

The New Croft Club

Newnham Croft Primary School, Chedworth Street,

CAMBRIDGE CB3 9JF

NEWSLETTER: September 2016



Dear Parents,

Remember all that rain in June? Well, we are being happily compensated for it now by some glorious early autumn weather as these pictures show.



Welcome to all our new Families! We are so enjoying getting to know your children and we hope that

every day things are becoming easier for them as they gain familiarity with us, the environment and the way things work...We are very aware of how BIG everything must seem especially for our new Reception year members nevertheless we are already seeing new friendships forming and signs that the children are getting increasingly confident about moving between indoors and out, asking for toys they want to play with, curious about joining



in with craft and cooking activities and so on. Please feel free to linger a bit at collection time and have a chat with staff about your child's progress in settling in if you wish.

Have you moved house or changed your contact details? Please let us know if we need to update the contact information we have for you. You are welcome to ask any member of staff for your child's registration form to check that everything is correct and up to date.

Medicines: If your child uses an inhaler or other medicine, please make sure that you hand in to the club up to date supplies and that the information we have on the medical authorisation form is current. Please note that we cannot access medicines and inhalers held by the school for your child.

Allergies: Please keep us updated if your child is diagnosed with an allergy. Recently we have had several children inform us that they are allergic to something which is not noted on their registration form. If the allergy is to penicillin please contact Maureen. Following recent first Aid renewal training we have been asked to take more details regarding penicillin allergic reactions.

Staffing: We were sorry to bid farewell to Poppy and Ana over the summer but we wish them every success in future endeavours. To fill the gap Natalie has started working full time and we welcome Rebecca to the team initially working on Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays we also have a volunteer student from the Leys school helping out called Sarah who used to regularly attend the Holiday Club.

Holiday club Half Term and Christmas: Thank you to all parents who have already booked for these holiday sessions. If you haven't and you know you will be needing a few days please do so as soon as possible. Christmas is still some time away but the half term holiday club is filling up as I am receiving new enquiries from the wider community. I would not like to disappoint any of our regular member families as your ongoing support is hugely appreciated. Remember that there is a 2 week cancellation policy should your plans change.

Harmanli Refugee camp Play School Appeal: Gil and Sadie, (New Croft owner and Summer Holiday Club Playleader respectively) are doing a fantastic job in Bulgaria with the refugee camp play school that they set up and run. It is really answering a tremendous need and you can read all about it at the link below. It is truly inspiring to see what they have accomplished there so far and the difference that they are making in the lives so many children and their families as they help them learn skills to adapt to new and uncertain futures. They are now going into their third year of operation and would be really grateful for any help you can give!
<https://www.gofundme.com/RefugeePlaySchool>

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
- Telephone 01223 311437 during club hours.

Warm regards,

Maureen

School Term Dates 2016/2017

Autumn term 2016 1 st half 2 nd half	Mon 5 th Sept – Fri 21 st Oct Mon 31 st Oct – Tues 20 th Dec
Spring term 2017 1 st half 2 nd half	Thurs 5 th Jan – Fri 10 th Feb Mon 20 th Feb – Fri 31 st March
Summer term 2017 1 st half 2 nd half	Wed 19 th April – Fri 26 th May Tues 6 th June – Fri 21 st July

Holiday Club Dates 2016/2017

Summer half term 2016	Tues 31 st May – Mon 6 th June
Summer Holiday 2016	Fri 22 nd July – Fri 2 nd Sept
Autumn Half term 2016	Mon 24 th Oct – Fri 28 th Oct
Christmas Holiday 2016/2017	Wed 21 st - Fri 23 rd Dec & Tues 3 rd +Wed 4 th Jan
Spring half term 2017	Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th Feb
Easter Holiday 2017	Mon 3 rd April – Tues 18 th April * Excluding Friday 14th
Summer Half term 2017	Tues 30 th May – Mon 5 th June
Summer Holiday 2017	Mon 24th July – TBA

*The Club is closed on Bank Holidays