

# Newnham Junior School



14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

It has been another exciting week at school and the children are really getting into the swing of learning and progressing. Sports fixtures have also started and it was lovely to see children wearing their kits, proud to represent the school. As mentioned in previous newsletters, it is also great to see the children moving around the school looking so smart. We really appreciate your support with this.

**Lost Property** – On the subject of uniform, I'm sure many of you will have noticed our growing pile of unnamed clothing which the children have left outside. If it is not raining, all of this lost property will be placed on tables on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October for you to check at the end of the day. Over half term all unnamed lost property will either be recycled or taken to charity shops. With this in mind, any parents/carers may wish to wait until 3.25 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and help themselves (within reason) to anything left behind.

**Year 6 Secondary Transfer** - Please can I remind Year 6 parents/carers that the local authority would like all applications to be made by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Planting around the school** - The bulb planting season is here! If you have any spare any seeds, bulbs or compost, the Eco Team would greatly appreciate them. Just label and send them in. We'll find a home for them! Thank you. The Eco Team.

**Hillingdon Food Bank** – As previously advised, we are collecting for the Hillingdon food bank and every donation can make a difference. If your family is in need, please contact the school (in confidence) to receive a food parcel from the collection. Please send donations to school by **Wednesday 19th October** and donations should be in date long life food and toiletries. The food bank is particularly looking for:

Toilet roll	Tinned fruit
Toiletries	Tinned vegetables
Sugar	Long life milk
Sauces	Jam
Rice pudding/ custard	Tinned meat and fish

**Dates for the diary** - further details will follow in due course

- Year 3 Nativities - 7pm Group 1 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December & Group 2 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Whole school Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner day - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 6 Carol concert - 7pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St Martin's Church, Ruislip

**Individual & Family School Photographs - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - As previously advised, the photographer will be in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and **all** children will be photographed individually. All children should wear school uniform on this day, even if they have PE or swimming. **If you are happy for your child to have their photograph taken, you do NOT need to do anything - their photograph will automatically be taken.** If you DO NOT wish your child to have their photograph taken and/or you have more than one child in either the Infant or Junior school and you wish them to have their photograph taken together, please complete this form <https://forms.gle/P3rqUStmiiqHJ8DHA>

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## EVENT REMINDERS:-

**Year 3 trip to the Chiltern Open Air on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (back at 4.15pm)** - Payment and consent deadline was last Wednesday. If you have not given consent, unfortunately your child cannot take part.

**SEN Coffee Morning : 9am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - No need to book, just come to the hall on the day.

**Year 4 Endangered Animals Fundraising Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - As previously advised, the Year 4 children are learning in science about the positive and negative impact humans have on the environment and would like to adopt an endangered animal via the World Wildlife Fund. They are holding a fundraising day on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** and can come into school dressed as an endangered animal and make a small donation (suggested amount £1) via the School Gateway (no cash please). Please don't go to too much trouble with a costume - they can be as simple as face paint or a homemade mask. Thank you for support in this event. Year 4 teachers.

**Diwali** - On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be celebrating Diwali at school. Children can come to school in their own clothes and they will be learning how Hindu and Sikh people celebrate Diwali.

**Year 5 trip to Mount Fitchet Castle on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (back at 4pm)** - Payment and consent deadline - Today Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not given consent, unfortunately your child cannot take part.

**FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop** - FONJSA are looking for donations of gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, novelty toys and unwanted gift sets. If you have anything at home that you are able to donate, please bring into the Office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

**October half term activities** - Details available on our website.

- Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Held here. Details are available on our website.
- Adolescent Development Services presents #DoSomethingThisHalfTerm - Follow the link for more information <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/targeted-programmes>
- Nick Jones Creative Tech club at Heathrow Primary.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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