

# Newnham Junior School



21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

The children have returned to school refreshed, ready to learn and make progress. The break for them is so important to recharge their batteries and relax. This week some children have already participated in a netball tournament and I know there are many other exciting events happening throughout the rest of the term.

**Strike Days** – Parents have been informed if their child's teacher is striking on these days. If you have not been sent an email, this means your child's class will be open.

I would like to repeat my message I gave last term in support for the striking teachers. Your children's future may well be negatively impacted by teacher shortages due to low levels of pay in comparison to other graduate jobs, particularly in subjects like maths and science. The government offer was also rejected because the government would not directly fund the increase in wages to schools. While they are saying the rise is fully funded, this is from the extra money they have already given to schools, before the pay negotiations, to help ease current budgets and will only last until 2025.

**Borough Netball Tournament** – Well done to the girls who represented the school at the rearranged netball tournament at this school. They played brilliantly and showed an impressive sporting attitude throughout. They won 8 out of the 9 matches they played, losing 2 -1 to the eventual winners. Even in that game the girls had 8 shots compared to their 2 and the majority of play was in the opposition's half.

I really hope that the team are proud of their performance as coming 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 52 schools is quite an achievement.

**Fundraising** - Thank you for your generosity last term and raising the following amounts for these worthwhile causes:-

- Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal £2040
- Omushana Book Swap £232.50

**Curriculum Plans** - Please see attached for your child's year group.

**London Marathon** - As previously advised, Mrs Horn is running the London Marathon on Sunday to raise money for Guy's and St Thomas hospitals charity. If you would like to donate please visit her fundraising page <https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/aimee-horn?fbclid=IwAR2ocaE7UMhpK2ZR8qe1mpQiLpy5EwlmWLTOS91hD9CmkUhju0M539Ooipw>

## **ESafety update- Sharing images**

More and more young children are using phones and tablets to create photos and videos and share them online or in groups on apps such as WhatsApp. Whilst this can be fun, sharing images can also be risky. It's important your child understands what's ok to share and what they should discuss with you first.

The main risks to discuss with your child are:

- 1) Once an image has been shared, you can never be sure who has seen it, saved it or shared it.

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- 2) Personal or embarrassing pictures in the wrong hands can lead to bullying and affect a child's confidence and self-esteem.
- 3) Unwanted pictures online could affect educational and job opportunities later in life.
- 4) Sharing inappropriate images can increase the likelihood of a child receiving inappropriate contact from strangers online.

For more information use the following link: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Has-your-child-shared-a-picture-or-video-online/>

**St George's Day** – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Children may wear their organisation uniform if they belong to cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows etc. For all other children it is a normal school uniform day.

Dates for this half-term - further details will be sent out in due course

APRIL	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6		School Journey - Second payment due
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	8.30am	School restarts for the Summer Term
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5C	11am	Swimming lessons commence at Northolt Pool
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	1pm	Borough Netball - here
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	Non Uniform day for London Marathon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3	9am	Road Safety theatre production in Infant hall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	9am	Coffee Morning - See below
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6	1.30pm	Netball tournament - here
<b>MAY</b>			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	School Closed for the Bank Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6		School Journey - Third payment due
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4	3pm	Spelling Bee competition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	Coronation celebration - see below
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	School Closed - Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	1 - 4pm	FONJSA Laser Tag event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	9am	School Journey - Group 1 depart from school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	PM	Girls' Cricket Competition
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	4pm	School Journey - Group 1 return to school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6	9am	School Journey - Group 2 depart from school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	ALL DAY	Choir competition
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5	9am	Road Safety theatre performance in school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	3.15pm	School closes for the half-term holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	4pm	School Journey - Group 2 return to school
<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	8.30am	School restarts

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**Coffee Morning** - Our next coffee morning is the 26th April at 9am. It includes a 20 minute session on the 'anger iceberg' (come along to find out what this is!) followed by a chance for a coffee and a chat. We hope to see lots of you there!

**Dates for your diary** - Tuesday 27th June 7pm - 8.15pm (school hall) *Music for a Summer's Evening*. For our two choirs, brass and string players, school orchestra, ukulele and guitar groups. Further information to follow.

**FONJSA news** – Lasertag details will be sent out next week for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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