. | | |
| **Staffing Update**  Mrs Graham starts her maternity leave this week. We wish her all the very best. She hopes to be back with us at some point during the summer term.  **Staffing this term**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Class | Year Group | Numbers | Staffing | | Class 1 | Nursery/ Reception | 24 | Mrs Stevens and Mrs Briddock | | Class 2 | Year 1/ Year 2 | 23 | Mrs Houghton  (M, Tu, W, F)  Mrs Trotter (Th)  Mrs Morgan  Mrs Hodgson | | Class 3 | Year 3/ Year 4 | 24 | Miss Harris  Miss Webster | | Class 4 | Year 5/ Year 6 | 9 | Mr Chapman | | | |
| Mrs Hall will be supporting individual children and groups across the school.  Mr Hill will be teaching PE to Classes 2,3 and 4 on a Thursday. | | |
| **PE/ Outdoor learning**  PE this term for Classes 2, 3 and 4 will usually be on a Thursday.  Please could children in these classes come to school in their PE kits on Thursdays.    Class 2 will be taking part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Morgan on a Wednesday afternoon so will need sensible, outdoor clothing on those days. Please could they keep wellies and waterproofs in school all the time. | | **Wrap around care**  Breakfast Club is up and running every day from 8am.  The cost of each session is just £4 and includes a choice of cereals, toast and a drink. The children will be with Mrs Hodgson and Miss Webster.  After School Club is also open Mon-Thurs until 5.30pm and on a Friday until 4.15pm. The cost is £4 per hour or £10 for the full session. The children will be with Mrs Johnson and Miss Webster- who have planned a series of exciting autumn themes for this half term starting with:  W/c 13th September Hedgehogs  W/c 20th September Autumn art  Alongside this, 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 after 4.15pm. Please book by completing a form each month (available from the office); by ringing/ emailing the office or downloading a form from the website and returning it to school. |
| **Swimming**  Class 3 and 4 (Miss Harris’ and Mr Chapman’s classes) will be swimming on Tuesday afternoon next week.  The children will be leaving school at 12.45 and returning by 2.30 pm. They will need to bring: towel, swimming costume/ trunks and goggles (optional).  Please make sure that everything is named. | |
| **Music Lessons**  Individual piano and guitar lessons start next Wednesday, 15th September. Please ask at school if your child is interested in lessons and you haven’t yet filled in a form.  Class 3’s pocket trumpet lessons also start next Wednesday | |
| **Homework**  **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. There is already a substantial amount of research being published about the impact of missing school on children’s education. One of the most significant impacts has been on children’s reading and language development. It will be a priority for us in school – but we need your help too. Thank you. | | |
| **Options for Y5 and 6**  **Meeting for parents of Y3 and 4 pupils**  **Tuesday 21st September 6pm**  We would like to invite **all** parents of children in Y3 and 4 to a meeting to discuss your 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.  Parents of children in Y5/6 are also welcome attend. | **After School Clubs**  We are planning a range of extracurricular activities this year.  Zumba is back **next Friday, 17th September** for children in Class 3 and 4**. T**here will be a separate letter and consent form coming out for this.  Mr Hill will be running an **after school sports club** on Thursdays from 3.15. This also starts next week, Thursday 16th September.  There will be further information about all clubs coming out next week. | |
| **Dinner Money**  **A reminder that dinner money is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week**  All R/Y1 and Y2 children receive free school meals. Nursery children plus children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 need to pay for their lunches.  **Don’t forget dinner money can be paid online via the Parentmail app**.  Details can be found on the website. If you have any questions about this, contact Mrs Hudson. | **Contact details**  Please can you send data collection sheets into school as soon as possible. It’s absolutely vital 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. | |
| **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 | |
| **Parent Governor election**  We will shortly be advertising for a new parent governor. This is a really important and valuable way that interested parents can support the school.  If you would like a chat about what the role entails, please get in touch. | | |
| Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter | | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **September** |  |
| Tuesday 14th September | Swimming starts for Class 3 and 4 |
| Wednesday 15th September | Music lessons start |
| Thursday 16th September | Sports club starts- more details to follow |
| Friday 17th September | Zumba starts |
| Tuesday 21st September | Y5/6 options meeting |
| Wednesday 6th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Thursday 7th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Wednesday 13th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Thursday 14th October | Early Bird PE 8.30 am |
| Friday 15th October | Flu Vaccines |
| Week commencing 18th October | Parent consultations |
| **Friday 22nd October** | **Break for half term** |
| Monday 1st November | Teacher training day |
| **Tuesday 2nd November** | **Children return to school** |
| **Friday 17th December** | **Break for Christmas** |
| Tuesday 4th January | Teacher training day |
| **Wednesday 5th January** | **Children return to school** |
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