

Newnham Junior School



8th March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well. This has been the busiest week of the school for a long time. We have had reading cafes, science workshops, class museums, netball tournaments and Ofsted. All of the staff and children have loved every minute of it. The fun and learning doesn't stop as next week we have many more exciting and interesting events.

Ofsted – I'm sure all of you are keen to learn how we got on during the recent Ofsted inspection. Unfortunately we are not allowed to share this with you until the official report is published. We have been informed that this could be by the **week beginning 21st March**, but may be later. This is because every Ofsted report has to go through checks before being published. I can tell you that the inspectors were very impressed by how many parents and children responded to their questionnaire and by how polite and positive parents were when the inspectors spoke to them at the school gates.

Netball Tournaments – On Monday 4th March Newnham Silvers played in the **Borough Tournament**. Throughout this competition they scored 33 goals and only conceded 4, winning very single match. In the final they beat Heathrow Primary 5 – 1 and qualified for the London Finals on Thursday 21st March. This impressive performance reflects all of the hard work the girls have put into netball this year. On Thursday 7th March Newnham Burgundy, Newnham Storm, Newnham Emerald and Newnham Midnight participated in the **Aspire Netball Rally**. All 4 teams performed brilliantly and represented the school with pride. There were no finals for this event but there was a shooting competition. Newnham Burgundies won this by scoring 12 goals in a minute and have a lovely trophy to add to our display. It is incredible that we run 5 netball teams and all of the children who have attended netball club represented the school whatever their ability. The trophies we have won so far this year show the dedication of every member of the netball squad.

Science Assembly and Workshop – I really hope that the children have told you all about this as the presenter was exceptional, demonstrating many thrilling experiments while explaining the science behind them. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Horn for organising the event and to FONJSA for funding it.

Reading Cafes – We all love this annual event which helps maintain the enthusiasm the children have for reading at the school. The children and staff really appreciated all of the parents and carers who volunteered to read to small groups of children throughout the afternoons and Friday morning. Once again it shows the amazing community spirit we all share at Newnham.

Year 3 Indus Valley Class Museums - Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members that were able to attend the above events earlier this week. The pupils enjoyed carrying out roles such as greeters, cafe managers and museum guides and they did so with confidence, expertise and enthusiasm. They gained so much from this experience and they have loved hearing the positive feedback from everyone who attended their class museums.

Next Week - A few reminders of events that are taking place in the next couple of weeks and please refer to last week's newsletter for further information:-

- The Big Plastic Count - 11th - 15th March
- Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel - 11th – 22nd March

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E Safety Sessions from the 2 Johns - We last had a visit 2 years ago and they were extremely useful and informative but as we know technology moves very quickly and there will have been lots of changes since then:-

- 12th March 8pm – Online - Please follow this link to take part in this online session for parents and carers (This link will go live 15 minutes beforehand) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89798739746>
- Tuesday 19th March - The recorded session will be shown in our hall at 1.45pm (parents and carers welcome).

Science Fair - Next week we are holding our first ever Science Fair in the school hall from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Children from all year groups will be demonstrating and discussing some of the practical activities they learn about. The fabulous entries from our science competition 'I am a scientist' will also be on display. We would love to see as many parents/carers as possible pop into the hall and meet our Science ambassadors and see some of the fun things we do in Science at Newnham.

Comic Relief : Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day - We will be supporting this worthwhile charity on Friday 15th March. This Red Nose Day is all about coming together, spreading joy, and having the best day ever in our school. Children may wear their uniform or if they come in non-uniform this must include an item of red clothing. We will be asking for a minimum donation of £1 for anyone not wearing uniform and this can be made by clicking on the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13716>

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	THIS WEEK
Junior meals ordered but not served	30	22

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.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
MARCH			
11 th – 15 th	All	The Big Plastic Count week	
11 th – 22 nd	All	Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel event	
Monday 11 th	All 6	Deadline to pay for Easter Disco Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	12pm 3.30pm return
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
Friday 15 th	All 3 & 4	Comic Relief Red Nose Day Final Dodgeball Club for the term	All day 3.15 - 4.15pm
18 th – 22 nd	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event	
Tuesday 19 th	All 6	2 Johns Parent/Carers recording of E-Safety session Parent/carer meeting for SATs, school journey & SRE	1.45pm 6-7pm
Wednesday 20 th	4UW Silver & Burgundy teams 4CH	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) District netball tournament Class assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9-10am 1 – 4.30pm 2.30-3.15pm
Thursday 21 st	5CU 4S	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) Class assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am 2.30pm

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	4	Deadline to consent for Frameless trip	
Friday 22 nd	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 th	5N Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) B Team netball tournament	9 – 9.30am 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 5BC 6 All 5	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day Deadline to consent for Hampton Court trip	All day 9 – 9.30am 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

FONJSA Easter Discos : Friday 22nd March - Details were emailed out last week and please note that Monday 11th March at 12pm is the payment deadline.

Local Authority Information

Family First (proudly supporting Public Health England/NHS in improving the physical and mental wellbeing of families living in England) – Full details on our website.

Community news

Robert Cooper Estate agent are holding an Easter colouring competition with a £50 Smyths Toys voucher as first prize. To enter, simply draw a picture of your house, drop it into a Robert Cooper office (in Eastcote or South Ruislip) - every entry will get a FREE Easter egg. You may also ask an adult to post your entry on social media and tag Robert Cooper. Every picture will be displayed in their window. Please make sure your entry has the artist's name, age and parent's number on the back. The competition is open to all children up to the age of 12 and will end on 5th April 2024. The winner will be announced on Robert Cooper's social media pages the same day and there is only one entry per person.

Easter holiday activities - Details are available on our website.

- Primary Sporting Development Funweeks – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.
- Nick Jones Creative Tech club – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.
- Swimming lessons at Hillingdon Sports complex.
- Omega Sportz have partnered with Hillingdon council to bring a free Easter programme this holiday for children who are on free school meals. Paid places are also available. The children get involved in free daily activities and also get a free hot meal every day they attend.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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