

# Newnham Junior School



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

This week most of the children participated in sports day. It was uplifting to see the children so excited and giving their very best throughout. I was also impressed with the children's determination and resilience – learning that not everyone can come 1<sup>st</sup> is a vital part of education. I know a lot of parents and carers gave up their time to watch the children and I really appreciate the respect everyone showed to all competitors. It was a lovely atmosphere which was made more special through having so many spectators. I would like to say a big thank you to FONJSA for providing refreshments; to the staff for their help in preparing and supporting the children; and to Mr Kent for organising the day.

**Industrial Action** – As I am sure most of you are aware, some teachers may be on strike on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July. I am waiting for confirmation from staff about whether they will strike, but I would like to reassure the parents and carers of children in Y3 that the Greek day will go ahead for all 3 classes. I have not been given any information from Harrow secondary schools about whether the Year 6 to Year 7 transition day will still go ahead.

**Uniform** - Can I remind you that there is only **one week left** to place an order with Mapac to guarantee delivery for the Autumn term. 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 the following link to purchase uniform (make sure you have registered first as a new customer by clicking on the Login/Register button at the top of the page): <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents>

**School Meals** - As you may be aware, all children in our school will receive free school meals from September 2023 until further notice as part of the Mayor of London's initiative. Please therefore arrange to clear any remaining balance on your child's Pantry meal account before the end of term. Year 6 Parents and carers will be able to transfer the balance from their meal account if their child's new school uses The Pantry as their meals provider and please contact The Pantry on [office@thepantrycatering.co.uk](mailto:office@thepantrycatering.co.uk) to arrange this. Year 6 will require a packed lunch for 3 days when they are rehearsing at the Winston Churchill Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and please cancel any meals ordered for these days to avoid being charged.

**Class photographs** – These were given out to children in years 3 to 5 yesterday and if you would like to purchase a copy please ensure you pay by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June (either return the photograph to school with the exact money or pay online). Year 6 will receive their photograph in their leavers folder and no payment is required.

**Religion and World Views** - As mentioned in our last newsletter, if anyone in your family has been on the Hajj and would be happy to come in to share their experiences in a short assembly (20 minutes), please contact the school office and we will pass your details to Mrs Castle.

**TikTok and YouTube** – Please ensure you are supervising what your children are viewing on their devices. Some of the songs on TikTok and YouTube are incredibly inappropriate and should not be viewed or listened to by children who are under 11.

**Reminder : Parent/carer Coffee Morning Wednesday 5th July 9am - 'And and But' Communication**  
A short session from Julie Browne, our SEND governor, followed by coffee and a chat.

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**District Sports** - On Monday 19th June, year 5 and 6 pupils represented Newnham in the Ruislip and Northwood District Sports Event. The event was a great opportunity to compete against other schools in running, throwing and jumping. Every child did their absolute best and were exemplary in their attitude and behaviour. Some children excelled in their individual events and came away with medals as did some of the relay teams. Overall, Newnham came 2nd which was a great result for the hard work put in preparing for the event. A huge well done to the children and a huge thank you to parents/carers for your support.

**Cricket** - Having won the Borough Tournament two weeks ago, the Newnham boys team qualified to represent Hillingdon at the West London Games at Brunel University on Wednesday. Taking part against the best teams from the other West London boroughs, the standard of cricket on the day was extremely high. Newnham won both group matches and progressed to the quarter finals, where we beat a strong team from Ealing in a narrow victory. The semi-final saw us play some of our best cricket, with a particularly strong bowling performance and we cruised into the final. Here we played a school from Brent in another closely fought contest, which came down to the final delivery of the match with, this time, Newnham just missing out on getting the runs required. Across both tournaments, the boys have played a high standard of cricket, have supported each other as a team and have been a pleasure to watch.

MONTH	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
<b>JUNE</b>			
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	ALL 4 5	7-8pm am am	Music for a Summer's Evening Met Police personal safety presentation Met police online safety presentation
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 4	ALL DAY 9 - 4.30pm	Year 3 Pedestrian training Year 4 Trip to Whipsnade
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	9.20 – 10.20am	School Council Car Boot
<b>JULY</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	ALL WEEK	Year 3 Greek Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6	ALL DAY 9 – 10am	Hillingdon Schools Secondary Transition Day Year 2 parents meeting – Junior hall
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	By invitation 6	9-10am ALL DAY ALL DAY	Parent/carer coffee morning Visit to Tower of London Superbloom Harrow Schools Secondary Transition Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3	1.30-3pm	Story telling workshop
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	ALL ALL		All clubs finish this week 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

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**Year 3 to Year 4:** As previously advised, the Year 3 classes will not be mixed up this year when moving into Year 4. Details of teachers for the next academic year will follow towards the end of the term.

**Girl's Cricket tournament** – We had mentioned previously in the dates there would be a tournament on 7<sup>th</sup> July, this will not be taking place now due to industrial action.

**FONJSA Family Colour Run on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Can I remind you that Colour Run tickets are now available on the Gateway. Details were emailed out last Friday and the order deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**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

**Local Authority News - Upcoming By-election** - The by-election for the parliamentary constituency of Uxbridge and South Ruislip will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July following the resignation of Boris Johnson as a Member of Parliament on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. You must already be registered to vote. Find out more at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/voter-id](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/voter-id). More information about how to register to vote is available at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/register-vote](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/register-vote). Residents living in the constituency, who are registered to vote, will need to show a form of photo ID at the polling station. Accepted forms of photo ID include passports, driving licences, eligible travel passes, blue badges and PASS cards. Only original documents are accepted; photos of your ID, copies or digital versions saved on phones and smart devices will not be accepted. If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate before 5pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The deadline for residents living in the Uxbridge and South Ruislip parliamentary constituency to register to vote in the upcoming by-election is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Hillingdon Food Waste competition** - This competition is open to all primary school aged children to find alternative storage solutions for food waste at home or at school. The focus of the competition is on food waste (becoming aware of how much we throw away), using what we already have in the house/school and repurposing it in a bid to reduce waste, reuse and recycle. There are 3 categories and children can submit their entries for 1 or all 3. They will then be entered into a prize draw. They can redesign the container in a way that sends a message to everyone around about: common types of foods being wasted (such as bread, fruits, vegetables, etc); also to show that wasted food means wasted money for households and schools alike; children can use whatever materials they wish to design/create the new food waste container, they can draw, colour, use arts and crafts items, the more ideas, the better. Deadline for the competition is 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Details are attached and please click on the link for further information about the competition [Food waste competition: How could you store yours? - Hillingdon Council](#)

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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