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Dear parent/carers,

What a great first few weeks we have had and we are delighted with the children's attitude towards their learning and their commitment to the school rules. Seeing them happy in school, engaged and having fun is all we could ask for. The sound of singing and music is filling our ears once more – we are loving it!

It is with pleasure that we are able to correspond with you regarding the reintroduction of some of the events we had pre-COVID. For some of our families, you are in for a treat as you will get a taste of Newchurch at its best! Please read on to find out about the exciting things ahead of us this in the next few weeks.

## **Great Newchurch Bake Off/Reading Café**

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our first official school event of the year, where we are able to welcome you to our Great Newchurch Bake Off/Reading Café in aid of MacMillan. As detailed in the diary of dates in the first letter of the year, the event will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Key Stage One will have theirs in the morning and Key Stage Two in the afternoon.

For those parents who are new to Newchurch or have never experienced this event, this is how it works...

For those who love nothing more than a bit of Great British Bake Off and love nothing better than losing yourself in fondant icing and sprinkles, then you are invited to make either a medium sized cake or six small cakes for the cake competition. If the thought of baking a cake brings you out in cold sweats, do not fear...you can send in shop bought cakes (no fresh cream or nuts please) and these can be a donation rather than entering the competition. No competition can be had without a prize! There will be a class winner based on originality of design and they will be awarded the coveted Newchurch Bake Off wooden spoon!

Refreshments will be on offer and the opportunity to have a piece of cake which has been donated. If you have entered the cake competition and do not wish for your cake to be eaten, please let your child's teacher know. All we ask is that you make a donation to Macmillan using the ParentPay facility. Even if you are not able to attend the event, any donation will be welcomed for such an amazing charity.































As this is the first event for a long time, and in line with our COVID risk assessment, we will need to put some measures in place. The first is the staggering of the arrival and departure of year groups. The organisation will be as such:

Class	Arrival time	Departure time
Reception	9:15am	10:15am
Year 1	9:45am	10:45am
Year 2	10:15am	11:15am
Year 3	1:15pm	2:15pm
Year 4	1:30pm	2:30pm
Year 5	1:45pm	2:45pm
Year 6	2:00pm	3:00pm

We apologise if this feels like a military operation but to ensure we can provide an opportunity for all classes and keep to the lunchtime schedule, we will need to ask you to keep to these times as much as possible.

As we are unable to predict the weather, we will need to presume that only the hall can be used so numbers will need to be restricted to only one person per child. If you have twins, then it can be one adult for each child. Younger siblings (not of school age) may attend but could we ask that you keep them supervised at all times. If the weather is fine, then we may have the opportunity to go outside.

If you have children in both key stages, please can you select **one** time slot to attend and both children will be able to come out of class to enjoy the event with you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate adults sharing the experience with children who are not their own family. Do not fear! Any child who does not have an adult attending will have the same experience in class with their teachers.

In order for us to be able to ensure there is sufficient safe space and refreshments, please could we ask that you complete this google form: <a href="https://forms.gle/JcLKXTJZJd658G9P8">https://forms.gle/JcLKXTJZJd658G9P8</a> indicating the time you will be coming. Unfortunately, if numbers are high and you have not completed the form, we may not be able to allow you into school. We hope you understand the need for this. Hopefully, we will soon be able to just open up to as many parents as possible.

If you have any COVID symptoms, please could we ask that you do not attend to ensure the safety of the children, staff and families attending. If you have access to a lateral flow test before attending, that would be great!

## Clubs

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we are in a position to offer extra-curricular activities to our children after school. Our amazing staff (teachers <u>and</u> teaching assistants) are kindly giving their time after school to provide the clubs free of charge as they believe the enrichment of the children's opportunities is important. They are truly amazing!





























