

Newnham Junior School



3rd February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well. As the week comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for the patience shown on Wednesday. I mentioned last week about why some members of staff were striking on that day and I appreciate that some may not have agreed with their stance. However, not one parent or carer complained (maybe it was different on a few WhatsApp groups) and it was good to see that many of the children who normally attend clubs on Wednesdays came back after school. Unfortunately, the issue over why the teachers are striking has not been resolved and it is likely that there will be more disruption. As always, we will try our hardest to keep you informed.

Boom Reader - As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Boom Reader have updated their app and we are aware that this has caused some issues. If you are experiencing any problems since updating the app, Boom Reader advise deleting your current app, reinstalling it and then restarting your phone. If you are still having problems, please contact Boom Reader schools@goapps.app

Esafety - This week we had an assembly that focused on the dangers of being online. We also focused on ensuring that children know that what they see from Youtubers and Influencers isn't a realistic representation of the world. Lots of our children are aspiring to become Youtubers and Influencers, because they paint a picture of a very easy lifestyle that results in becoming rich. It is important to have conversations with your children about the world needing a balanced community, the hard work that goes in behind the scenes and ensuring they are aspiring to more than just what they see from the online world. For further information, visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/how-can-i-help-my-child-think-critically-about-the-social-media-influencers-they-follow/>

Spring Term Parents and Carers Meetings - As previously advised, we are holding the following meetings to discuss your child's progress (see below). There will be a questionnaire to complete afterwards which can be obtained by scanning the QR codes in the building.

Support Plan Meetings - If your child has a support plan, you have been sent details of the reviewed and proposed new plans for discussion at next week's face to face Support Plan meetings. As previously advised, if you are attending a Support Plan meeting, there is no need for you to attend a separate meeting with your child's teacher unless you want one and please contact the School Office to cancel your appointment booked via SchoolCloud if necessary.

Parents and Carers Meetings - As stated earlier, the teachers are happy to meet you face to face if you prefer on the dates originally scheduled for the virtual meetings and you are welcome to come in to school instead at the time of your meeting. However, please note that these meetings must start and finish on time and therefore you must ensure you are at the classroom at your allotted time.

DATE	YEARS	MEETING DETAILS	TIME
Monday 6 th	6	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	
Tuesday 7 th	4	Face to face with the class teacher	3.30 – 6.30pm (rearranged from 1 st February)
Tuesday 7 th	5	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	
Tuesday 7 th	5	Virtual with the class teacher	4 - 7pm
Wednesday 8 th	4	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	
Wednesday 8 th	3 & 4	Virtual with the class teacher	4 - 7pm
Thursday 9 th	3	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	

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Winners of Endangered Animals Craft Competition – Thank you to everyone who submitted their craft entry. The top entries were submitted by Saisha 5B, Rachel 3LM, Priya 3H and Niam 5C who have received extra house points and a winners badge. Their entries are now displayed in the school reception.

Mental Health Week – Next week is Mental Health Week and the theme is “Connect Us”. The children will take part in assemblies and activities both in class and on the playground, designed to connect us together.

Reminders:-

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
All	FONJSA Adult Raffle	Wednesday 8 th February
6	FONJSA Leavers hoodies	Friday 10 th February

Diary date - Parent & carers coffee morning - Our next coffee morning will be on the 15th March at 10am, with a 20 minute session on acknowledging feelings followed by time for a coffee and a chat. More details to follow.

FONJSA Adult Raffle – The FONJSA Adult raffle is now live on the Gateway. FONJSA are hoping to raise funds to go towards renewing the adventure playground, updating playground equipment and renewing computers and IT equipment. Tickets are priced at £2.50 and you may purchase as many as you wish on the Gateway by Wednesday 8th February as the draw will take place on 9th February.

Please visit our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/> for further details of the following:-

FONISA Elvis Tribute Night 7.30 - 10pm Saturday 25th February. Please email FONISA directly on fonisainfo@gmail.com if you would like tickets.

February Half Term Activities

- Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Held here.
- Jones Tuition – Creative Tech Club – Held here 16th & 17th February.
- Kids Yoga Workshop at Hot Yoga House Eastcote Thursday 16th February.
- Winter Playday - At the Pavilions Shopping Centre from 10am to 2pm on the 14th February.

LOCAL AUTHORITY NEWS

Are You a Fostering Hero in the Making? Why not start off the new year by committing to making a positive change in your and a child's life? Hillingdon Council Fostering is actively recruiting foster carers. If you've ever thought about fostering, or know someone who has, please contact us by phoning 0800 783 1298, emailing fosteringrecruitment@hillingdon.gov.uk or via our online form, available by accessing this link: [Register your interest - Hillingdon Council](#) We are also running virtual information sessions on Tuesday 14th February & 14th March (2pm to 3pm). Full details can be found here: [Fostering information events - Discover Hillingdon](#)

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Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support would like to invite parents and carers to a Coffee Morning with Hillingdon Home-Start on Wednesday 8th Feb 10 am- 12:00pm. Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times (**please arrive at the start of the session**) Full details are on their website <https://www.home-start.org.uk/Pages/Category/things-we-can-help-with>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Wilkey'.

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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