

Newnham Junior School



10th May 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It's been another hardworking week at Newnham and the children continue to be happy and make progress. Next week the Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests so the timetable will be slightly different as there will not be any assemblies. The tests are an opportunity for the children to show how much they have progressed in their time at the school and we wish them all of the best.

Walk to School Week - Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (20th – 24th May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. At Newnham we have a great number of children who already walk to school regularly and are well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life. What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 20th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In school, we shall be participating in a long walk circling the grounds of the school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in encouraging our children to actively travel to school.

Dunkirk - Year 6 children will be watching the Dunkirk Film on Tuesday 17th May which is rated 12. If you do not want your child taking part, please contact the School Office by the end of today.

Relationships and Sex Education - What do we teach and why? - Don't forget to join us in the hall on **Tuesday 14th May at 2:15pm** to find out more about what we teach. There will be a chance for you to ask questions and share your views on how this should be covered in schools to help shape the future curriculum. The vast majority of these are statutory however please contact Ms Curtis if you wish to withdraw your child from the Year 6 lesson on how babies are made.

Music for a Summer's Evening - Tuesday 25th June at 7pm in the school hall. The following groups have been invited separately (via Google form) to perform in our annual summer concert: ukuleles, orchestra, upper and lower school choirs, brass and violins/violas. Please complete the form by Friday 17th May. If your child is not free that night (or your child has stopped attending the relevant club) please fill in the appropriate section on the form to avoid us sending out reminders. Additionally, if you believe your child should have been sent a form and hasn't, do contact the school office.

The Pantry menu change – please see the attached menu for Thursday 16th May which is a change to the original menu. If you have already ordered for your child please check as your choice may have changed.

Food Waste Update - Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it and to cancel the meal if your child is off school. You can cancel at The Pantry up to 9am each morning.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Junior meals ordered but not served	36	29

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Term Dates - Please see below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
MAY			
Friday 10 th	All	FONJSA Laser Tag	3.15 - 6.30pm
Monday 13 th	6	SATS Week commences	
Tuesday 14 th	All	Relationships and Sex Education - What do we teach and why (see above)	2.15pm
Thursday 16 th	All 6	The Pantry menu change - see attached No brass lessons	
Monday 20 th	6	School Journey to PGL Beam House departs	9.30am
Friday 24 th		School finishes for half-term	3.15pm
Friday 24 th	6	School Journey returns	4pm
JUNE			
Monday 3 rd	All	Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 5 th	6	Girls Cricket Tournament at Harefield Cricket Club	
Thursday 6 th	All	Class photographs	
Monday 10 th	6	District Sports competition	12.15pm
Wednesday 12 th	6 6	Best Team Cricket at Uxbridge Cricket Club C team football tournament	
Thursday 13 th	6	Trip to Chessington	
Sunday 16 th	All	Payment deadline for FONJSA Family Fun Night	
Friday 21 st	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6 - 8pm
Tuesday 25 th	3 All	Pedestrian training at school Music for a Summer's Evening	6.30 – 8pm
Wednesday 26 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	Lower School Sports Morning Upper School Sports Afternoon	9 - 11.30am 1 - 3.15pm
JULY			
Tuesday 2 nd	6	Hillingdon Secondary schools transition day	All day
Wednesday 3 rd	4	Visit to Whipsnade	
Friday 5 th	3	Greek Day	
Monday 8 th	All	End of term reports issued	
Wednesday 10 th	5 All	Manor Farm visit Exhibition Evening	
Monday 15 th	5 6	Trip to Woburn Safari Park Production rehearsals Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Tuesday 16 th	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 17 th	6	Production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Thursday 18 th	6 6	Production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall Performance at Winston Churchill Hall	All day 6.30pm
Friday 19 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	Finishes at 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd	6 All	Leavers BBQ School finishes for the Summer holidays	12 noon 1.30pm
Wednesday 24 th		Training Day - school closed	
SEPTEMBER			
Monday 2 nd		Training Day - school closed	

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Tuesday 3 rd		Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 4 th	All	School starts	8.45am

FONJSA news

Laser Tag – Laser Tag takes place today.

Family Fun Night – Friday 21st June – Further details to follow.

Local Authority News

Healthwatch Hillingdon are a local charity, commissioned by the Council to act as the people's champion for health and care services in the borough. They are currently leading a project on behalf of Hillingdon's health and social care partners, which is focussed on understanding the views and experiences of children, young people, and families with regards to accessing and using mental health and emotional wellbeing services in the borough. They have recently launched a survey for young people, and are keen to promote this widely across all education settings, and provide opportunities for collaboration with schools to enable as many children and young people's voices to be heard and championed to improve services in the borough, which could be through some bespoke workshops and focus groups. Here's the link to the survey:

[Children and Young People's mental health survey | Healthwatch Hillingdon](#)

Community News

May half term holiday activities - Details are available on our website.

- Primary Sporting Development Funweeks – taking place at Newnham.
- Get Active May Half Term Holiday Camp
- Harrow Tennis Days will be running some free tennis in Headstone Manor Park and West Harrow Rec this weekend and during half term.

Summer holiday activities - Summer Holiday club, run annually at Ruislip Baptist Church for years 3 - 6.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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