

# Newnham Junior School



3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It's been lovely seeing the children back and energised for the next half term. Even though this half term is 7 ½ weeks, there is so much to look forward to for everyone I'm sure it will fly by.

**Year 4** are currently learning about teeth in their Science topic. If any parents are dentists and would be able to come in and speak to year 4 we would be extremely grateful.

**Scholastic Book Fair** - We will be hosting our usual Scholastic Book Fair in our dining hall after school every day from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up good quality books and the school receives Scholastic Book Points for every purchase which can be spent on books for our reading shelves at school. Please refer to the leaflet sent out yesterday.

**Individual & Family School Photographs : Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - The deadline to opt out or request a family photo has now passed and all children will be photographed individually next Tuesday, unless you have already told us otherwise. **All children should wear school uniform on this day even if they have PE that day.**

**Coffee morning - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.** Please join us for a coffee morning with the centre for ADHD and Autism, to find out more about the services offered and also for a chance to chat with other parents about what works for your child and get advice. While this coffee morning is aimed at parents of SEND children, all are welcome and we would like to see lots of you there!

**Diwali (Non Uniform Day) : Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - A reminder that we will be celebrating Diwali next Friday and the children can come to school in traditional dress/non uniform. In return, FONJSA would like gift donations of toiletries, novelty toys, chocolates, bottles and unwanted gift sets to be brought into the Office either on the 10<sup>th</sup> or by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

**Ruislip Manor Funday : Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Please come along and support members of our Upper School Choir at 11.30am when they will be singing on the stage. FONJSA are also sponsoring a stall with games and a tombola and if you would like to volunteer to help on the stall, please email [FONJSA@gmail.com](mailto:FONJSA@gmail.com) or let them know on the class WhatsApp group. Full details are on our website.

**The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** – We will be selling items at breaktimes and after school next week and please give your child the correct change (no notes please) for any items they wish to buy (see attached for the suggested price list).

**Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - We will be holding a Remembrance Assembly next Monday when the children will be invited to do some research/have conversations within the family to see if anyone had been involved in the first or second world war or later conflicts and in what capacity. We would also like to update our permanent display of the children's connection to these significant historical events so any detail or photographs (photocopies/scans only please - no originals) are very welcome. In addition, if any family members are involved in any Remembrance Sunday's events, photographs of this would be welcomed too. Thank you.

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**Anti-Bullying Week : 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November** - The week will start with Odd Socks Day on the Monday when the children are invited to wear odd, socks - the wackier the better! We will then have assemblies and class discussions on anti-bullying during the week.

**Reading Books** - We are looking for more volunteers to help sort and organise our reading books on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10am and please contact the office if you are able to help.

**Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – You can make a donation directly to Children In Need via the Gateway and please select the option entitled **Useful Links** (under payments) to be taken to the CIN donations page or click on the following

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11605>. No cash into school please.

## ECO NEWS

**Second-hand Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale** - Did you know that 350,000 tonnes (that's around £140 million worth) of used but still wearable clothing, goes into landfill in the UK every year? This year, we'd like to not only help our planet but you too. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day. We realise buying new clothes, especially at this time of year, can be expensive. We are going to hold a Christmas jumper sale before this to help the environment and help families with the cost of Christmas jumpers. Please donate good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers aged 7 and up. Donations should be brought in by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The Christmas Jumper sale will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm (please enter through the doors in the year 6 area). We shall also have a selection of pre- loved uniform for sale at the same time. All items will cost £1 and all proceeds will go towards our school garden project. As our Eco motto says, the future of our planet is in our hands. Every little helps so please start rummaging.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Meals ordered but not served	24	34 (28 meals were not cancelled for the Year 5 trip)

**Parent and Carer Survey** - We are looking at how to improve our work with families. Please fill our survey in to let us know how we are doing. One lucky family will receive a box of chocolates for responding but you have to be in it to win it! Just click on the following link to complete:

<https://forms.gle/acTWAZmVsuST3WJk7>

**Support Plan Meetings** - If your child has a Support Plan, please confirm your attendance at the forthcoming review meeting if you have not already done so. Details will follow shortly for children in 3K and 3H.

**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.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – ADHD/Autism support	9am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Individual & Family photos	

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Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6	Support Plan meetings	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Kids Team Quiz order deadline	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4 & 5BC	Support Plan meetings	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5CU&5N	Support Plan meetings	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	Diwali Day/non uniform (please bring a donation)	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Kids Team Quiz	3.30 – 5.00pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Selected pupils	Upper School Choir Performance at Ruislip Manor Funday	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Support Plan meetings	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Children in Need	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4S	Visit to Tower Bridge	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper &amp; Pre-loved uniform sale</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Visiting pantomime “A Christmas Carol”	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Voluntary Contribution deadline	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	(limited numbers)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6R&6KN	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5N	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b>	Christmas Jumper day	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	All	<b>Singing on the playground</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!)	9am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	The Pantry Christmas lunch	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Swimming Gala (selected pupils) St Helen’s</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	US choir	Y6 choir members performing at Eastcote library	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm

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## FONJSA reminders

- **Kids Team Quiz Night - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** Order deadline Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## Community events – full details on our website

- Michael Sobell Christmas Market – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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