

Newnham Junior School



26th April 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It's been another great week where the children have continued their excellent behaviour and positive attitude to learning. It's been great to see them playing on the field and enjoying all of the extra space and I'm sure the weather will continue to improve so this can continue.

TCS Mini London Marathon – Well done to the 50 children who participated in this. It was inspirational to see children from our school running in such a huge event. They had Joe Wicks conduct the warm up and began their mile long run with 400 other children. Every single one of them finished and received a lovely medal which I hope they are proud of. Can I remind you that we are fundraising for a school hall upgrade. To donate, please click on the link below. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Fonjsa?utm_term=mAawrZEg9

Cross Country – On Wednesday, 9 children attended the Ruislip and Northwood Cross Country Competition at Ruislip Rugby Club. They had to run 2.5 km in a very competitive and crowded field. There were a few trips and falls and many tired children but all the Newnham participants tried their best. Daniel Jones came 3rd in the boys' race and the girls came 4th in their race. All of the children behaved immaculately, representing the school with pride.

Relationships and sex education - What do we teach and why? - Please 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. Coffee and cake will also be available! We hope that as many parents can attend as possible but will also send home the slides after the event for parents who were not able to. We are trying to vary the days and times of meetings to make accessible to as many families as possible. If you need to bring younger children along to any parent meetings or coffee morning please feel free. Please also find attached an overview of the topics covered in RSE lessons after half term. 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.

Translating documents - Please contact the school if you would be happy to spare an hour to help translate our safeguarding documents so that they can be accessed by all families. We have many different languages spoken at Newnham and you may be able to help!

Internet Safety - Live video chat and streaming has become a common way for people to connect, communicate and share their ideas and experiences online. There are a huge number of positive uses and potential for using video chat services and streaming services as tools for communication but as always, there are risks that children need to be aware of. People may use video chat to convince a young person to take part in a dangerous dare, to appear naked on camera or to perform inappropriate acts. This can then be recorded by the watcher and potentially be used to threaten or blackmail the person in the video. Make sure your child knows that if someone ever asks them to do or say anything on camera that makes them feel uncomfortable then they can say no, end the chat and tell you, or another adult they trust. Open communication with our child is key to keeping them safe in this ever changing online environment. More information can be found at: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/video-chat-and-webcams-parents/>

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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
APRIL			
Sunday 28 th	All	FONJSA Laser Tag payment deadline	
Tuesday 30 th	6	Final School Journey payment due	
MAY			
Thursday 2 nd	3 & 4	Spelling Bee	
Friday 10 th	All	FONJSA Laser Tag	3.15 - 6.30pm
Monday 13 th	6	SATS Week commences	
Monday 20 th	6	School Journey to PGL Beam House departs	
Friday 24 th		School finishes for half-term	3.15pm
Friday 24 th	6	School Journey returns	
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	
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 5th	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 Leavers production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Tuesday 16 th	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 17 th	6	Leavers production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Thursday 18 th	6 6	Leavers production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall Leavers production performance	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

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Wednesday 24 th		Training Day - school closed	
SEPTEMBER			
Monday 2 nd		Training Day - school closed	
Tuesday 3 rd		Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 4 th	All	School starts	8.45am

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	68	32

FONJSA news

Laser Tag – Payment deadline is Sunday 28th April.

Local Authority Information

School Travel & Road Safety Education - Hillingdon cycling instructors are back every second Saturday of the month from April - October offering free cycle training to Hillingdon Residents (children and adults). Whether you want to learn to ride or refresh your skills, all are welcome. Cycling sessions will take place at Pield Heath School Cycle Track which is a safe and enclosed space to learn. Please click on the link to find out more information. [Cycle Skills training - Hillingdon Council](#)

Hillingdon Speech & Language team – Details on our website about forthcoming parent workshops.

May half term holiday activities - Details are available on our website.
Primary Sporting Development Funweeks – taking place at Newnham.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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