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17th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This year seems to be flying by! We are now half way through the school year and as ever we are delighted with the progress the children are making and their enthusiasm for learning. Let's hope the remainder of the year is as great as the first half.

Strike Action

As mentioned previously, members of the NEU teachers' union will be taking strike action on Tuesday 28th February. Teachers are not obliged to inform the school if they intend to strike or not; however, at this current time we are able to confirm that **all** classes will be open on the day of the strike. Please ensure you have a contingency plan for child care should this change. In the event that any classes are closed, you will be notified as soon as is humanly possible.

Sensory Garden Funding



We are delighted that Newchurch Primary has been chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund, to help us raise money to create a sensory garden in our school grounds. Our aim is that this will be a long-lasting project which will benefit not just our pupils but also members of the wider local community.

We want to give our pupils the chance to work with local groups (nurseries, care homes, scouts etc) to create a sensory garden which will make a positive difference to the health and wellbeing of many: a calm space with scented plants and restful seating, an area for growing wildlife friendly plants, a therapeutic space for people to relax and reflect and a learning zone full of exciting things to touch and smell. What makes this extra special is that this idea came from our Eco Council and Wellbeing Ambassadors.



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Co-op members can then select us as their local cause by visiting

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/75123>

We really hope that you will visit the Co-op website or download the Co-op app and select us – do spread the word to all your friends and family all over the country! To date we have raised £74.92 without any promotion; the funding round runs until next October and every day counts, so please sign up and remember us whenever you pop to the Co-op!

Finally, after a very challenging week filled with emotion and reflection, we wanted to thank you all for trusting us to support your child through what has been an unsettled week for the local community. We would like to thank those parents who have taken the time to extend their gratitude to the staff for the support their children have received this week – it is much appreciated.



As always, the children have been our heroes and demonstrated the core values of respect and reflection throughout the week. Providing routine and consistency for the children has helped them to cope with the events of the weekend. When children have shown their anxiety in whatever way they know how, we have been honest in answering their questions and gentle in supporting them.

You are probably aware of the vigil this evening in the village which will be attended by some members of staff and we are sure members of our Newchurch Family too. It will of course be an emotionally charged event but one that could also be very memorable (and potentially traumatic) to a child who needs to feel secure during these emotive times. Our safeguarding page on our school website shares links to websites and resources to support our families if needed. The link is: https://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/further_advice/617453 As always, we are here to support in any way we possibly can.

Please see updated calendar at the end of this letter. New dates have been added in red.

Wishing you a peaceful half term and look forward to seeing all our gorgeous Newchurch robins on Monday 27th February.

With kindest regards,

Mrs J Narraway

Head Teacher



Diary of Dates 2022-2023

Spring 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Friday 17th February 2023	School closes	
Monday 27th February 2023	School opens	
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day	All classes
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day Themed Lunch	All classes
Monday 6th March 2023	Class photographs	All classes
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Reception Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Reception parents
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Dress down day for Easter egg donations	All classes
Friday 10 th March 2023	Author Visit	Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 13 th March until 20 th March 2023	Book Fair	All classes
Friday 17 th March 2023	Thank you Service at 9:30am	All classes
Friday 17 th March 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Monday 20 th March 2023	KS1 SATs meeting at 3:30pm	Year 2 parents
Monday 20 th March 2023	Phonics Screening Check Meeting at 3:30pm	Year 1 parents
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Year 1 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 1 parents
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	KS2 SATs meeting at 5:30pm	Year 6 parents
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	World Maths Day/TTRockstars Day	All classes
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Special Needs Parental Conferences	KS1 SEND children's parents
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Phonics Screening Check Meeting at 3:30pm	Year 1 parents
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Kingswood meeting at 2:30pm	Year 4 parents and children
Tuesday 30 th March 2023	Special Needs Parental Conferences	KS2 SEND children's parents
Friday 31 st March 2023	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Friday 31 st March 2023	Easter Bingo at 5:30pm	All families welcome
Friday 31st March 2023	School closes	

Summer 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 17th April 2023	School opens	
Monday 17 th April 2023	Book sharing 9:15am – 11:30am and 1:30pm – 4:30pm	All classes
Monday 17 th April 2023	Interim report	All classes
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents



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Wednesday 19 th April 2023	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
19 th – 21 st April 2023	Kingswood	Year 4
Monday 24 th April 2023	Clubs start	All classes
Monday 24 th April 2023	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Infant Music Festival	Year 1 children
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 2 parents
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 4 th May 2023	LEGO workshop for the Coronation	Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 5 th May 2023	Coronation Celebration Day	All classes
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday for Coronation	All classes
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	KS2 SATS SPAG	Year 6
Wednesday 10 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Reading	Year 6
Thursday 11 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Maths Paper 1 and 2	Year 6
Friday 12 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Maths Paper 3	Year 6
Thursday 11 th May 2023	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 3
Tuesday 16 th May 2023	KS1 SATS SPAG	Year 2
Wednesday 17 th May 2023	KS1 SATS Reading Paper 1	Year 2
Thursday 18 th May 2023	KS1 SATS Reading Paper 2	Year 2
Friday 19 th May 2023	KS1 SATS Maths Paper 1	Year 2
Tuesday 23 rd May 2023	KS1 SATS Maths Paper 2	Year 2
Friday 26th May 2023	School closes	
Monday 12th June 2023	School opens	
W/c 12 th June 2023	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2
W/c 12 th June 2023	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Monday 12 th June 2023	New starter meeting at 6:30pm	September 2023 Robins
Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Safety Central trip	Year 5
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 4
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Burwardsley Meeting at 2:30pm	Year 2 parents and children
Thursday 29 th June 2023	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 5
Friday 30 th June 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Tuesday 4 th and Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Burwardsley	Year 2
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Culcheth High School Transition Day	Year 6 children attending CHS
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Moving Up Day	All classes visit new classes
Thursday 13 th July 2023	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 6



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Friday 14 th July 2023	RobinFest	All classes
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Year 6 Performance and Award Ceremony from 5:30pm	Year 6 and families
Friday 21 st July 2023	KS2 Sports Day (am)	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 21 st July 2023	Reports out	All classes
Monday 24 th July 2023	KS1 Sports Day (am)	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 24 th July 2023	Year 6 performance dress rehearsal (pm)	Year 6
Wednesday 26 th July 2023	Leavers' Assembly at 2pm	All classes
Wednesday 26th July 2023	School closes	



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