

# Newnham Junior School



2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

**School security** – After Wednesday’s incident, we have reviewed the school site to see where improvements can be made for school security. Therefore the inner gate will be locked after school, meaning that parents/carers who collect their children from outside clubs will not be allowed to come into school until these clubs are finished. If you are watching a football or netball match, the gates will be locked once all of the opposition teams are on the premises.

**Christmas** - The excitement for Christmas is building at the school with some really special moments for your children. On Wednesday, we held a decorating the Christmas Tree assembly. The children in Year 3 and 4 made decorations which they placed on the tree while the rest of the school sang Christmas songs. Today the children attended the pantomime; it was great to see so many of them laughing and joining in with the fun. Of course, none of these activities would be available without the support of the staff for the Christmas assembly (Mr Mansi spent many a stressful hour putting up the tree and lights) and for FONJSA kindly donating the money to pay for the show.

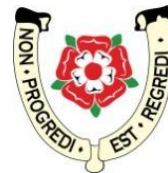
As you can see from the activities below, the buzz of Christmas continues next week:-

DATE	DETAILS	INFORMATION
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 trip to the Milestones Museum Year 3 Performance - Group 1 - Dress Rehearsal - Evening performance - (Children to be in school)	Leaving at 8.15am & back at 3.30pm (Consent & seat request deadline today) 2pm 7pm 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper (Non Uniform) Day Singing on the playground (see below) The Pantry Christmas Dinner (details attached)	Payment on the Gateway 8.30am Order by 9am via The Pantry
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Swimming Gala Year 3 Performance - Group 2 - Dress Rehearsal - Evening performance - (Children to be in school)	Leaving school at 2.30pm (Consent & seat request deadline today) 2pm 7pm 6.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Choir at Eastcote Library FONJSA Christmas Disco - Year 3 & 4 - Year 5 & 6	10am (Order deadline 4.12.22) Straight after school to 5pm 5.30 - 7pm

**Christmas Singing on the Playground - Wednesday 7th December at 8.30am** - Please join us for some informal singing on the playground. If your child is in the Ukulele Club or either the Upper or Lower School choir, they will need to find their groups in order to perform their individual songs. ALL Newnham children will then sing a couple of well-known songs together; you are more than welcome to join in (words attached). Assemble on the Top Playground (with families remaining behind the yellow line, please). We expect the singing to last no longer than 15-20 minutes and look forward to seeing you at this jolly event.

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**Parking** – Unfortunately we have had a few complaints from residents on Newnham Avenue that some people are leaving their engines on while they wait for their children. This is usually because they have stopped in front of driveways. Please do not stop or park in front of driveways. **Please do not leave your engine on as you wait; the fumes are dangerous to the children’s health.**

**Individual Photos** - If you choose to return these to school rather than ordering online, the deadline for these to be returned to us without incurring a £3 surcharge is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Foodbank** - We are doing a Christmas collection for the Hillingdon Foodbank and would particularly like donations of Christmas treats such as **selection boxes, chocolate coins, biscuits, and toiletries.** Please bring in any donations by Monday 12th December. Thank you.

**Gingerbread House Competition** - See attached Deadline for entries Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Y6 Carol Concert Rehearsals - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St Martin’s Church, Ruislip HA4 8DG**

If any Year 6 parents and carers are able to arrange for their child to be taken directly to the church for 10.15am on this day, it would be much appreciated. If not, please send your child into school as normal and we will take them to Ruislip on the train. **Please remember to give your child a packed lunch as we will not be returning to school.** As previously advised, you are welcome to collect your child from the church between 3.30 - 3.45pm and any children not collected will be brought back to school on the train for 4.15pm. A reminder that the consent deadline is 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**SEN Coffee Morning - Wednesday 14th December at 9am** - Please join us for our next SEN Coffee Morning. We will begin with a 20 minute session on reflective listening, provided by Julie Browne, our SEN governor and trained session facilitator, and then have time for coffee, cake and a chat!

**Ruth Eastham visit on 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Thank you to everyone who placed a book order for our author visit as detailed above. Your orders have been placed and will be signed on the day. **The author has said that she will bring 20 more copies of each title for anyone who missed the initial order. These orders will now be taken on a first come, first served basis.** Please bring in the attached form along with your payment anytime between now and the day and we will return your payment to you if the orders are all taken up.

**The Pantry** - If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel their meal with The Pantry otherwise you will still be charged.

## Deadline Reminders:-

DETAILS	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
Spring Term Breakfast Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> December (today) <b>to guarantee your place next term</b>
Y3 performance DVD orders	15 <sup>th</sup> December

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher

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