

# Newnham Junior School



24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

This week, we have had Year 4 out on trips and various sports teams playing at different schools and venues. I mention this because, in every situation, a member of the public or a teacher from another school has commented on how impressed they are with the children's behaviour. It is lovely to hear this and also a reminder of the importance of trips and opportunities to represent the school. Your support with these opportunities is exceptional and I'm sure you all appreciate the extra time taken by the staff of Newnham to give your children these opportunities.

**Sportshall Athletics** - On Thursday, the Year 5 and 6 athletics team attended this very exciting competition. Their competitive spirit was amazing as was many of the performances put in. The team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the event and we are waiting for other results to come in to find out our final position in the borough. Despite not winning, the children cheered when I told them that they had improved their position from the previous year. It was so positive to hear this as the desire to make progress is such an important part of the school ethos

**Photographs** - If you choose to order your child's photograph via ourselves rather than online, the deadline to return it without incurring a £3 surcharge is next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Eco Team Food Waste Update** - Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it - unfortunately a few parents are ordering meals and forgetting to cancel them if their child is off due to illness or on a trip – see below – let's get this down to zero!

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Meals ordered but not served	35	75

**Second-hand Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale : 3.15pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Thank you for all the donations so far – the quality of donations has been amazing and we will therefore be asking for a minimum donation of £1 for each jumper purchased. Mrs Shah will be holding a preview for the children at break time next Tuesday in her classroom. If you have a children's Christmas jumper you would like to donate you can do so up to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Weather permitting the sale will take place on the playground after school next Wednesday (or inside if the weather is bad).

**Author Visit** - On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, we are lucky enough to have TV actor and author Charlotte Eaton visit our school, with her book 'There's a King in the Kitchen.' Charlotte will be reading her book and carrying out a Q & A session focusing on her writing, the history surrounding the story and her own career. There will also be an opportunity to buy a *signed copy* of her book for £7 each - if you would like to purchase the book, please pay £7 via school gateway. The closing date for orders is **today**.

**Term Dates** - As previously advised, these are shown below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

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DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	Donation deadline for any unwanted good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers (aged 7 and up)	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	Author visit – Charlotte Eaton	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Deadline to advise the School Office if your child is not taking part in the performance</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Deadline to advise the School Office if your child is not taking part in the Carol Concert</b>	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper & Pre-loved uniform sale	3.15pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6	Consent deadline - Gunnersbury Museum visit	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey - 1 <sup>st</sup> payment due	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol"	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Voluntary Contribution deadline	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	(limited numbers)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6R&6KN	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5N	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper day	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Singing on the playground	8.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!)	9am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	The Pantry Christmas lunch	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Swimming Gala (selected pupils) St Helen's	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	US choir	Y6 choir members performing at Eastcote library	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Consent deadline: Performance</b>	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Consent deadline: Rehearsals &amp; Carol Concert</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church (packed lunch) - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	School Journey - 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due	

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**FONJSA : Voluntary Contribution** - As previously mentioned, FONJSA are asking each family to make a suggested minimum donation of £20 per child. Our school needs your support to help buy the books, equipment and experiences your children need and deserve. We understand each family's financial situation has been affected differently, so please consider your own position, as this is a voluntary contribution. However, if your family is in a position to be able to give more, this money will make a difference to our ability to teach and support our children.

If you pay tax, please complete the Gift Aid details too. It will cost you nothing but, as FONJSA are a registered charity (No. 1014929), they can reclaim the Gift Aid on your behalf which means the Government will add another 25% to your donation to benefit our children.

There are two ways to donate and please make your payment **by 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Payment direct to FONJSA, collected via the School Gateway  
(If the payment is not showing, you have already paid it - thank you!)

OR

Complete and return the attached form with your family's donation (cash or cheque payable to FONJSA)

**Thank you - Newnham would not be the school it is without the support of it's families**

**FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop** – The deadline to pay for a gift is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and the Gift Shop will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Hillingdon Families' Information Service** - Details attached.

**Community events** – full details on our website

- Michael Sobell Christmas Market – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Get Active Winter Camps
- January crash swimming course – Northolt Leisure Centre

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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