Before the summer, our School Council canvased their classmates to decide on the different clubs on offer so that we ensured we could meet the interests of the children. Some of them we are not able to offer yet but we are working hard to try and get some agencies to provide them in the future. The timetable for clubs are as follows:

Club title	Which classes	Maximum	Member of staff	Day of the Week
		number of	leading the club	
		children		
Choir	Y2 – Y6	Unlimited	Mrs Narraway	Monday
KS1 Football	Y1 and Y2	20	Mr Boon	Tuesday
Multi-sports	Y3 – Y6	20	Mr Boon	Thursday
Film	Y1 and Y2	20	Miss Igglesden	Monday
KS2 Football	Y3 - Y6	20	Mr Boon	Monday
Arts and Craft	Y3 – Y6	20	Mrs Conreen	Monday
Games	Y3 – Y6	20	Miss Jones	Wednesday
Cheerleading	Y3, Y4 and Y5	20	Miss Brinksman	Wednesday
Computing	Y1 and Y2	20	Mr Duckett	Friday
Forest School	Reception and Y1	15	Mrs Sizer and	Monday
			Miss Sullivan	

We will look at additional clubs for Reception children after Christmas.

The days are limited as we have staff meeting on a Tuesday and the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Narraway, Mr Duckett, Mrs Sizer, Mrs Conreen and Mr Singleton) meet on a Wednesday. Mr Singleton will be running booster clubs after school with Year 6. Details of this will follow shortly.

In order to apply for a place in a club, please complete this google form <a href="https://forms.gle/iojRvC9rwWurSiBLA">https://forms.gle/iojRvC9rwWurSiBLA</a> indicating your child's preference. If you have more than one child, please complete a form for each one of them. In order to ensure we can organise the clubs and communicate effectively with you, please could we ask that the google form is completed by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. All clubs will commence week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October following Year Six's residential to Arete as five members of staff will not be available that week and rather than starting and then stopping clubs it makes sense to just wait a few weeks. The clubs will run in blocks of 8 weeks with a break in the run up to Christmas to allow for staff to concentrate on the performances and other Christmas events.

We have put restrictions on the numbers for each club for health and safety reasons. Your child can make as many selections as they wish and will be allocated at least one club they have selected so that all children get a chance to attend something they have selected. If your child made more than one choice and did not get into the club, we will add them to a waiting list. It is the expectation that the children show commitment to the club they are attending and therefore they should attend every session unless they are absent from school. If they miss two sessions, then their place in the club will be given to someone on the waiting list.





























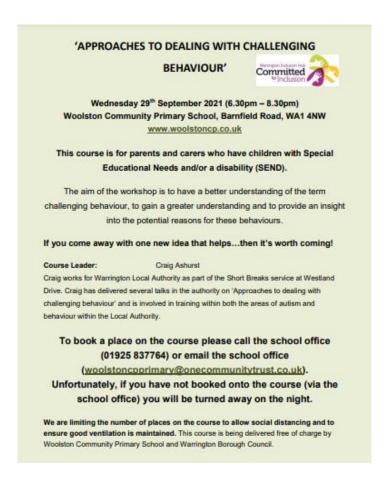
Clubs will run until 4pm. The children can bring a snack to have between finishing school and the start of their club. Please can we ask that you do not think of the clubs as childcare provision; they are an enhancement of the school curriculum. At 4pm, children will be collected from the gate from which they leave school at the end of the day, either the KS1 or KS2 gate. Staff will escort them to the gate and then ensure they are collected by an adult.

# **LEGO Club at Culcheth Library**

Does your child have a passion for building with LEGO? We are pleased to inform you that the Lego club is back on at Culcheth Library every Tuesday at 3.15pm. What a great way to have fun and have a browse of great books to read.

## Support for managing behaviour

Please see the flyer below for details of a **free** course to support the management of children's behaviour.



#### Menu Passport Around the World

Prior to the COVID disruptions, we introduced a lunchtime passport which the children have asked could they have back! This is where the school kitchen provides lunch options linked to the cuisine of different around the world. If the children try the food, then they are given a stamp in their passport.































On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, the lunch will have a Spanish theme, as we have changed from learning French to Spanish as our modern foreign language. KS1 children will have this option as part of their universal free school meals but any KS2 children can book their lunch in the normal way via Parent Pay. This will be available to book from Tuesday 21st September. The menu is as such:



The date of this coincides with European Languages Day and so we invite the children to come in their own clothes in the colours of the Spanish flag or anything Spanish themed – coloured hair spray and face paint is accepted! Dates of further themed lunches can be found of the diary of dates below.

