

Newnham Junior School



13th October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well. I'm delighted to inform you that the school has recently achieved two awards. The School Games Mark Gold for all of the extra-curricular activities we do and the Sustainable Travel (STARS) Bronze for our work on encouraging parents and children to walk to school. The staff are always working hard to ensure that they give your children extra opportunities and I would like to thank them for all that they have done to help achieve these awards. Particular thanks should go to Mrs Ullah and Mr Kent for the extra work they did when applying for these.

Wet weather and labelling clothing – Please send your children in with coats. Unless it is pouring with rain we try to get the children outside at break times and hoodies are not ideal in drizzle. The children are also taking off their hoodies when they do PE, particularly when it is inside. When this happens it is really important that the hoodies are named to guarantee they will get their own hoodie back.

Contacting The Class Teacher - If you would like to contact the class teacher, the best way is to email office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk. Your email will be forwarded directly to the teacher who will respond as soon as they can. Teachers check their emails every day that they are at school. If the matter is urgent, please telephone the School Office on 020 3745 6216.

Eco Team Food Waste Update - Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it - unfortunately a few parents are ordering meals and forgetting to cancel them even if their child is off due to illness.

| Eco-Team Food Waste Update | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
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| Meals ordered but not served | 28 | 38 |

Harvest Food Bank Collection : Monday 16th October – Thank you for all of the kind donations – the display outside the hall is looking more impressive every day. Next Monday is the deadline for receipt of any items for our harvest collection for the Hillingdon food bank. Please donate any of the listed items or any other long life food, drink or toiletries and ensure all donations are in date. If you need a food package, please let the school office know in confidence.

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| Noodles | Jam | Sugar |
| Cooking sauces | Juice | Rice |
| Toilet rolls | Tinned fruit | Long life puddings |

Year 4 Endangered Animals Fundraising Day on Thursday 19th October - As advised earlier this week, our Year 4 children have been learning about the positive and negative impact humans have on the environment and would like to adopt an endangered animal via the World Wildlife Fund by holding a fundraising day when **any Year 4 child** can come into school dressed as an endangered animal and make a small donation (suggested £1) via the School Gateway. Please do not go out and buy a costume, they can be as simple as a onesie, face paint or a homemade mask/ears.

Asthma workshops – Please see our website for some information on workshops offered to parents and families for children with asthma. These are being offered by Hillingdon Hospital Paediatric Asthma Team and can be booked using the QR code.

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World Animal Day poster competition – please see the attached from the House Captains.

The National Sleep Helpline : At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely. The National Sleep Helpline offer a free helpline which is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. They can talk to young people directly, or parents (please see the poster on our website). You can read more here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

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. **Diwali Day** – Please note the date change from 20th October to 10th November.

| DATE | YEAR OR CLASS | DETAILS | TIME |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------|
| OCTOBER | | | |
| Friday 13 th | All | FONJSA Family Bingo | 6.30 - 8.30pm |
| Friday 13 th | 3 | Payment deadline - Chiltern Open Air Museum | |
| Wednesday 18 th | 3 | Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum | |
| Wednesday 18th | 5 | Payment deadline - Mount Fitchet Castle | |
| Thursday 19 th | 4 | Endangered animals day (see above) | |
| Thursday 19th | All | FONJSA Payment deadline Halloween Treat Bags | |
| Friday 20 th | 6 | Deposit payment deadline - School Journey | |
| 23 rd - 27 th | All | Half Term | |
| Monday 30 th | | Training Day - School closed to children | |
| Tuesday 31 st | | School restarts | |
| Tuesday 31 st | All | Dogs Trust workshops - here | |
| Tuesday 31 st | 6 | Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications | |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| Wednesday 1 st | 5 | Visit to Mount Fitchet Castle | Back at 4pm |
| Wednesday 1 st | All | Dogs Trust workshops - here | |
| Thursday 2 nd | All | Dogs Trust workshops - here | |
| Monday 6 th | All | Parent/Carer coffee morning – ADHD/Autism support | 9am |
| Monday 6 th | All | Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall | 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 7 th | All | Individual & Family photos | |
| Tuesday 7 th | All | Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall | 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 8 th | All | Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall | 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Thursday 9 th | All | Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall | 3.30 - 4.30pm |
| Friday 10 th | All | Diwali Day (changed from 20 th October) FONJSA Children's Quiz | |
| Saturday 11 th | | US Choir performing at Ruislip Manor Funday | (limited numbers) |
| Friday 17 th | All | Children in Need | |
| Tuesday 21 st | 4UW | Visit to Tower Bridge | |
| Thursday 23 rd | 4CH | Visit to Tower Bridge | |

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| Friday 24 th | 4S | Visit to Tower Bridge | |
| Thursday 30 th | All | FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop | |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Friday 1 st | All | Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol" | |
| Friday 1st | All | FONJSA Voluntary Contribution payment deadline | |
| Saturday 2 nd | | Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair | (limited numbers) |
| Monday 4 th | 6S | Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum | |
| Tuesday 5 th | 6R & 6KN | Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum | |
| Tuesday 5 th | 5N | Last swimming lesson | |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!) | 9am |
| | All | Christmas lunch and jumper day | |
| Friday 8 th | | Y6 members of US Choir performing at Eastcote library | |
| 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 - Performance to parents & carers | All day 6.30 - 8.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st | All | School closes for the holidays | 1.30pm |

FONJSA reminders

- **FONJSA Halloween Treat bag** –The payment deadline is 19th October and these will be given out on Tuesday 31st October.

Community notices - Details are available on our website

- Wealdstone SEND football sessions
- Wealdstone girls football sessions.

Half term activities - Details are available on our website.

- Swimming Crash course at Northolt swimming pool
- Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Taking place here during half-term.
- Evolution netball – half term netball club – Taking place here during half-term.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher

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