



## Newhall Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a great Easter break and that you and your children had a peaceful break together. We are now into the penultimate half term of the year and we are looking forward to the children making continued progress.

### SATs

As we are drawing closer to the SATs assessments in May, we would like to remind parents and carers of the exact dates. The SATs will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Holidays and appointments should not be booked during this week, if it all possible. We will be offering a free breakfast club for all Year 6 pupils during SATs week. Further details will be shared with parents and carers shortly.

### Curriculum

This half term, we will be thinking about Our World In The Future (Geography) and asking 'How did Jesus create a new covenant and what does that mean to Christians today?' in RE. During Science lessons, we will be learning how to classify Living Things and we will be Making Memories in our Art:3D and sculpture unit. We will be learning how to programme using micro bits in Computing, whilst we will focus on 'Relationships' in PSHE sessions. During Maths and Reading sessions, we will be continuing to prepare for SATs. In Writing, we will be writing a balanced argument based on technology usage for children.

### PE

All three classes will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school ready for PE on their PE days. Children should be wearing their PE kit and have either removed their earrings or be able to take them out themselves, as the County Council stipulates that children wearing earrings cannot take part in PE and that covering them in tape is not allowed. Please refer to the school uniform list for details of the required kit.

### Homework and Weekly Tests

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and the weekly spelling test will take place on the following Thursday. Spelling practice can be accessed using Spelling Shed. Additionally, we expect children to access Times Table Rock Stars at least 4 times per week at home. Children should access the 'Garage' section of the website.

Your child is encouraged to bring their reading book home each day, along with their reading diary. Please set aside time at home for your child to read quietly or to an adult. Reading at home, when it is a regular habit, has a remarkable impact on reading progress. We ask that children read at least 4 times per week at home and that an adult evidences this in their reading diary.

### Lost Property

To cut down on the amount of lost property each term, please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled. This includes uniform, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Lander, Mr Wibberley, Miss Rushton, Miss Smith, Miss Morgan

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