

# Newnham Junior School



30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

It has been another exciting week at the school; the children continue to rise to the occasion and make progress. We have had an outstanding music concert which you can read about below and today the children were raising money for our school charity Omushana at Newnham's first Car Boot Sale. All of these events show what amazing school this is, where the staff work incredibly hard, the children respond positively to this and the parents and carers support staff and children enthusiastically. It is a privilege to be the head teacher of such an incredible school.

**Industrial Action** – No teachers will be striking next week and the school will be fully open. This is not an indication that the staff do not support the industrial action, but they were aware that children have exciting events booked which they didn't want them to miss out on. Around Hillingdon primary and secondary schools there are still many unfilled vacancies for next September. This has never happened in the 30 years I have worked in the borough. I will leave it to you to draw conclusions of the reasons for this teacher shortage.

**Car Boot Sale** - Our first ever Car Boot was a great success. The children were so excited to both buy and sell. The classrooms and corridors were hustling and bustling! Super stalls with posters, price lists and some very loud sales people! Behaviour was playful and respectful. A huge thankyou to both the children and our super reliable parents/carers for supporting our Charity Omashana - we raised a staggering £667.50.

**Music for a Summer's Evening** – Our annual concert opened with the exciting rhythms of the samba band as the children paraded through the packed school hall. We heard the orchestra, the ukuleles, Mrs Brennan's violinists, Mr Dignum's brass players and a new feature: representatives from our Lunchtime Concert series. Both the Lower and Upper School Choirs performed favourite songs from their repertoires, including Mary Mack and Roller Ghoster. Our annual Music Shield was presented to Melanie and Oskar, both of whom have exuded enthusiasm in EVERY music lesson and musical club throughout their time at Newnham. What exceptional role models they have been. It was a wonderful celebration of music and song.

**Book Swap** - Thank you (certificate attached)

**Uniform** - Can I remind you that the deadline to place an order with Mapac **is today** to guarantee delivery **into school** 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>. 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).

**Shirts** - could parents/carers ensure that children have ties on and shirts tucked in coming into school. We will ensure that they leave school just as neat and tidy. Also we know that shoes are now worn and tired but please send in a note with children if they do not have the correct uniform for whatever reason.

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**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 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. 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.

**Class photographs** – The deadline to return these was today.

**London Borough of Hillingdon Chess Competition** – please see the flyer on our website regarding a competition on Sunday.

**London Borough of Hillingdon Educational Psychology service** – Please see the flyer on our website regarding Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

**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.

**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)

MONTH	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
<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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**FONJSA Family Colour Run on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Thanks to all who have booked for our colour run this Saturday. Tickets are not issued for this event – names will be held on the gate. Some of the slots are oversubscribed so we have had to move a few people. If this affects you an email has been sent to you this morning. Please let us know if the new time doesn't work for you and we will do our best to resolve where we can ([fonjsa@gmail.com](mailto:fonjsa@gmail.com)). The 2:50pm slot will be available to book on the day as a drop in session at £10 (parent must be available to sign consent on the day). Spaces here are limited. Please arrive 15 minutes before your time and come to the registration desk (remember your glasses and white t-shirts). Spectators are very welcome. See you Saturday!

**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

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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