

Newnham Junior School



8th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well. The Christmas season has continued in Newnham this week. On Wednesday we had singing on the playground, mince pies with the parents/carers, dressing the Christmas tree assembly and the Pantry Christmas lunch for children. Christmas Jumper Day has raised £230 so far for Save the Children and this payment is on the Gateway until Sunday. Today the Year 6 Upper School choir were singing at Eastcote library, the football team attended the QPR tournament in Hayes and the girls' cricket played an indoor tournament in Greenford. I am sure you will all join me in thanking everyone involved, from the staff children and parents.

Christmas Foodbank Collection - We are holding our annual Christmas foodbank collection this month, to donate treats for families in need. If you are able to donate any of the following please bring in to School by Friday 15th December:

- Selection boxes
- Chocolate money/chocolates/sweets
- Christmas crackers
- Biscuits
- Christmas pudding
- Soft drinks
- Any other Christmas treats

If you are in need of a food package please contact the school office.

Year 3 Performances - Today is the last day to give consent and request extra seats for next week's performances. We can confirm any extra seats that have been requested have been granted. A reminder that children should be in school for 6.30pm and the performances will start at 7pm and are expected to finish at 8pm.

A Wonderful Week of Singing! - Thank you to the Year 4 members of our Lower School Choir who sang their hearts out at the St Lawrence Christmas Fair last Saturday. What a joy to perform on a stage, with professional lighting and a very enthusiastic audience. Next up was Singing on the Playground, where both choirs and our ukulele group presented a catchy song each. Newnham staff threw themselves into their rendition of *Let it Snow*, with some carefully crafted snowflakes to provide extra Christmas spirit. The sunshine brought out a large crowd and we hope you enjoyed the community buzz! Our annual Tree Assembly was a high octane explosion of song and merriment, with quizzes, instrument-playing, tree decorating and Mr Kent's original words to *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, which incorporated the words of our school motto: "Non progredi est regredi". Earlier today, 35 Year 6 members of the Upper School Choir nipped into Eastcote library to entertain members of the public who enjoyed a mince pie and a coffee. This is one of our loveliest community events and one that is greatly appreciated by all involved. A huge thank you to our Year 6 music prefects who have worked with energy and efficiency to support our musical events so far this year. You have raised the bar for future prefects.

Swimming Gala – Yesterday, 16 Year 5 and 6 pupils represented Newnham in a swimming gala at St Helens. Firstly, a huge thank you to all the parents who provided transport to allow us to participate. We felt very proud of the children in how they represented our school and encouraged one another. Every person did an amazing job and our team won many medals. A huge well done to the girls who were 4th place overall and to the boys who secured 1st place, in a very competitive field.

Year 6 Carol Concert : Tuesday 19th December - Today is the last day to give consent via the Gateway.

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Breakfast Club – The deadline to return your form has passed and there are still many previous users of the club who have not returned a form. The form must be returned to guarantee a place for your child in the Spring term.

Spring Term Clubs – There are still spaces in Year 3 Science club, Reading Eggs, Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball and both Film clubs.

Food Waste Update -. This week The Pantry prepared 134 meals which were ordered for children and not eaten as they were absent from school (across both the Infants and Junior schools) **Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it and to cancel the meal if your child is off school.** You can cancel at The Pantry up to 9.00am each morning.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Meals ordered but not served	54	88

BBC Children in Need - A total of £318.50 was raised (see attached) and thank you for your generosity.

Year 5 Swimming Lessons - 5N's lessons have now finished. 5CU will be swimming next term and details have been emailed out separately.

Term Dates - As previously advised, these are shown below and further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
DECEMBER			
Tuesday 12 th	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 13 th	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 th	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 st	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Sunday 31 st	6	School Journey - 2 nd payment due	

FONJSA Christmas discos – Details were emailed out last week and the payment deadline is this Sunday 10th December.

Community events – Full details on our website

- Hillingdon Narrowboats – Santa Boat Trips

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher

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