

Newnham Junior School



12th January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had a good rest. The staff and children have certainly come back energised and ready for the new term. The Spring term is always very busy with many musical events and sports tournaments. It also a period where the children can settle down into a routine which helps everyone to work hard and make progress.

Staff news - It's always a pleasure to give good news about teachers and I am very happy to report that Mrs Saunders is pregnant. She intends to start her maternity leave in the summer term and will be covered by Mr Allerton who taught Year 6 last year. I'm sure you'll all wish her well and look forward to hearing further good news once the baby is born.

Open evenings – These have been put on the calendar below, so please ensure that you put them in your diary. The link between parents/carers, children and staff is the reason why the school is so successful in ensuring your children make so much progress; meeting with teachers is a vital part of this process.

Surveys – The school always conducts its own internal surveys to ensure that we listen to views of parents, children and staff which aids school improvement and progress. This term we have been asked to conduct 3 external surveys which most of the children will be involved with.

- Growing Up in Hillingdon Survey. - This is being conducted on request of the London Borough of Hillingdon to survey the health habits of children in the area. All of the children in Years 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the survey from Monday 22nd January and a letter is attached for you to find out more information.
- The Big Ambition Survey - There is also a survey from the children's commissioner of England called the 'Big Ambition'. This will be conducted by Year 3 children next Tuesday. The link to see the sort of questions the children will be asked is here: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>. Parents will also have the opportunity to complete a similar survey if they wish.
- Pro sociality in Primary School Children - The final survey is from the University of Nottingham and will take place during the week beginning the 19th February and will be for a few children in Years 4 and 5. The details for this will be sent out closer to the time.

All of the surveys will not take up more than 1 lesson and are purposeful in aiding the understanding of how to improve the lives of children for the future.

Uniform – I know that children (and adults) like to show off the clothes they received for Christmas, however, I would like to remind you all that branded tracksuit trousers, branded joggers and branded leggings are not part of the school uniform.

Dogs - Thank you to everyone for respecting our rule of not allowing dogs on the playground. If you do bring your dog along to collect or drop off children, please respect that some children are scared of dogs so they should be kept on a lead at all times when you are near the school.

New Year Coffee morning - Please join us for a coffee morning on the 31st January in the hall at 9am. This will include a short session delivered by Mr Wilkey on metacognition, and how we encourage this in our pupils.

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E safety session – On Tuesday 12th March we have again invited the brilliant '2 Johns' into the school to run up to date sessions with the children and staff on staying safe online. There will also be a parent/carer session at 8pm online which should be very useful - login details to follow. Nearly 100 parents attended the last session and gave excellent feedback and found it very valuable. Please put this date in your diary!

Food Waste Update - 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 OF AUTUMN TERM	THIS WEEK
Junior meals ordered but not served	34	43

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

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
JANUARY			
Tuesday 9 th	All	School restarted for the Spring Term	8.45am
Monday 15 th	5	Visiting Theatre company - Road Safety	1.30pm
Thursday 18 th	All	The Pantry census day lunch menu (sent out today)	
Friday 19 th	6	Young Voices Choir performing at the O2	7pm to 9.15pm
Monday 29 th	6	Open Evening (at school)	3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 30 th	3 6	Visit to the Science Museum (back at 4.15pm) Open Evening (at school)	All day 4.30 – 7pm
Wednesday 31 st	6 All	School Journey 3 rd payment due Parent/carer coffee morning – metacognition	9am
FEBRUARY			
Thursday 1 st	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme deadline to order	
Tuesday 6 th	3,4 & 5	Open Evening (at school)	3.30 – 6pm
Thursday 8 th	Midnight & Storm teams 3,4 & 5	Aspire Netball Rally Open Evening (at school)	1pm – 4pm 4.30 – 7pm
Friday 9 th	All	School finishes for the half-term holiday FONJSA Krispy Kremes given out	3.15pm 3.15pm
12 th - 16 th	All	Half-term holiday	
12 th - 15 th	6	Bikeability	
Sunday 18 th	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Race Night	
Monday 19 th	All	School restarts	8.45am
Friday 23 rd	All	FONJSA Race Night & Kids Raffle	6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 29 th	6	School Journey 4 th payment due	
MARCH			
Friday 1 st	6	Secondary Transfer Offer Day	
Monday 4 th	Silver team	Borough Netball Tournament	1 – 4.30pm
Thursday 7 th	All	World Book Day	
11 th – 15 th	All	The big plastic count week	
Monday 11 th	6	Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	PM
Tuesday 12 th	All All	2 Johns - Safeguarding event 2 Johns Parent/Carers E-safety session - online	All day 8pm
Thursday 14 th	All	Science Fair in hall	3.15 – 4.15pm

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Friday 15 th	All 3 & 4	Comic Relief Red Nose Day Final Dodgeball Club for the term	All day 3.15 - 4.15pm
Sunday 17 th	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Easter Disco	
20 th	Silver & Burgundy teams	District netball tournament	1 – 4.30pm
18 th - 22 nd	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event	
Friday 22 nd	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 th	Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams	B Team netball tournament	1 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 26 th	5 & 6	Sing 24! At the Beck Theatre (selected pupils) Sing 24! Concert	9am – 3.15pm 6.15 – 7.45pm
Wednesday 27 th	4 6 All	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day	All day 3.45 – 5.15pm
Thursday 28 th	All All	FONJSA Break the rules day Last day of term	1.30pm
Sunday 31 st	6	School Journey 5 th payment due	
APRIL			
Monday 15 th	All	School restarts for the Summer Term	8.45am

Community events – Full details on our website

Eastcote Hockey Club – new players wanted
Swimming Crash course at Northolt – February half term.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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