

# Newnham Junior School



2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It was lovely to talk to parents about metacognition at the recent coffee morning, and positive to see almost all of the parents/carers of the children in Year 6 attending their child's open evening. The support you give to your children makes a huge difference in their desire to make progress.

**Basketball** – On Thursday afternoon a group of very enthusiastic children entered the Borough Basketball Competition. They all played extremely well in a very tough tournament and kept calm despite experiencing some rough play against them and contentious refereeing decisions. After an exciting group of matches, one of the two teams narrowly lost in the semi-finals, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. It has been a long time since Newnham have entered this event and Mr Kent and Mr Mullens were very complimentary of the sporting attitude the children showed throughout and the progress they made between every match.

**NSPCC Rocks : Number Day** as previously advised, we have been taking part in NSPCC Number Day today and please click <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/> if you wish to make a donation directly to the NSPCC.

**Open Evenings** – Details of how to sign up for these were emailed to you last week and please contact the School Office on [office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk](mailto:office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk) or telephone 020 3745 6216 if you require any assistance.

**Parent's Questionnaire** – Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who completed their questionnaire. The feedback on how you think the school is performing for your child is very useful for school development. Next week, the Year 3, 4 and 5 parents will be seeing their child's teachers. Once again, if you are unable to attend the open evenings or want to get ahead of the game, please use the QR code to the right. It only takes 3 to 5 minutes to complete.



**Support Plan Meetings** - If your child has a Support Plan, appointment times were emailed to you previously and if you haven't already done so please confirm your attendance to the School Office **by today**. If you are unable to attend your allocated timeslot and do not wish to rearrange the meeting, you are welcome to meet your child's teacher at Open Evening and then comment on the Support Plan via Provision Map after Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please let the office know if this is your intention so we can update our records.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Science Club and Drawing Club cancelled.** Can we remind you that both of these clubs have been cancelled next week as they are run by members of staff taking part in Open Evening.

**Food Waste Update** -. Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it and to cancel the meal if your child is off school. You can cancel at The Pantry up to 9.00am each morning.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Junior meals ordered but not served	38	72

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**Lunchtime arrangements** – Last term a number of parents from each year group came in to observe the lunch serving process. Hopefully they will have fed back about how much selection children have every day including bread, various salads, potatoes, coleslaw, fruit and dried fruit, **all in addition to their hot meal.**



Before lunch service



After lunch service

**Please ensure your child is aware that food should not be shared in the dining hall due to the number of children who have food allergies.**

**Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show** – We have registered for this exciting online art exhibition. If your child would like to submit an entry via the school please send it in to Ms Wilson by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Full details can be found here <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> and on the poster on our website.

**What are the procedures if children are ill?** Please notify the school by 9.20am if your child is going to be absent. See the attached HPECS guidance on the recommended exclusion periods if applicable.

**Term Dates** - As previously advised, these are shown below and further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	3,4 & 5	Open Evening (at school)	3.30 – 6pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight & Storm teams 3,4 & 5 3 & 4	Aspire Netball Rally Open Evening (at school) Science Club & Drawing Club cancelled	1pm – 4.pm 4.30 – 7pm 3.15pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Newnham's Got Talent School finishes for the half-term holiday FONJSA Krispy Kremes given out	3.15pm 3.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half-term holiday	
12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	Bikeability	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Race Night	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts	8.45am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	FONJSA Race Night & Family Raffle	6.30 - 8.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	Support Plan meetings	All day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3	Support Plan meetings	All day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4 & 5BC	Support Plan meetings	All day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5CU & 5N 6	Support Plan meetings School Journey 4 <sup>th</sup> payment due	All day
<b>MARCH</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	Secondary Transfer Offer Day	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Silver team	Borough Netball Tournament	1 – 4.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	World Book Day	

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11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	The big plastic count week	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	PM
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	2 Johns - Safeguarding event	All day
	All	2 Johns Parent/Carers E-safety session - online	8pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Science Fair in hall	3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	All day
	3 & 4	Final Dodgeball Club for the term	3.15 - 4.15pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Easter Disco	
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Silver & Burgundy teams	District netball tournament	1 – 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5CU	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	<b>9 – 9.30am</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams 5N	B Team netball tournament	1 – 4.30pm
		Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	<b>9 – 9.30am</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Sing 24! At the Beck Theatre (selected pupils) Sing 24! Concert	9am – 3.15pm 6.15 – 7.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 5BC 6 All	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome) Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day	All day <b>9 – 9.30am</b> 3.45 – 5.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All All	FONJSA Break the rules day Last day of term	1.30pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	School Journey 5 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts for the Summer Term	8.45am

## FONJSA news

This week FONJSA very kindly purchased a large number of new reading books for each year group, including class sets of books and sets of atlases. Donations like this are only possible due to the generosity of our families in supporting events arranged by FONJSA and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone.

- **FONJSA Family Race night, sponsor a horse & Family Raffle** – This is the next event being organised by FONJSA and full details have been emailed out today. Places will be limited so please book your tickets early. As always if you are able to help out at this event please email FONJSA at [FONJSA@gmail.com](mailto:FONJSA@gmail.com).

## Local Authority Information

- **Parenting Apart Programme (PAP)** - This programme supports parents who are going through conflict, divorce or separation, where relationships have broken down. It also supports the emotional wellbeing of children during this difficult time. The Parenting Apart Programme information can be found at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/parenting-apart](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/parenting-apart).

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**Community events** – Full details on our website

- Evolution Netball Club – February half term
- PSD Fun weeks – February half term
- AJs Soccer camps (boys and girls)
- Swim school courses at Highgrove swimming pool
- Learn Hillingdon are running a free family learning course during the half term, 'Escape to the Garden & Get Recycling'
- Uxbridge Library Rock Show - 5<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Half term** - Finally, may we remind you that we break up for half-term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm and return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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