

Newnham Junior School



4th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term spending time with your children. The rest has certainly invigorated them as they have come into school refreshed and ready to learn and progress.

Individual & Family School Photographs - Tuesday 8th November - The Google Consent form for photographs is now closed. If you did not complete the form but still wish your children to have their photograph taken with siblings, please email the school at office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk by midday on Monday 7th November giving your children's names and classes. If you DO NOT wish to have your child's photograph taken and have not already advised us, please also email the school.

Scholastic Book Fair & Reading Cafes - We will be hosting our usual Scholastic Book Fair in our dining hall after school every day from Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th 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 see the invite details on the website. During this week, we will also be holding Reading Cafes in the afternoon, in the hall and thank you to the parents and carers who have volunteered to help with these.

World Cup Sticker Book Swap Club – A few children have approached me asking if they can bring their stickers into school to swap with other children. Therefore, I have organised a swap club to happen every Friday in the hall at break times from Friday 11th November. Any children who would like to participate in this should bring their stickers into school in a bag or tin, which is clearly labelled with their name. They should hand them in to their teachers in the morning and collect them after assembly to take to the club and then return them to their teacher to look after until the end of the day. Hopefully this will be an enjoyable and safe way for any pupils to make swaps. **They should not be bringing in stickers on any other days.**

Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day - Anti bullying week is the 14th - 18th November and the children will be having assemblies and lessons on this topic and given an opportunity to think about and discuss issues surrounding this. The week starts with odd socks day on Monday 14th when children are invited to wear mismatched socks to celebrate our differences. The brighter the better! Please note this is not a non uniform day.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November - The School Council have decided that this will be a non uniform day and your child can come to school wearing yellow/anything Pudsey related/non uniform if they wish. Payment for this can be made 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=8064>. No cash into school please.

Uniform Working Party – The group met this week to discuss changes to the PE kit for the next academic year. We talked about ensuring that the children can be identified as Newnham children when they are wearing their kit into school without incurring any high costs. The group will be meeting again on Wednesday 30th November. If you would like to be part of this discussion, please contact the school.

London Borough of Hillingdon Admissions - Please see attached regarding proposed changes to the admissions criteria.

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Money raised for Cancer Research UK - I would like to say a huge thank you to Jenna, Lily, Abigail and Milla from Year 6 for raising £82 for Cancer Research UK through their Halloween Bake Sale. The girls used their initiative and organised the whole thing themselves, from baking the cakes and cookies to counting up the money. Well done - the bakes were delicious.

Author visit - As previously advised, Ruth Eastham will be visiting on Thursday 15th December. Children are welcome to order either or both of the books Ruth will focus on in her visit - *The Jaguar Trials* and *Arrowhead* at the very special price of just £5 each. They can then have their books personally signed by Ruth on the day. The order form is available to download from the front page of our website and should be returned to school with your payment by Friday 11th November. Cash or cheques (payable to R Eastham) are welcome and these should be returned in an envelope via your child's class teacher.

Christmas Card Competition – We have received a letter from our local MP inviting children to enter a Christmas Card Competition. This is an opportunity for primary aged children from local Primary schools to design Boris Johnson's official 2022 Christmas Cards. The overall winning design will be sent out across the country and even to His Majesty, the King. We would like to participate in this competition which has been discussed in assembly. We have been given a very short timescale and any entries need to be handed in by Wednesday 9th November. From these entries, we will select 10 designs to go through to the overall competition.

- The entries can be either portrait or landscape and must be on white A4 paper.
- The design must be flat.
- The child's full name, age and school should be written on the back of the design.
- The contact name of the parent/carer of the child should also be placed on the back.

FONJSA REMINDERS

FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop - FONJSA are looking for donations of gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, novelty toys and unwanted gift sets. If you have anything at home that you are able to donate, please bring into the Office by 12th November. If you wish to purchase a gift, please pay via the Gateway.

FONJSA Voluntary Contributions – Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation via the Gateway. If your family is in a position to be able to give something, we would be extremely grateful as now more than ever, this money will make a difference to our school.

Amazon Wish List - The school are in need of new dictionaries, painting sets and sponge balls for the children to use and FONJSA have very kindly compiled an Amazon wish list for us with these items on it. If you feel you would like to purchase an item for the school, simply click on the link below and select an item from the wish list https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/12ORK15EH7XQN?ref=wl_share Once you have paid, the item will be delivered to the school. Please add yours or your child's name when ordering so that we can make a sticker to put on the item. Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey -Headteacher

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