# **Parent Helpers**

Many thanks to those parents (and grandparents) who have kindly offered to volunteer to support our children in school. Next week, we will be contacting you with details of how to apply for your DBS (certification to be able to work with children), a short meeting to go over safeguarding and organisation etc.

































## **Reception Forest School**

Our Reception children will commence their Forest School provision each Tuesday starting next week (21<sup>st</sup> September). The children can come to school in either their PE kit or their own clothes. Please dress according to the weather.

Mrs Price and Miss Sullivan have completed their week-long training this week and it is hoped that we will be able to continue the Forest School provision with Year One after they had it last year. We will keep you posted. The aim is to increase the number of staff trained to allow for more classes to receive Forest School provision.

#### **PTA AGM**

As a parent of the school, you are automatically a part of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The AGM will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome and who knows, there may be a little tasty treat awaiting you.

## **Dairy of Dates**

Please find below the updated diary of dates. For ease, we have highlighted any changes since the last one in red.

Date	Event	Class involved
6.9.2021	School Opens	
23.9.2021	Reading Picnic in aid of Macmillan	All classes staggered throughout the day
23.9.2021	PTA AGM	All parents welcome
24.9.2021	Roman visits Newchurch!	Year 4
1.10.2021	Harvest Donation Day	All classes
4-8.10.2021	Arête residential	Year 6
8.10.2022	Rainbow Dress Down Day to mark Child Mental Health Day	All classes
11.10.2021	Sean Perkins (author) visit	KS1
22.10.2021	School Closes	
1.11.2021	School Opens	
3.11.2021	Lunchtime Passport - India	All classes
8.11.2021	Sean Reid (author) visit	KS2
10.11.2021	Stoneage workshop	Year 3
18.11.2021	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5
19.11.2021	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6
22.11.2021	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception
23.11.2021	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1
24.11.2021	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2
25.11.2021	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3
26.11.2021	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4
2.12.2021	KS1 Dress Rehearsal (pm)	KS1 classes
3.12.2021 @ 9:30am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes



























3.12.2021	Christmas Fair	All welcome
6.12.2021 @ 9:30am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes
10.12.2021	KS2 Dress Rehearsal	KS2 classes
13.12.2021 @ 1:30pm and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes
16.12.2021	Christmas dinner, jumper and party day	All classes
17.12.2021 @ 2pm	Christmas assembly	All classes
17.12.2021	School Closes	
5.1.2022	School Opens	
12.1.2022	Lunchtime Passport - Italy	All classes
1.2.2022	Lunchtime Passport - China	All classes
18.2.2022	School Closes	
28.2.2022	School Opens	
7.3.2022	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception
8.3.2022	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2
9.3.2022	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3
10.3.2022	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4
11.3.2022	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5
14.3.2022	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6
15.3.2022	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1
18.3.2022	Red Nose Day – World Sleep Day	All classes
23.3.2022	Lunchtime Passport - Mexico	All classes
25.3.2022 @ 2pm	Thank you service	All classes
7.4.2022	School Closes	
19.4.2022	School Opens	
19.4.2022	Easter Eggstravaganza	All classes
20-22.4.2022	Kingswood residential	Year 4
27.4.2021	Lunchtime Passport - America	All classes
9-13.5.2022	KS2 SATS week	Year 6
16-20.5.2022	KS1 SATS week	Year 2
25.5.2022	Lunchtime Passport - Greece	All classes
27.5.2022	School Closes	
13.6.2022	School Opens	
13.6.2022	Multiplication Checks	Year 4
26.6.2022	Lunchtime Passport - Germany	All classes
7-8.7.2022	Burwardsley residential	Year 2
11.7.2022	Reports sent home	All classes
18.7.2022	KS1 Sports Day	KS1 classes
19.7.2022	KS2 Sports Day	KS2 classes
20.7.2022 @ 9:30am	Year 6 Production	Year 6
20.7.2022 @ 5:30pm	Year 6 Production and award ceremony	Year 6



























21.7.2022 School Closes

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend and see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



























