

Newnham Junior School



25th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

It's been another exciting week at the school. Year 3 have been rehearsing for their Christmas play, Year 4 had a great day out at Tower Bridge, some of our Upper School Choir performed at the Civic Centre and a team of Year 6 children took part in the Borough Sportshall Athletics competition. All of the year groups have been involved in the FONJSA Christmas shop. The excitement will continue to build next week as we prepare for Christmas and have our special dressing the Christmas tree assembly.

FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop - Thank you to all of the volunteers who came into school to help the children make and wrap Christmas gifts. It created a special atmosphere throughout the school and all of the children really appreciated the time given up by parents and carers. All the crafts will be handed out by next Friday for the children to take home.

Choir News - Last night, 25 members of our Upper School Choir performed alongside other local singing ensembles and the Hillingdon Music School Brass Band at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge. The children's enthusiasm was infectious and they can feel immensely proud of their joyous and most tuneful rendition of *Winter Fantasy*, complete with jingle bells and actions. Thank you to those families who turned up to support this lovely community event.

Next stop: *Singing on the Playground* (Wednesday 7th December) followed by the Upper School Choir (Year 6 only) to sing at Eastcote Library (morning of Friday 9th December)

Sportshall Athletics – Yesterday afternoon a group of Year 6 children participated in the Borough Sportshall Athletics competition. It was an enjoyable and particularly competitive event against some very good teams. The children performed brilliantly and gave their best, showing positive sporting behaviour throughout. At the moment, we are currently sitting in the bronze medal position and are waiting for results from other events to confirm the final placings.

Violin Students - We believe a child has accidentally taken home the wrong violin before half term. We urgently need our violin students to double check they are using the instrument they were allocated by the Hillingdon Music Hub. The missing violin is a ½ size, has a purple case and is marked with the number 1701. Should you find this at home (perhaps check cupboards, under the bed, the boot of the car...) please return either to the office or directly to the music room. No questions will be asked. Thank you. Mrs Wood

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 5th 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 the rest of the time for coffee, cake and a chat!

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

Year 6 Leavers July 2022 - The DVD of the Leaver's production is now available for collection from the School Office for those parents/carers who ordered one and please can you spread the word if you are in contact with anyone no longer at our school. Thank you.

Tissues – If anyone has boxes of tissues they would like to donate to the school it would be much appreciated. At this time of year, the children seem to go through a box a week.

Friends of Newnham Infant School Association - Year 6 Volunteers Required - FONISA have asked if any Year 6 children would like to help during the Infant's Christmas Market (details attached). This is an excellent opportunity to give the older children some responsibility in a controlled environment. If your child would like to help, please email the school office for the attention of Julie Browne.

Amazon Wish List – Thank you so much to all of the families who have purchased dictionaries, playground footballs and watercolours for the school. The list is still open so please have a look at it when you order items from Amazon. If you would like to purchase an item, please click on the link below and select an item from the wish list. Once you have paid, the item will be delivered to the school. We have had a fantastic response so far and please remember to add yours or your child's name when ordering so that we can put a sticker on the item to acknowledge your generosity.
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/12ORK15EH7XQN?ref=wl_share

Deadline Reminders:-

DETAILS	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
Year 6 trip to the Milestone Museum	25 th November - TODAY
Year 6 IXL	25 th November - TODAY
Year 4, 5 & 6 Conquer Maths	30 th November
Year 3 Performances - Consent	2 nd December
Spring Term Breakfast Club	2 nd December
FONJSA Christmas Disco	4 th December
Year 6 Carol Concert - Consent	9 th December
Year 3 Performance - DVD orders	15 th December

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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