

The New Croft Club

Newnham Croft Primary School, Chedworth Street,

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NEWSLETTER: June 2017



Dear Parents,

Judging by present weather conditions it looks like we might get a decent summer this year! The second half of this term always goes by in a flash but it is such a fun time with so much going on within our school community and you really get the sense that the children are so ready to move upwards and onwards in September. We are making the most of our time left with the year sixes, some of whom have been with us since Reception and we all wish them the very best for the next exciting stage in their lives...

New Staff: Faced with the prospect of recruiting staff again in April, I renewed my Safe Employment training and determined to spread the net a little wider

this time using online recruitment for the first time as well as taking up the offer of a parent who kindly offered to publish the advert on a college student mail service. It was exciting when this approach began to yield results – response was good, we whittled down to a shortlist and over the course of a week we held interviews. The candidates were then introduced to the club members as a group who were then able to chat to them and ask questions if they wanted to. The children's feedback was then taken into account as we made our final decision. It was really nice to be able to involve the children in this way and we believe that altogether we have chosen very well in picking Sydney and Phoebe to join our staff. Phoebe used to attend the New Croft Club and has such good memories that she is thrilled at the chance to work with us now. Sydney is studying psychology at University with a special interest in Child Psychology. As a bonus he is also very sporty so will give Adam a chance to catch his breath outside on the football field! You can read more about them on our staff poster as you enter the club room.

After School Club September term: As things now stand, we are at maximum capacity from Monday to Thursday at the After School club in September. A few spaces still remain on a Friday. This is partly because we have very few year sixes leaving at the end of the year and also because due to already existing waiting lists any space which became free in the course of this year was quickly snapped up. How I wish we could push the walls out a couple of metres! All current bookings will simply roll over to the next year as per our admissions policy. Thank you to those parents who have already let me know about upcoming changes and please remember the half term's notice requirement if you do want to cancel your space as this still applies. Families on the waiting list will be informed as soon as a space becomes available and you are welcome to ask to check your position on the list. Swaps and changes due to last minute reasons e.g. your child being accepted for another club starting at the beginning of term will be accommodated as far as possible but as you can appreciate, there is not a lot of wiggle room!

Summer Holiday Club: We will be open throughout the summer holidays from July 24th until September 4th and we still have lots of space available so please spread the word and do contact me if you wish to make a booking. It will soon be here and I need to organise staff and plan activities best suited to the expected number and mix of children. Molly Jermyn (for the first week) and Sadie Clasby will be in charge while I am on my annual leave and happily Lauren will be joining us again as she regularly does during summer. This will give our year round Playworkers opportunity for a bit of a break although we will all still be working part of the time.

Holiday Club Dates 2017/2018

Summer half term 2017	Tues 30 th May – Mon 5 th June
Summer Holiday 2017	Mon 24 th July – Mon 4 th September (excluding bank holiday Mon 28 th August)
Autumn Half term 2017	Mon 23 rd October – Fri 27 th October
Christmas Holiday 2017/2018	Wed 20 th –Fri 22 nd December & Tues 2 nd - Wed 3 rd January
Spring half term 2018	Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th February
Easter Holiday 2018	Tues 3 rd April – Fri 13 th April
Summer Half term 2018	Tues 29 th May – Mon 4 th June
Summer Holiday 2018	Mon 23 rd July – <i>Mon 3rd Sept. *(to be confirmed)</i> (excluding bank holiday Mon 27 th August)

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.
- Booking and registration forms may be found on our website www.thenewcroftclub.co.uk

Best Wishes,
Maureen