

# Newnham Junior School



7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

This week the children met their new class teachers. The Year 6 children visited their new secondary schools and the Year 2 children had their first lesson in the Juniors. I know that all of the teachers have worked very hard all year to ensure that your children are prepared for this transition.

**Parent/teacher meetings** – I wanted to give you advance notice of when these meetings will happen.

Year 3 meetings – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, after school – time to be confirmed.

Year 4 meetings – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, after school – time to be confirmed.

Year 5 meetings - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, after school – time to be confirmed.

Year 6 meetings – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, after school – time to be confirmed.

**Celebration assembly** – On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July there will be an assembly to celebrate children who have represented the school this year. The purpose of this is to acknowledge the hard work these children have put into the school and encourage others to participate when the opportunity arises. **I would like the children to wear any medals they have won while representing the school to this assembly.** The children will need to be responsible for their medals so I would suggest that a named sticky label is placed on the back of them.

**House Point Medals** – Throughout the year the children have been awarded house points for various reasons but mostly for the effort they make in lessons. All of these house points are added to find the victorious house for the year. We have also decided to reintroduce the medal system and award the top 5 children with the most house points in each class a school medal. It might be good idea for some parents/carers to prepare their children for this by discussing two of 5 Rs. They may need to show resilience as 25 children from the class will not receive a medal. They will need to be reflective to realise why the 5 children got a medal and they did not.

**Exhibition Evening** – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 5pm to 8pm. As mentioned previously you will be able to visit your child's class, see their work and informally discuss their progress with the class teacher - please note there are no formal appointment times. Unfortunately Mrs Castle is not available this evening but 5C parents/carers are still welcome to attend to view their child's work and if needed can make a separate appointment to speak informally to Mrs Castle. You will also be free to visit other classrooms. At 7.30pm the slides from the Year 6 School Journey/Alternative Trip will be shown in the Hall. Year 6 will also receive a copy of these slides as part of their leaving file, along with their year group photo.

**Uniform** - As previously mentioned, the deadline to place an order with Mapac to guarantee delivery **into school** for the Autumn term has now passed. You may still order up to 31<sup>st</sup> July and receive your order by the start of term but you will have to choose either home delivery or Click and Collect from Mapac in Watford (weekdays from 9am to 5pm). We have samples in the office if you need to try them before ordering and please come and speak to us if you are struggling financially in purchasing this uniform. Click on this link to purchase uniform <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents> making sure you have registered as a new customer first by clicking on the Login/Register button at the top of the page.

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**Eco Team** - Thank you everyone, including adults, for your continued efforts to recycle pens! This term we all collected a total of 386 pens in the space of a few months. Well done **4CH** who collected almost a 1/3 of that total! These will all be making their way down to the recycling centre and being turned into something completely different! Keep collecting everyone - every little helps!

**School Meals** - As previously advised, all children in our school will receive free school meals from September 2023 until July 2024 under the Mayor's Funding Programme. Please therefore clear any remaining balance on your child's Pantry meal account before the end of term.

**The Pantry : New Menu for the Autumn Term** - Please see attached

**School gates** – May we remind you that the school gates open at 8.30am when the children can make their way into class (soft start). Children have until 8.45am to be in class before the register is taken. There have been a number of occasions when large queues have been waiting for the gates to open and this obviously causes a safety issue. Whilst it is lovely that everyone is eager to get into school, if everyone staggered their arrival time it would help to alleviate the queues.

**Holiday Dates to Summer Term 2025** - Attached for your information.

MONTH	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	ALL ALL		All clubs finish this week (except cricket – see below) End of year reports issued
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5C		Last swimming lesson
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	5-8pm	Exhibition Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	3.30-5pm 5.30-7pm	FONJSA Summer Disco FONJSA Summer Disco
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5	ALL DAY	Year 5 Visit to Woburn Safari Park
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6	ALL DAY	Year 6 production rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	ALL DAY	Year 6 production rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	ALL DAY 7 – 9.15pm	Year 6 production rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall Year 6 production at Winston Churchill Hall
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6 ALL	12 – 1.30pm 1.30pm	Year 6 BBQ Term finishes

**Cricket club** – The clubs on Wednesday and Friday after school finish this week. If your child attends the before school club on a Tuesday the last session is next week.

**Wider Family Learning Summer Activities 2023** - are running a number of fully funded activities for parents and child/children (Max 2 per parent) to take part in at various locations across Hillingdon. Booking is essential - please see the flyer on the website for full details of how to book.

**Help with Holiday Childcare Costs** - Working families with children aged 0-11 years old (up to 16 years old if the child has a disability) can get help with their childcare costs through Tax-Free Childcare. With a Tax-Free Childcare account, families could save up to £2000 per child per year. Tax-Free Childcare can be used for approved childcare including holiday clubs, after school clubs and childminders. Find out more about eligibility and how to apply: [Get Tax-Free Childcare: step by step - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare-step-by-step)

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## FONJSA news

**Summer discos.** Details were emailed out this week and the payment is on the Gateway **until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – sign up early to avoid missing out.

**Colour Run** - We had our first colour run event last Saturday on the school field. It was wonderful to see kids, parents, grandparents getting active and creating such an amazing atmosphere. Thank you to the volunteers and staff who ran the event and to everyone who came down to watch or take part. It was an event to remember! A link to view photos will be sent out next week to those who booked on gateway, with a few taster photos on the school website. *The FONJSA Team*

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

- Junior Adventures Group Summer holiday at Whiteheath Junior School
- PSD Summer Funweek – as mentioned previously we are unable to run the club at Newnham this summer due to construction work taking place. However, Mr Mullens will be running a club at Hillingdon Leisure Centre and this can be booked via [www.thepsdgroup.org.uk](http://www.thepsdgroup.org.uk).
- AJ Soccer School – football camps at Pinner High School
- Ace Multi sports in Hillingdon - <https://bookwhen.com/acemultisports>
- C & G Multisports at Eastcote cricket club - <https://cgsports.setmore.com/>

Yours sincerely

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