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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was great to see to many families coming together to recognise our annual Great Newchurch Bake Off. There was a lovely atmosphere and a great way to raise valuable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you so much for your kind donations. It is still not too late to donate if you wish to. You can scan the QR code here or visit our Just Giving page link:

<https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23071415>



## Moonwatch



Culcheth High School are hosting their annual Community Moon Watch on Thursday of this week and welcome all our Newchurch families to come along to enjoy the activities. The event is FREE and open to everyone and will provide the opportunity to:

- Learn about rocket boosters and make your own model
- Build a straw rocket and see who can fly the furthest
- Use the school telescopes and iPads to track the constellations

Interested? Please see the poster on the school website:

[https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/holiday\\_fun\\_and\\_out\\_of\\_school\\_activities/647227](https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/holiday_fun_and_out_of_school_activities/647227)

## Monster Mayhem Day and Monster Ball

We will be holding our annual Monster Mayhem Day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October (please note the change of date) where the children can come into school dressed in their Halloween costumes for the day and enjoy a themed lunch. This was introduced a few years ago as parents spend so much on costumes which are outgrown by the following year and so we decided to make it a full day.



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Our wonderful PTA have also organised a Monster Ball after school on the same day. Usually, this is later on in the evening but we have decided to do it a little differently this year. Therefore the Monster ball will be split into two sessions (KS1 and KS2). The sessions will be:

- KS1 from 3:15pm until 4:30pm
- KS2 from 5:00pm – 6:15pm

This means that KS1 children can be picked up and then come round to the front entrance to enter the Monster Ball and KS2 children can go home and return later. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult who will need to stay for the duration of the Monster Ball and supervise the children in their care. A parent/carer may choose to accompany up to 4 children which will allow for children whose parents are working to attend. Staff will be present but they are responsible for health and safety as well as safeguarding.

If your child is in Robins but would like to join in, then this can be accommodated. Please let the office know through the Robins email address you would usually communicate with. Mr Duckett's Arts and Craft club will need to be cancelled on this date as he will be needed to supervise the disco alongside other staff who will be in attendance.

Tickets will be available to purchase on Tuesday via ParentPay at a cost of £2:50 and will include entrance to the Monster Ball and a snack bag. Please indicate when purchasing a ticket if your child has any dietary requirements. Refreshments for parents will be available as well as a few games and a DJ for the children to show off their monster moves. There will be a prize for the best dressed costume too!

### Home School Agreement 2023

Many thanks to those parents/carers who have completed the home school agreement and returned it to school. Please could we ask that these are signed and returned no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October so we are able to collate them and check for any outstanding ones before the end of the half term.

### Newchurch Ground Force

As you know, we are committed to the supporting the mental and physical health and wellbeing of our Newchurch Robins and we have dreamed of a sensory garden for the children to enjoy. The Eco Council will be meeting this term to consider what they would like it to look like and engage their peers in ideas too.

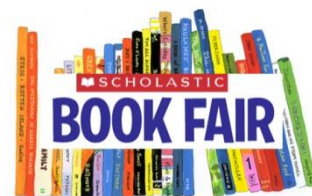
Fundraising from PTA events will go towards the cost of making the sensory garden dream a reality over the next few years. Therefore, the PTA are looking for volunteers to form part of the Newchurch Ground Force group: people who could help with the digging, landscaping, planting and construction of benches etc. as well as being great tea and coffee makers to keep the troops refreshed. You do not have to be an expert, just keen to help out. We will be sharing the children's ideas after the half term holidays and will start to think about the logistics of the project. If you or a member of your family is interested, please complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/CVRj9PXz3gyp37bD9>

If you know of any people or companies who may support us, please add this to the google form too.



## Book Fair

As you know, reading for pleasure is a high focus at Newchurch. Being lost in a book is one of the greatest pleasures in life and we wish to continue to foster this in all our children and also make an ideal Christmas present. We have organised a book fair to arrive this week and books will be available for purchase in the entrance hall after school each evening. Books can be purchased using both cash and card.



## Administrative Assistant Position

In January 2024, our lovely Office Manager (Bev Heath) will be retiring after looking after the Newchurch Family for 29 years! She has touched the hearts of many of our families and staff throughout the years but deserves to put her feet up and explore new adventures and interests. She will be very much missed by all of us.

We therefore have an opening for an Administrative Assistant to work in our school office during term time. If you are interested, please see our school website which has all the details: [https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/school\\_vacancies/551289](https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/school_vacancies/551289)

Finally, please see the updated calendar below. Any additions have been made in red for ease of reference.

Kindest regards,

*Jayne Narraway*

Headteacher

## Diary of Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
w/c Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Book Fair	All classes
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 10am	Open Morning	New starters September 2024
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Reception Loved one to lunch	Reception parents
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Academy Photographs – individual, siblings and families	All classes
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open afternoon	New starters September 2024



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Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monster Mayhem Day, Monster Lunch and Monster Ball	All classes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School closes	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School Opens	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch	Year 2 parents
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Anti-bullying Week	All classes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2024
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Dress Down Day for donations for Christmas Fair	KS1 donations of sweetie jars KS2 donations of tombola prizes
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Christmas Journey trip	Year 2 children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christmas Fair	All families
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS1 classes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS2 classes
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 9:15am and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes and parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Parties Day	All classes
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 @ 2pm	Christmas Assembly	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	School Closes	

## Spring Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Interim Reports Out	All classes
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 @	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch	Year 3 parents



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11:30am		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch	Y4 parents
w/c Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Book Week – details to follow	All classes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day, including lunch	All classes
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 9:15am	Thank You Service	All classes
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Book Fair	All classes
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 2:30pm	Kingswood Meeting	Year 4 children and parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	TT Rockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	

## Summer Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Interim Reports	All classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Kingswood	Year 4
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch	Year 5 parents
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS - SPAG	Year 6
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS - Reading	Year 6



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Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Papers 1 and 2	Year 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3	Year 6
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2 children
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch	Year 6 parents
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS1 Sports Day	Key Stage One classes and parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 6:00pm	Year Six Performance and Awards Ceremony	Year 6 children and families
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS2 Sports Day	Key Stage Two classes and parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reports Out	All classes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 2pm onwards	RobinFest	All classes
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 2pm	Leavers' Assembly	All classes and parents
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	



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