

# Newnham Junior School



13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well

All of the children have made a fantastic start to the term and I'm particularly impressed with how well the Year 3 children have adapted to the soft start. They all come in calmly, settle down and get on with their learning activities. This start really helps their focus throughout the day. I have also been very impressed with the behaviour throughout the school – this is a credit to the staff of Newnham, the children and to you.

**CLUBS** – Please can I remind you that all clubs start next week. If you booked and paid for a club your child got in – we do not send a confirmation. We have looked at the google form that some parents and carers filled in to see if there was capacity to call in an extra coach for clubs like football. Unfortunately there was not enough demand to do this.

**PE** – As mentioned in last week's newsletter, your child's class has PE on the following days:-

CLASS PE DAYS			
3C	Wednesday & Thursday	5BC	Tuesday (swimming) & Friday
3H	Wednesday & Friday	5P	Tuesday & Thursday
3LM	Wednesday & Friday	5S	Tuesday & Wednesday
4BF	Monday & Tuesday	6KN	Monday & Thursday
4CH	Tuesday & Thursday	6R	Monday & Friday
4UW	Tuesday & Friday	6S	Wednesday & Thursday

**FOOTBALL AND NETBALL KIT** – I would like to say a huge thank you to Cable Giants for sponsoring our new football and netball kit and to FONJSA for raising funds for the netball leggings. I would also like to thank Mr Currie for organising the sponsorship with Cable Giants. Having a smart kit really helps the children feel even prouder that they are representing the school and it also inspires the younger children to want to try for the teams when they are in Year 6.



**BRASS/STRINGS - YEARS 4 - 6 ONLY** - Yesterday, all pupils in Years 4 to 6 had the opportunity to explore the possibility of learning a brass instrument here at school, through the Hillingdon Music Hub. If your child is keen to take lessons with Mr Dignum (brass on Thursdays) or Mrs Brennan (violin/viola on Fridays), please click on the link below where you will be guided towards all the information you need, including costs. If you are unsure which specific instrument you would like, click any of the options and your teacher can help you decide. We look forward to welcoming our new beginners on their musical journeys. <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7849/Learn-a-new-instrument>

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**INFANT SCHOOL QUEUE** - Quite a few parents have mentioned how crowded it is on the pavement at drop off time. Mr Mansi has also informed me that some children are having to walk on the road to get past the parents on the pavement. If you have to join the queue for the Infants, please can you make sure that you do not block the pavement. Miss Letch has also put this information on the infant school newsletter.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS** - Many of the Year 6 children have already attended some entrance exams and I know that some Year 5 children will be doing the same next year. I would like to thank the many parents/carers who took their children to the exam and then returned them to school afterwards, and everyone who selected Saturday exams for their children. This gives a positive message to the children that their exam is important but so is school attendance. **Please note we are only able to authorise half a day per exam and documentary evidence is required in advance.**

**LOST PROPERTY** - To try to reduce the amount of lost property in school, three boxes are left on the playground at the end of the day when the children are collected. One box will contain the items of clothing left on the playground that day, the second box will contain items of clothing from that week and in the third box will be items of clothing which haven't been claimed for a week. The items in the third box will either be thrown away, recycled or sold at the end of each half term. We will try to ensure named items are returned to the children before they are placed in the box.

**HILLINGDON PARENT CARER FORUM COFFEE MORNING** - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 9am. Hillingdon Parent Carer forum offer support and advice to families of SEND children or any families who have a particular concern with their child. Please join us in the Junior school hall for coffee and cakes. Details attached.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES** - See below. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
SEPTEMBER			
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Swimming lessons commence	11.30am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Clubs start this week	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Hillingdon Parent Carer Forum coffee morning	9am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5	Parent & Carers information session in the hall FONJSA AGM	6pm 7pm – 8pm
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	Parent & Carers information session in the hall	6pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6	Parent & Carers information session in the hall	6pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3	Meet the Teacher in their classrooms	4.30 - 7pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Family Bingo	6 - 9pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	4	Endangered Animals Day	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Diwali Day	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Halloween Bags given out	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Half-Term	
26 - 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	Bikeability Course	
NOVEMBER			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Training Day - school closed to children	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	School restarts	8.45am
5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair	3.15 - 4pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5	Trip to Mountfitchet Castle	Back at 4pm

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Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2	Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Individual & Family Photos	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Flu vaccine	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Children in Need	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Children's Quiz	3.15 - 5pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	LS Choir	Singing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Fair	10.45-11.45am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Visiting Pantomime Company	1.45pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	LS Choir	Singing at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	2.45 - 3.45pm
DECEMBER			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum (classes to be advised)	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum (classes to be advised)	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Christmas Gift Shop	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm

## FONJSA NEWS

Please come along to the AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm (details emailed today).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Asda's Cashpot for Schools** - As mentioned last week, we have signed Newnham Junior School up to this initiative and have so far raised £152. Up to the 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend and please select Newnham Junior school from the list). Every time a customer chooses Newnham Junior School, Asda will donate £1 to our school's Cashpot. This will not affect any other rewards you have with Asda.

Yours sincerely

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