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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parking

Since the beginning of the school year, there have been increasing concerns regarding the parking and flow of traffic outside school at the start and end of the school day. We have seen cars parked dangerously and illegally on double yellow lines. We have also seen parents parking on the double lines outside of school facing the drive into the carpark so they can watch their children walk into school. Please could we sincerely ask that parents and carers refrain from stopping or parking in the areas shown within the red square below. There are double yellow lines within the space which clearly indicates the road safety rules. In all instances, we have advised our local residents and concerned parents to inform the local PCSO of the car details and their concerns.



It is also concerning that it has been reported to us that cars have been crawling along the path behind pedestrians, including children, until they are able to park. Parents have reported to us that their children have been scared and on one occasion, the car grazed their arm because it was that close.



It was in this very same spot a few years ago that a member of our Newchurch family was knocked down as a result of a car not seeing the pedestrian due to illegal parking in this area. The accident led to life-changing consequences for the individual and we need to do everything possible to ensure it does not happen again.

We are sure that you understand the need to address this issue for the safety of all our children and families and hope that you can work alongside the school and the local residents to make the area outside of school a safe place during the busy times of the school day (including when collecting children after clubs). Many thanks in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Christmas PTA Meeting



The Christmas festivities are fast approaching and school is preparing for a number of events and activities to celebrate the festive season. A separate letter will be shared with all the details for ease of reference over the busy period.

As part of the seasonal festivities, our fantastic PTA have organised the Christmas Fair for Friday 1st December. They will be holding a meeting in the Culcheth Arms on **Tuesday 14th November at 6pm** and everyone is welcome.

Anti-bullying Week and Children in Need

The theme for this year's Anti-bullying Week is 'Make a noise about bullying' and Newchurch certainly intends to do so. Over the course of the week, every class will take part in a number of different learning experiences appropriate to their age, which will raise awareness of what constitutes bullying, the school's zero tolerance to it and what to do if you (or a friend of yours) is being bullied.

This year, BBC Children in Need will be taking place on **Friday 17th November 2023**. This will mark the 43rd TV Appeal to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people around the UK. We would like to invite the children to come into school dressed in as many colours as possible and/or spotty clothing. We have tied this in with Odd Socks Day which is linked to the Anti-bullying Week so we would like the children to wear odd socks too on the 17th November. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, please use this link:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>



Attendance and Punctuality

Just a reminder that the doors to classrooms open at 8:40am and children **must** be in school by 8:45am. We are currently measuring punctuality to look at the impact of lateness on the children's learning. We recognise that on some days, the traffic can be tricky and that things happen, but if your child is persistently late, we will need to work with you to ensure your child is in school on time in order to ensure their learning and wellbeing is not impacted upon.



Cool Milk Christmas Card Competition



We have so many budding artists at Newchurch who are invited to take part in this great competition. Cool Milk is excited to announce their 2023 Christmas Card Design competition for children at Newchurch. They are inviting all young artists to create a festive milk-themed design that will be printed on their official Christmas Card and sent to hundreds all over the UK. Imagine your child's artwork being sent to their suppliers, partners and even local MPs!

To enter, all your child needs to do is fold an A4 sized paper in half to create a card. Then they can create their designs on the front of the card. The design can be coloured in pencil, pen, marker or paint (no glitter or cotton wool) as the design must be flat for printing purposes. Once the design is ready, **email them to marketing@coolmilk.com by 5pm on 4th December**. Please include your child's name, age and school in the body of the email.

The winning school will receive a £100 Amazon gift card for school supplies and the child who designed the card will also receive a £100 Amazon gift card. It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your child's talent and get into the festive spirit. We hope your child will participate in this exciting competition. Good luck!



Newchurch Robins sharing their talents

We have two of our very talented children performing in Nativity: The Musical at the Brindley Theatre as part of the Centenary Theatre Company. There are still tickets on sale if you would like to go.

And finally, please see the updated calendar with any additions in red for your ease of reference.

Kindest regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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Diary of Dates 2023-2024

Autumn 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
w/c Monday 13 th November 2023	Anti-bullying Week	All classes
Wednesday 15 th November 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2024
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need and Odd Socks Day	All classes
Friday 17th November 2023	Pokemon and Match Attach Swap Day	All classes
Friday 17 th November 2023	Police Assembly	All classes
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023	Dress Down Day for donations for Christmas Fair	KS1 donations of sweetie jars KS2 donations of tombola prizes
Friday 24 th November 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Friday 24th November 2023 @11am	Children attend Culcheth Arts Exhibition	Year 5
Monday 27 th November 2023	Crucial Crew trip	Year 6
Tuesday 28 th November 2023	Christmas Journey trip	Year 2 children
Thursday 30th November @10am	Visit to Newchurch Parish Church	Reception
Friday 1 st December 2023	Christmas Fair	All families
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS1 classes
Thursday 7 th December @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Friday 8 th December 2023 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Friday 8 th December 2023 @ 11am	Christmas Tree Service at Newchurch Church	KS2 classes
Friday 8 th December 2023	Pokemon and Match Attack swap day	All classes
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS2 classes
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 @ 9:15am and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes and parents
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Attendance Award Trip to Cineworld to watch Elf!	Year 5
Friday 15th December 2023 @ 2pm	Children singing at Bents	Choir
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner, Christmas	All classes



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2023	Jumper and Christmas Parties Day	
Thursday 21 st December 2023 @ 2pm	Christmas Assembly	
Thursday 21st December 2023	School Closes	

Spring Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Thursday 4 th January 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Friday 5 th January 2024	Interim Reports Out	All classes
Monday 8 th January 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Wednesday 10 th January 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Thursday 11 th January 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch	Year 3 parents
Monday 15 th January 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 15 th January 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 17 th January 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Friday 9th February 2024	School Closes	
Monday 19th February 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch	Y4 parents
w/c Monday 4 th March 2024	Book Week – details to follow	All classes
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day, including lunch	All classes
Friday 8 th March 2024 @ 9:15am	Thank You Service	All classes
Thursday 14 th March 2024	Book Fair	All classes
Thursday 21 st March 2024 @ 2:30pm	Kingswood Meeting	Year 4 children and parents
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Monday 25 th March 2024	TT Rockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Thursday 28th March 2024	School Closes	

Summer Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 15th April 2024	School Opens	



Monday 15 th April 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Interim Reports	All classes
Wednesday 17 th April 2024 – Friday 19 th April 2024	Kingswood	Year 4
Wednesday 17 th April 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Thursday 18 th April 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 25 th April 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 29 th April 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 2 nd May 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch	Year 5 parents
Monday 13 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS - SPAG	Year 6
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS - Reading	Year 6
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Papers 1 and 2	Year 6
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3	Year 6
Friday 24th May 2024	School Closes	
Tuesday 11th June 2024	School Opens	
w/c Monday 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2 children
w/c Monday 10 th June 2024	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Thursday 27 th June 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch	Year 6 parents
Friday 28 th June 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS1 Sports Day	Key Stage One classes and parents
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 6:00pm	Year Six Performance and Awards Ceremony	Year 6 children and families
Thursday 18 th July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS2 Sports Day	Key Stage Two classes and parents
Friday 19 th July 2024	Reports Out	All classes
Friday 19 th July 2024 @ 2pm onwards	RobinFest	All classes
Thursday 25 th July 2024 @ 2pm	Leavers' Assembly	All classes and parents
Thursday 25th July 2024	School Closes	



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