

# Newnham Junior School



17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It has been another busy week, starting with the children wearing odd socks for anti-bullying week and finishing with children coming dressed up to raise money for Children in Need. The Newnham choir performed amazingly at the Ruislip Manor Fun day and the Girls' football team participated in the Ruislip and Northwood Tournament. As ever, the support from parents and carers in these events is outstanding and much appreciated.

**Safeguarding** - Everyone at Newnham is responsible for safeguarding. However, there are safeguarding leads responsible for ensuring that concerns raised by children, staff and parents are recorded and brought to the attention of any relevant organisations and authorities. The safeguarding leads at the school are **Mr Wilkey, Mrs Lovelock and Mr Kent**. If you have any safeguarding concerns about children or adults at the school which are not an emergency then you should contact one of the safeguarding leads. If you have any non-emergency safeguarding concerns about children who are not at the school, you should contact Hillingdon Council either by phone on 01895 556006 or email [strongerfamilieshub@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:strongerfamilieshub@hillingdon.gov.uk). In the case of an emergency you should always contact the police.

**Girls' Football Tournament** - Newnham entered two teams into this and both performed positively, enjoying the whole competitive experience. The B team played bravely, getting lots of touches and passing the ball around without fear. Unfortunately they didn't progress from their group but they represented the school with pride. The A team did progress through their group, winning all of the 3 matches, scoring 6 and conceding 1. They beat Harefield 3 – 2 in a very entertaining quarter final and progressed to the semi-final where they lost to Lady Bankes on penalties. Both teams were a credit to the school and a pleasure to coach.

**Hockey Tournament** – Last Friday Newnham entered 3 teams into the Hillingdon Hockey tournament. It was great to see so many children represent the school. Each team won at least one game and while none of them progressed past the group stages, it was notable that most schools only had 1 team compared to our 3. An ex parent, who was at the competition, noted that the participation and opportunities we give to the children is what makes Newnham such an amazing school.

**Children in Need** – 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>.

**Lunch** – Thank you to all of the parents who came in last week to observe the lunch serving process. Hopefully their feedback from these visits have got the class WhatsApp groups pinging positively.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Meals ordered but not served	20	35

**Parent and Carer Survey** - Please complete our survey to let us know how we are doing **by today** and one lucky family will receive a box of chocolates <https://forms.gle/acTWAZmVsuST3WJk7>

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**Hillingdon School Term Dates Amendments** – As notified earlier the Local Authority have made the following amendments to the school term dates:-

- The October half term dates for academic year 2024/25 have been amended to week of Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024 to align with neighbouring boroughs.
- The Easter term dates for academic year 2025/26 has been amended to the weeks of Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026 to align with neighbouring boroughs

**Children's Quiz** - On Friday 10th November, 138 children stayed behind after school to attend our Children's Quiz Night and we were very impressed with their general knowledge skills! The scores were extremely close but well done to team JSVY (lower school) and team Super 7 (upper school) for topping the leader boards after seven gruelling rounds of questions. Thank you to the all the staff, parents and carers who helped out at the event.



**Ruislip Manor Funday** – Last Saturday the Ruislip Manor Choir performed on stage, performing a range of songs to an enthralled audience. It is always a pleasure to hear Newnham choirs singing and this was no different. The volume of cheers and applause they received showed that every song was beautifully performed.



**Bic Global Education day** – We would like to thank the team of volunteers from Bic who came in to school yesterday to help in the school garden. They did an amazing job of transforming it (see below) and special thanks goes to Freddie's mum in 4CH who approached the school to arrange the day. We would like to also thank them for the generous stationery donation which was gratefully received.



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**STARS event** - With clocks going back and evenings getting darker, it is that time of year again when many of the children may be travelling home in the dark. The **Be Bright Be Seen** campaign brings awareness to families about what they can do to help them be seen by road users when travelling to and from school. To raise awareness of this, we are asking children to wear their brightest coats, hats, scarves or gloves to school on Friday 24th November. Please note this is NOT a non-school uniform day but rather a chance to get involved with our road safety campaign. This is a Hillingdon schools wide event and all schools who participate shall receive a reflective giveaway so let's be the brightest school!



## ECO NEWS

**Second-hand Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale : 3.15pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (please enter through the doors in the year 6 area) –** Thank you for all the donations so far. We are still taking donations of any unwanted good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers (aged 7 and up) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3H	Meet The Teacher appointments Sign up via SchoolCloud	3.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4S	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	Donation deadline for any unwanted good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers (aged 7 and up)	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Author visit – Charlotte Eaton</b>	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper & Pre-loved uniform sale	3.15pm
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Consent deadline - Gunnersbury Museum visit</b>	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>School Journey - 1<sup>st</sup> payment due</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol"	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Voluntary Contribution deadline	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	(limited numbers)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6R&6KN	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5N	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper day	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Singing on the playground	8.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!)	9am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	The Pantry Christmas lunch	

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Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Swimming Gala (selected pupils) St Helen's	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	US choir	Y6 choir members performing at Eastcote library	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church <b>(packed lunch needed)</b> - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>School Journey - 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due</b>	

## FONJSA

**Ruislip Manor Funday** - Thank you to everyone who visited the FONJSA stall at the Ruislip Manor Funday on Saturday. Most of the items on the stall were donated by parents/carers of the school so thank you to everyone.



**Christmas Gift Shop** - FONJSA would still like gift donations of toiletries, novelty toys, chocolates, bottles and unwanted gifts by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to be used in their Gift Shop on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Community events** – full details on our website

- Michael Sobell Christmas Market – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Get Active Winter Camps
- January crash swimming course – Northolt Leisure Centre

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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