

Newnham Junior School



10th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It was lovely to see so many children dressed in their traditional clothes today. Some Year 3 and 6 children presented an assembly about Diwali and it was inspiring to see all of the children listening to their peers with interest and respect. We are also pleased that we share these days with the infants to make it easier for parents who have a child in both schools.

Anti-Bullying Week : 13th - 17th November - Next week will start with Odd Socks Day on Monday when children are invited to wear odd, socks - the wackier the better!

School Dinners – The kitchen staff, teachers and SMSAs (dinner ladies) are all working at full capacity at the moment. Unfortunately a member of the kitchen staff is ill which means the service is taking longer than normal. I'm sure you all appreciate that everyone has done remarkably well in the last half of term to get so many children through the service on time. Hopefully everything will be back to normal once the kitchen is back to full strength.

Ruislip Manor Funday : Saturday 11th November - Please come along at 11.30am tomorrow and support members of our Upper School Choir when they will be singing on the stage.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November - Can we remind you that the children have been invited to do some research within their friends and families to see if anyone had been involved in the first or second world war or later conflicts so we can update our permanent display of the children's connection to these significant historical events. Any detail or photographs (photocopies/scans only please - no originals) are very welcome and if any family members are involved in any Remembrance Sunday's events, photographs of this would be welcomed too. Thank you.

Online safety – On the NSPCC website there are lots of useful advice and tips around; starting conversations about online safety, setting parental controls, and information about all the social media platforms. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> Lots of parents have concerns about today's technologies, the ease of access and how quickly children learn to use them; sometimes before they can even walk or talk. There are lots of ways you can help your children to stay safe online – one of the key ways is to keep conversation open. We live in a technology-based society and it is impossible to get away from it completely. However, it is important to remember that as a parent you DO have the power and control.

Some useful tips to keep technology fun and save the meltdowns:

- Limit the amount of screen time and stick to it e.g. 15 mins a day (or however much you are comfortable with)
- No screen time in the hour before bed (this helps the brain switch off ready for a good night's rest)
- Screen time and technology is great, but so is getting a good balance of other things like; imaginative play, fresh air, drawing, colouring, reading real books, garden play/trampolining, interaction with other members of the family and being able to take part in conversations.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online – what are they watching and talking about and do your own research. Just give the videos a watch and decide if they're too scary and inappropriate for any younger kids in the house before you hand over full YouTube control.

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Children in Need – Friday 17th 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/fancy dress if they wish. There will be competitions on the day including Find the Pudsey Bear and a Bearpees competition (Burpees fitness exercise). 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 (No cash into school please)

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11605>.

Hillingdon Foodbank – Thank you to everyone who donated items before half term. In total, we collected 135.7kg of food and details of how this was distributed are on the attached poster.

ECO NEWS

Second-hand Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale : 3.15pm on Wednesday 29th November (please enter through the doors in the year 6 area) - As mentioned last week, please donate any unwanted good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers (aged 7 and up) by Monday 27th November.

Eco Update - Well done for continuing to recycle pens. We've collected and stopped a record 845 pens going to landfill. Well done to 5BC who collected a record 323 pens in 6 weeks!

Keep collecting!

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| | 3H | 2 pens | 4CH | 20 pens | 5CU | 64 pens | 6S | 126 pens |
| | 3K | 2 pens | 4S | 24 pens | 5BC | 323 pens | 6R | 88 pens |
| | 3LM | 29 pens | 4UW | 54 pens | 5N | 71 pens | 6KN | 42 pens |
| TOTAL | | 33 | | 98 | | 458 | | 256 |

| Eco-Team Food Waste Update | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
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| Meals ordered but not served | 34 | 20 |

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 by next Friday 17th November. 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/acTWAZmVsST3WJk7>

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 |
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| NOVEMBER | | | |
| Wednesday 15 th | 3LM | Support Plan meetings | |
| Friday 17 th | All | Children in Need - see above | |
| Tuesday 21 st | 4UW | Visit to Tower Bridge | |
| Tuesday 21st | 3H | Meet The Teacher appointments Sign up via SchoolCloud | 3.30 - 6.30pm |
| Thursday 23 rd | 4CH | Visit to Tower Bridge | |
| Friday 24 th | 4S | Visit to Tower Bridge | |
| Wednesday 29 th | All | Christmas Jumper & Pre-loved uniform sale | 3.15pm |
| Thursday 30 th | All | FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop | |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Friday 1 st | All | Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol" | |

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| Friday 1 st | All | FONJSA Voluntary Contribution deadline | |
| Saturday 2 nd | | Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair | (limited numbers) |
| Monday 4 th | 6S | Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum | |
| Tuesday 5 th | 6R&6KN | Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum | |
| Tuesday 5 th | 5N | Last swimming lesson | |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Christmas Jumper day | |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Singing on the playground | 8.30am |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!) | 9am |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | The Pantry Christmas lunch | |
| Thursday 7 th | 5 & 6 | Swimming Gala (selected pupils) St Helen's | |
| Friday 8 th | US choir | Y6 choir members performing at Eastcote library | |
| Tuesday 12 th | 3 | Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers | 2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm |
| Wednesday 13 th | 3 | Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers | 2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm |
| Friday 15 th | 3 & 4 5 & 6 | FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco | 3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm |
| Tuesday 19 th | 6 | Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church (packed lunch needed) - Performance to parents & carers | All day 6.30 - 8.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st | All | School closes for the holidays | 1.30pm |

FONJSA reminders

FONJSA stall – Don't forget to visit the FONJSA stall at the Ruislip Manor funday tomorrow.

FONJSA Christmas Gift shop - Please can I remind you that FONJSA would like gift donations of toiletries, novelty toys, chocolates, bottles and unwanted gifts by Friday 24th November.

Community events – full details on our website

- Michael Sobell Christmas Market – Saturday 2nd December

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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