

# Newnham Junior School



15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

This week has flown by and the children have continued to impress by the way they have settled in. The behaviour throughout the school is amazing and when I visit classes I am so impressed with the positive learning attitudes of your children,

**School Dinners** – I am so pleased that every child at the school can have a free school meal and I have been happy with how the kitchen staff, children and adults have adapted to such a big change. Of course there have been a few issues which we are trying to fix. Over the coming weeks we will invite some parents into school to observe lunchtimes. This will be discussed during the FONJSA meeting next week.

Please remember to cancel any pre-ordered meals if you subsequently decide to send your child in with a packed lunch. We are seeing this happen a great deal and it is causing a lot of food wastage as The Pantry still have to cook the meal.

**Uniform** - The children look very smart in their uniforms and the new PE kit has made a huge difference. Next week it will be cooler so the children should be in the winter uniform, wearing named jumpers, cardigans and hoodies. Please remember that hoodies should only be worn on PE days. If you are struggling to order the new PE kit or struggling financially, please email or speak to someone at the office who will be pleased to help.

**World Car free day** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is World Car free day. People across communities are encouraged to get around without driving or limiting the use of cars, instead ride a train, bus, bicycle, carpool or walk. Children will be discussing the benefits of car free travel during the week. There will be a poster competition held in school and a winner selected from each class who will have their poster displayed in school to promote the day as well as receiving house points. At Newnham we have a walking map (attached to last week's newsletter) that shows parents, who need to use the car, places they can park and then walk the rest of the way. We thank you for your support in reducing car use where possible.

**Year 5 parents and carers.** I hope to see you all at the parents and carers meetings next Thursday, starting at 6pm. I will give a brief presentation and the rest of the time will be spent in your child's classroom. Just by attending the meeting, it gives a message that you value your child's education, which helps your child gain a positive learning attitude.

**Year 5 and 6 parents and carers. 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 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 see below for dates for this term and further details will follow in due course:-

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DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	5N	Swimming lessons commence	11.30am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Clubs start this week (except Mindful Time club)	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Meet & Greet meeting - here	7pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5	Parents & Carers meeting	6 - 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4	Mindful Time club starts	3.15pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3	Parent & Carer tours	9 - 10am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	Parents & Carers meeting	6 - 7pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4	Parents & Carers meeting	6 - 7pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – What does the school do for mental health?	9am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3	Parents & Carers meeting	3.30 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	Flu Vaccine	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Bingo	6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3	Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Back at 4pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	Diwali Day	
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half Term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Training Day - School closed to children	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>		School restarts	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	5 All	Visit to Mount Fitchet Castle Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – ADHD/Autism support	9am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Individual & Family photos	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Children's Quiz	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Choir performing at Ruislip Manor	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Children in Need	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4S	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Gift Shop	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol"	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6R & 6KN	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5N	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!)	9am
	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm

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Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm

**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.

**FRIENDS OF NEWNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM/MEET & GREET AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Please come along to the Junior hall to help plan the fundraising events for this academic year (see attached poster).

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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