

Newnham Junior School



3rd March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well. Some of the children have been very busy representing the school in football this week. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, I really want to promote the opportunities we give to the children at Newnham. There are even more tournaments this term alongside class assemblies and musical events.

Forthcoming events:

DATE	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
MARCH			
Monday 6 th	ALL		Science Week - see below
Monday 6 th	6	1pm	A Team Netball Tournament - here
Wednesday 8 th	3 & 4	3.30pm	Girls Football Tournament – Uxbridge High
Monday 13 th	6	1.15pm	Borough Netball Tournament - here
Tuesday 14 th	5C	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 15 th	ALL	9am	Parent/carer Coffee Morning - see below
Wednesday 15 th	6	11.30am	Junior Citizens trip - back at 3.30pm
Thursday 16 th	5N	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Thursday 16 th	5B	2.45pm	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Friday 17 th	ALL	All day	Red Nose Day - details below
Monday 20 th	ALL		Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight - See below
Monday 20 th	5B	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm – details to follow
Tuesday 21 st	4		Visit to the Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 21 st	5C	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm – details to follow
Tuesday 21 st	6	6pm	Parent & Carers meeting re RSE, SATS, School Journey See below
Wednesday 22 nd	5N	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm – details to follow
Friday 24 th	ALL		FONJSA Easter Disco - details to follow
Monday 27 th	3 & 4	11.30am to 4.10pm	Lower School Singing Festival at The Beck Theatre
Tuesday 28 th	4UW	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Tuesday 28 th	5B	11.30am	Last swimming lesson
Wednesday 29 th	4CH	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 29 th	6	1.30pm	B Team Netball Rally - here
Wednesday 29 th	4S	2.30pm	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 29 th	ALL		FONJSA Children's raffle draw – details to follow
Thursday 30 th	5	All day	Visit to Hampton Court
Friday 31 st	All		FONJSA Break the rules for April Fools – details to follow
Friday 31 st	All	1.30pm	School closes for the holidays
APRIL			
Monday 17 th	All	8.30am	School restarts

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Girls Football Tournament – After their success in the district football tournament, the girls' football team participated in the Borough Tournament on Wednesday after school. They beat all of the teams in their group without conceding a goal, progressing to the semi-finals where they played Belmore, beating them 2 – 0. In the final they played Sacred Heart in a very close and tense game where neither team could score. Newnham had the majority of possession but Sacred Heart looked very dangerous on the break and the game eventually went to penalties. Even from these the teams couldn't be separated so they went to sudden death which Sacred Heart eventually won,

The girls played so well and didn't concede a goal throughout the whole tournament. We are really proud of them and I hope they are proud of themselves.

Boys Football cup – The boys showed great resilience in their quarter final match against St Swithun Wells. After going 3 goals down they pulled it back to 3 – 3. Unfortunately after half time SSW went on to score a further 3 goals knocking us out of the cup which we won last year. Again the boys represented the school with pride.

Science Week commencing Monday 6th March - The theme of this year's British Science Week is 'Connections'. The children will be making connections to the science they are learning in school and the world around them. Each year group will be setting a practical science homework that will enable parents and carers to work with their child to complete. We hope you enjoy spending this time thinking about science together. We are fortunate to have some parents who work in science who are coming to speak to the children about their careers. We would like to thank them in advance for giving up their time. Details about the British Science week poster competition are attached.

Parent/carers coffee morning- 15th March at 9am - Our next parent/carers coffee morning will be on the 15th March at 9am, with a 20 minute session on acknowledging children's feelings, followed by time for a coffee and a chat. This is also a chance to chat to staff and find out a bit more about what is happening at school. We hope to see as many people there as possible!

Please note we plan to hold one parent/carers coffee morning and one SEND coffee morning each term.

Red Nose Day : Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th March when we will be dressing up in anything red at school with special assemblies and activities. Join thousands of people up and down the country getting involved. Get red nose day ready by visiting <http://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday> and seeing what you can do to support and fundraise. If you would like to make a donation please click on the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9810>

Big Walk and Wheel 2023 - Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20th -31st March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

- **What do you need to do?** Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.
- **Why we are taking part** - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.
- **There are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!**

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- **Useful resources** -To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.
- Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/> . For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Bikes/scooters - We have noticed an increasing number of children riding their bikes or scooters in the playground and would like to remind you children must dismount their bike or scooter before entering and when leaving the school playground.

Year 6 Parent & Carers Meeting : Tuesday 21st March at 6pm - The Year 6 Teachers will be hosting a meeting to convey some important messages about upcoming events in the Year 6 calendar, including the residential trip to Wales, the lead up to SATs and the content of the Summer Term Relationships and Health Education. If your child is not attending the trip to Wales, we recommend that you still attend the meeting and you will have the opportunity to leave once we have covered the other two topics. We really hope to see as many of you as possible at this meeting.

Reminders:-

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
6	School Journey - First payment	1 st March
6	Junior Citizens trip - 15 th March	3 rd March
6	SATS Revision books	3 rd March
5	Manor Farm visit - 20/21/22 March	10 th March
4	Verulamium Museum visit - 21 st March	10 th March
All	DEC donation for Turkey & Syria	17 th March
6	School Journey - Second payment	1 st April
5	Hampton Court visit - 30 th March	17 th March
6	School Journey - Third payment	1 st May

FONJSA news

TAG coffee shop Eastcote – FONJSA and the school would like to thank TAG coffee shop for raising £353 from the sales of the Newnham red velvet square cookie.

FONJSA Kids Easter Raffle – FONJSA are looking for Easter Egg donations/children's raffle prizes from parents/carers and local businesses to add to our great raffle prizes. If anyone is willing to donate something, please drop your donations into the school office.

Easter Holiday Activities

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

- Get Set for Tennis – Easter Holiday Tennis camp
- Jones Tuition Creative Tech club

Yours sincerely

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