

# Newnham Junior School



28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well. It's been another amazing week with Mrs Horn running the marathon, the cross country team representing the school magnificently, a great success in the IKEA competition and the continued positive learning attitudes of your children.

**London Marathon : Message from Mrs Horn** - I would like to thank all the of staff, parents, carers and children of Newnham for all the support, encouragement and extremely generous donations. I have been truly overwhelmed by your generosity and I have now raised £2873 for Guy's and St Thomas - an amazing amount for a fantastic cause. I had an incredible day and was delighted to get round in 3hours 41 - a time classed as good for my age! Thank you all once again for your support - it means so much to myself and my family. If you would like to donate, please visit my fundraising page

<https://2023tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/aimee-horn?fbclid=IwAR2ocaE7UMhpK2ZR8qe1mpQiLpy5EwlmWltOS91hD9CmkUhju0M539Ooipw>

Please see below for a reminder of the dates for this half-term and further details will follow:-

MONTH	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
<b>MAY</b>			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	School Closed for the Bank Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6		School Journey - Third payment due
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4	4pm	Spelling Bee competition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	Coronation celebration - see below
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	School Closed - Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6	AM	SATS
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	1 - 4pm	FONJSA Laser Tag event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	9am	School Journey - Group 1 depart from school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	PM	Girls' Cricket Competition
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	4pm	School Journey - Group 1 return to school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6	9am	School Journey - Group 2 depart from school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	PM	Choir competition
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5	9am	Road Safety theatre performance in school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	3.15pm	School closes for the half-term holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	4pm	School Journey - Group 2 return to school
<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	ALL DAY	Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	8.30am	School restarts

**Coronation Celebration** – On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May children will be given a picnic box to bring home which should be brought back in on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May (it should be filled with a small amount of snacks and a carton of juice that must fit inside the box). On this day children can dress up as anyone royal, princesses, princes, they may wear celebration outfits or wear red, white and blue. It would be helpful if children could bring in a small blanket to sit on for our picnic please. During the day we shall be making regal crafts, having a special assembly and a royal quiz. Our picnic will take place after lunch when we shall have games, a parade and a visit from a special guest.

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**Cross Country** - Well done to all of the children who competed in the district cross country competition on Wednesday. Newnham entered over 20 children and all of them ran well and enjoyed representing the school. The boys team came 4th place and the girls team came 9th. Congratulations to Julietta who won a bronze medal in the girls race and Finley who narrowly missed 3rd place in a very strong boys race of over 100 runners. Mrs Horn

**Eco Team update** - Schools up and down the country are already taking action to reduce their carbon impact. The Eco team entered a competition organised by IKEA and the Let's Go Green campaign to make living healthy sustainable lives as easy as possible. There were over 100 entries and the judges were very impressed with ours. Although our project was not selected as one of the four winners, we are delighted that we were one of the runners up! Our prize was a £70 IKEA gift voucher which we will put towards our continued sustainability efforts in school! Thank you to everyone who has been making a difference by recycling pens, reducing plastic, making active journeys to school and saving energy. If you have any ideas on how to spend the £70 to help reduce our carbon footprint, drop them into the eco box or tell your Eco-rep. *The Eco Team*

**Relationships and Sex Education** - Please find attached the overview of what the children will be learning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the summer term. The lessons are delivered in an age appropriate way and for certain topics the children will be split into groups of boys/girl and taught by a teacher of the same gender. We are holding a short information session as part of our parent coffee morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> June if you would like to find out more and will send home the slides afterwards for any parents who cannot attend. Learning about the changing adolescent body is now statutory and the only lesson that parents may withdraw their child from is the 'How babies are made' lesson in Year 6. If you have any concerns or questions about these lessons please do not hesitate to contact me. Ms Curtis

**Water Bottles & Snacks** - Please can I remind you that single use and Prime water bottles are not allowed in school. Also, if your child brings in something to eat at break time, this should be a healthy snack such as a fruit or cereal bar.

**School sports kit** – Please return any school sports kit by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**Date for your Diary - Sports Day Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Years 3 & 4 9am start. Years 5 & 6 1pm start.** Further details will follow nearer the time.

**Holiday Activities** - Details are available on our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

- Ruislip Baptist Summer Holiday Club

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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