

Newnham Junior School



14th December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

I want to start this newsletter by saying a huge thank you for all of the support you have given me and the school during my first term of being the sole headteacher. I feel proud to be in charge of a school where the parents, carers, teachers and children work in partnership to create such a safe and caring atmosphere, where all children make excellent academic and social progress. I know this will continue next term and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Telephone System - As previously advised, we are currently experiencing problems with our phone system. If you are unable to get through on the phone, please email office@mail.newnhamjun.org.

Y6 Carol Concert - Thank you to everyone who participated in this special event at St Martin's church. For me, this concert always starts Christmas properly and this year was not a disappointment. The children sang beautifully, said their words clearly and it was good to hear most of the congregation joining in with the Christmas Carols. It takes a lot of hard work from the teachers and children to make this event so memorable and I would like to thank the whole Year 6 team and Mrs Wood for everything they did in putting this concert together.

Christmas Disco - Thank you to all of the volunteers from FONJSA who helped organise this event. The children really enjoyed themselves and this wouldn't be possible without the support of parents and carers. I would also like to thank Hannah, Mora, Serra, Saisha, Naisha, Isabella & Yasmina for raising an extra £30 through organising their own stall, selling various items.

E Safety over Christmas break - With children being at home and the weather being dark and cold, they are likely to spend more time than ever on devices. It is important to play an active role in your child's online activity by asking them what they are doing, knowing what games they are playing and who they could be engaging with online. Having a genuine interest in what they are doing will also make them feel like you are somebody they can come to if they ever have a problem online. It is important that your child knows you are their trusted adult and that you will always help them. Children are more likely to get themselves into trouble online if they are keeping it a secret or using programs without permission.

Lost Property - Please remember to check the lost property boxes at the end of the day. At the moment, we are putting all of the unclaimed coats on the wall to save you having to look through a pile of clothing. Anything items which are unnamed and unclaimed will be taken to a clothing bank over the Christmas holidays.

Reminders:-

- Christmas Foodbank - Please bring in any donations of selection boxes, chocolate coins, biscuits, and toiletries by Friday 16th December. Thank you.
- Ruth Eastham visit on 15th December.
- Y3 Production DVD order deadline 15th December.

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Curriculum Plans - Please find attached the Curriculum Plans for next term.

Last Day Friday 16th December - Children can bring in their own games on this day (not the electronic type please). The children should come in wearing their uniform (there will be no PE lessons) and we finish for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm. We return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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