

# Newnham Junior School



17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

It was lovely seeing the children come into school wearing their red or colourful clothing today. All of the children sitting together in assembly was even more spectacular. I'm sure a lot has been raised for the red nose day charities, alongside £1700 raised for the earthquake appeal and the money continually being raised from FONJSA for the school. I would like to thank you all for your generosity, particularly during this economically challenging period.

**Parent WhatsApp Groups** – Thank you to the parents who set up the class WhatsApp groups. It is a great resource for communication and I am certain its use has helped raise the amount of money mentioned above. However, I have been informed that in rare instances some WhatsApp groups have been used incorrectly. If you have a complaint or query about something which has happened at school, please contact us rather than the members of the WhatsApp group. The recent questionnaire showed that 100% of the respondents agreed that the school was a welcoming and friendly place so I hope nobody feels worried about contacting us. We want to work with parents and children and the best way to do this is through direct communication.

Another reminder of forthcoming events for the rest of this term. Further details were provided in our newsletter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March:-

DATE	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
<b>MARCH</b>			
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	ALL		Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight - see below
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	5B	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4		Visit to the Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5C	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6	6pm	Parent & Carers meeting re RSE, SATS, School Journey
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5N	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm	FONJSA Easter Disco FONJSA Easter Disco
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4	11.30am	Lower School Singing Festival at The Beck Theatre Back at 4.10pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4UW	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	5B	11.30am	Last swimming lesson
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6	1.15pm	Rearranged Borough netball tournament - here
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	4CH	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6	1.30pm	B Team Netball Rally - here
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	4S	2.30pm	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	ALL		FONJSA Children's Easter raffle draw
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	5	All day	Visit to Hampton Court
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All		FONJSA Break the rules for April Fools – details to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All	1.30pm	School closes for the holidays
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	8.30am	School restarts

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**Thank you** - A massive 'Thank You' to Mrs Kerry Cale for the brilliant and informative Science presentation to the Year 3 children on Tuesday. The children were all fascinated by the sample 'mouse brain' as well as the information on the workings of the cells. We look forward to hearing about Mrs Cale's progress with her Biomedical Science Degree at King's College University and wish her all the best.

**Big Walk and Wheel 2023** - As previously mentioned, we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel challenge fortnight, running from 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March and we would love everyone to be involved.

- **What do you need to do?** Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.
- **Why we are taking part** - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.
- **There are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!**

**Useful resources** -To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school. Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/> . For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk) . Enjoy the challenge!

## **E Safety at Home**

With our children enjoying watching Youtube and using other platforms to view videos, we need to be more vigilant than ever regarding the content that they see. Even with filters and parental controls, inappropriate content can easily be accessed using the internet. Often, children can come across this by a complete accident.

It is important to have conversations with your children to make sure they understand what to do if they see something inappropriate, worrying or illegal. First and foremost, they need to know that you will not tell them off or be angry with them. They will need your support in tackling online issues and we need to ensure that you will be their first Trusted Adult if they feel worried or scared online. This will help to reduce the risk for your child becoming a victim of online bullying or grooming as these people often use the fear of the children getting in trouble to get what they want. More advice can be found on <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>

**Reading at Home Parent & Carers Group:** As previously mentioned, we would like to start a parent and carer committee to hear what you think works well with reading at home and if you would like to join the committee, please add your details by following this link <https://forms.gle/L7zb5epi3qFkx6A6A>. Further details will be sent in due course.

**Turkey & Syria Earthquake appeal** – Thank you to everyone who took part in the assault course and all the generous donations both online and in cash. Any final cash donations should be brought to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March to be paid into the Disaster Emergency Committee.

**Clubs – All Spring term clubs finish next week (Mindful Time finished this week)** - The Summer term clubs information will be emailed out later today and bookings for Newnham and PSD clubs will go live on the Gateway **tomorrow**, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

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## Payment/Consent Reminders:-

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
6	School Journey - First payment	1 <sup>st</sup> March
5	Manor Farm visit - 20/21/22 March	10 <sup>th</sup> March
4	Verulamium Museum visit - 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March
All	DEC donation for Turkey & Syria	17 <sup>th</sup> March
6	School Journey - Second payment	1 <sup>st</sup> April
5	Hampton Court visit - 30 <sup>th</sup> March	17 <sup>th</sup> March
6	School Journey - Third payment	1 <sup>st</sup> May

**Raring2go! Magazine** - full of great ideas and activities for the Spring - [Click here to view the magazine and share](#)

## FONJSA news

**FONJSA Easter Disco** - The Easter disco is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to get your tickets on the Gateway before the deadline on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. No tickets will be available after this date.

**Easter Raffle** - Tickets for our Easter Children's raffle are also available on the Gateway for £2.50 a ticket. Please purchase your tickets by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March before the draw the following day. There are over 30 great prizes available.

**Break the Rules for April Fools** - FONJSA are encouraging the children to be unique and create their own look on the last day of term for our fundraising 'Break the Rules Day'. Children can choose from 7 rules to break for a £1 per rule or break all 7 rules for £5 (paid via gateway). Please note, this is not a non-uniform day so normal uniform rules apply except when rules have been broken.

## Easter Holiday Activities

Details are available on our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

- PSD Easter Funweek 3-6 April - here
- Get Set for Tennis – Easter Holiday Tennis camp
- Jones Tuition Creative Tech club
- Easter Bunny Swimming Lessons
- ACE Multisports at Vyners school
- SEND Family Support Funday - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Lawrence Rand Easter drawing competition
- AJs Football Camp
- Evolution netball

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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