

# The New Croft Club

Newnham Croft Primary School, Chedworth Street,

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## NEWSLETTER: May 2016

Dear Parents,

Warmer weather this week inspired the children to ask to do woodwork again! This is always such a pleasurable activity which tends to engage a wide range of children including those not always so keen on arts and crafts. There is something very pleasing about the rhythmic sound of many hammers tapping away and the children all socialise and help each other and share the equipment. Thanks to several Newnham residents making home improvements recently the skips in the locality have been a rich source of wood offcuts and we are delighted to be able to upcycle them in such a fun and fulfilling way!



**Homework club:** This 3x per week half hourly opportunity was initiated last term following requests from parents. However, I have to say that uptake has been slow and intermittent. Following consultation with the children we changed the days to Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays but often find we only have a few takers on two of those days. Although we cannot help with any work and research which the children need to do online this nevertheless seems to be a good opportunity to get spelling and perhaps some numeracy homework done leaving time for other things in the evenings. As with all activities at the club, this is simply another option which your children can choose to do (or not do) so, if you wish them to make use of it from time to time, please encourage them and we will continue to offer the facility.

**Resources:** Thank you to everyone who has donated items recently. We are so grateful for the clothing items, toys, crafty bits and materials, books and the sewing machine. We are also very proud of our new First Aid boxes! I do hope you are finding your children's lunch boxes etc. easier to locate at the end of the day following the acquisition of our big new lunchbox trolley and with the increased book bag and rucksack storage area. The children also seem to like the new water dispenser as it is much easier to use than the big jug we had before. It certainly encourages them to drink lots of water which is an excellent thing at any time of year.

**Fees:** We have managed to keep our fees at the same level for the past three years. However from September 2016 After School Club fees will rise by 50p per day to £11.50 per session (extra siblings £10.50) Ad hoc sessions will be £12.50. Holiday club rates will however remain unchanged at £32/30 for a full day session and £22/20 for a half-day session.

**Holiday Club Reminder:** We are taking bookings for half term (Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> – Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>) and Summer (Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September) Holiday clubs now. As always, early bookings are much appreciated for planning purposes and you may change your dates up to 2 weeks before the start of the holidays. Attached is a poster from Sadie who will once again be running the club during August when I am on leave. Please contact her directly if you are able to offer accommodation.

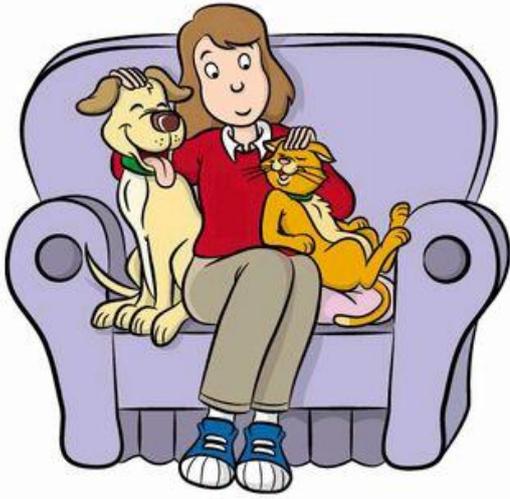
Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us either by catching our attention at the end of a session or by any of the following ways:

- Leave us a message in the message book in the school office
- Phone/text us on mobile no. 07812798195
- email Maureen at [thenewcroftclub@gmail.com](mailto:thenewcroftclub@gmail.com)
- Telephone 01223 311437 during club hours.

Warm regards,

Maureen





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**AVAILABLE: 30<sup>th</sup> July - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

My name is Sadie Clasby, I am 26 and a Primary School Teacher. I will be in Cambridge this summer to run the holiday club at Newnham Croft Primary School and I need somewhere to stay! I am tidy, clean and quiet, and I can feed pets, walk dogs and water gardens! I can either do all of the above dates or part of the time. I can also start a little earlier.

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