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Dear parent/carer,

Welcome back to our favourite half term – the lead up to the Christmas festivities. This half term brings joy to us all as we don those Christmas jumpers, get out the tinsel and hum along to Christmas carols. We are excited about the prospect of Christmas plays and carol concerts. We have an action packed half term and we cannot wait to get started!

Author Visit

We will be hosting a visit from the award-winning Scottish author Stuart Reid on Monday 8th November 2021. Stuart's first book won the Silver Medal at the Forward National Literature Awards. His books were written to inspire children to read for pleasure, and Stuart's latest book 'Grandpa Jock and the Incredible Iron-Bru-Man Incident' was launched at the Edinburgh Festival. The children can purchase books on the day, all signed by the author, with a personal dedication to each child. Book prices are £7 each, two for £12, or a school special offer of five books for £20. Please bring money on the day in a sealed and named envelope.



Open Day

Do you know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2021? On Wednesday of this week, 3rd November at 2pm, we will be opening our doors to prospective parents of children for our September 2022 intake. We will be holding a further open evening on Wednesday 10th November at 7pm. After delivering these virtually last year, it is great to be able to welcome new families into the school building so they can experience the warmth of the school and most importantly meet the children, the heartbeat of the school. Please could we ask that you spread the word for us so our school can continue to thrive.



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Parental Conferences

Just a reminder that parental conferences are as follows:

Reception	22 nd November
Year 1	23 rd November
Year 2	24 th November
Year 3	25 th November
Year 4	26 th November
Year 5	18 th November
Year 6	19 th November

If you haven't done so already, please book a timeslot via ParentPay. Each parent will be allocated a ten minute slot to discuss their child. As mentioned previously, one of the positive things to come out of the COVID restrictions is that we have developed our practises in school. Therefore, we are able to offer you the option of a parental conference which is: via telephone, virtually through Google Meet or face to face in school. If you haven't done so already, please could you complete this google form to identify your preference: <https://forms.gle/H7WKGUJs1Wt1T6xv8> If you have selected a virtual meeting and would like more than one parent to attend, please give details on the form and we will send links to both parents nearer the time. We hope that this allows working parents more flexibility and supports childcare arrangements.

Home School Agreement



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We value the contribution you make to your child's education and want to strengthen this partnership through our Home School Agreement. We know that children do well at school when their parents and teachers work together, sharing responsibility for the education of your children.

Standard of Education

We have a responsibility to ensure that each child is given a high standard of education in all areas of school life. All pupils have access to the National Curriculum to which they are entitled. Key Stage 1 for children of five to seven years and Key Stage 2 for children of seven to eleven years. This provides a broad and balanced curriculum, which is planned by teachers to meet the needs of all the children. In addition, our School Curriculum provides further educational experiences and challenges for all children, believing them to be important in the all-round development of the child.

The Ethos of the School

All children are entitled to high quality educational experiences which will enhance self-esteem, skills, knowledge and personal satisfaction, enabling them to develop a positive attitude to their own individual achievements and those of others through the experiences of continued challenges and new successes.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of the school curriculum planned. It is aimed to improve and develop important skills, particularly those of independent learning. All children are encouraged to read or share a book with you on a daily basis. In addition, homework time is extended as appropriate to the child's age.

Discipline and Behaviour

We recognise that you, as parents have a vital role in encouraging your child to behave well and in supporting the school in maintaining good behaviour and discipline. For our part we have a positive discipline policy which includes an anti-bullying policy designed to provide a safe and secure place for all children. We would also ask that you refrain from discussing school matters on any social media network site.

Information Exchange

It is essential that we communicate with each other and exchange information about your child particularly when it might affect their work or behaviour. We have both formal and informal systems of open access and communication:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Open Evenings
- Open Afternoon
- Termly forecasts of work
- Reading records and the school website
- Full reports for all children at year end
- Letters from school advising of events, arrangements and policies
- Parent Teacher Events
- Governors' Annual General Meeting
- Curriculum evenings including Back to School meetings
- New Parents' Evening
- Personalised Plans meetings

Attendance

Regular attendance is very important and children must attend school on time unless there is a good reason, such as illness. It is your responsibility to tell the school if your child cannot attend.

The Government has made it very clear that parents do not have the legal right to take children on holiday during term time. The Governors must be asked to authorise such absences beforehand.

General Complaints Procedure

We have procedures for dealing with any complaints. These generally involve a discussion of any issues with the class teacher, the Headteacher and in the case of an unresolved situation with the Chair of Governors.

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Thank you for your co-operation.

We look forward to working together during the coming year.

Signed on behalf of Newchurch Primary School:
Jayne Narraway

To sign the home school agreement, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/xeUz7itV3Cy6dDVFA>

Just a reminder that we have a revised Home School Agreement and this is available on the school website: https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/school_policies/297015. A home-school agreement is a statement explaining:

- the school's aims and values;
- the school's responsibilities towards its pupils who are of compulsory school age;
- the responsibility of each pupil's parents; and
- what the school expects of its pupils.

Once you have read the Home School Agreement, please use this google form (<https://forms.gle/xeUz7itV3Cy6dDVFA>) to confirm your agreement to work in partnership for the benefit of your Newchurch robin. We have also updated our privacy notices and these can be found using the following link to the school website: https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/data_protection/352680



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Many thanks for your continued and valued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

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