

# Newnham Junior School



19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well and all of you had a lovely Easter break.

It is so lovely to see the children come back full of enthusiasm and eager to learn. When I walked around the classes yesterday they were all very excited to hear about our outstanding grading from Ofsted. If you haven't had chance to read the report I highly recommend it. I would also recommend that you visit the parent view website - <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/1815/14>, which gives the details of the Ofsted survey many parents completed. It is extremely positive and compares very well to other outstanding primary and junior schools. There were a few parents/carers who had negative viewpoints which is understandable and it would help the school's development if these parents/carers came forward to speak to me.

**Staffing** - As mentioned in previous correspondence we would like to welcome back to Mr Allerton who is covering Mrs Saunders' Maternity Leave.

**Slapped Cheek Syndrome** – We are aware that a number of children in the school have very red cheeks and it is possible that this may be caused by slapped cheek syndrome. The first sign of slapped cheek syndrome is usually feeling unwell for a few days. Symptoms may include a high temperature, runny nose, sore throat and a headache. It can only be spread **before the rash appears**. Due to the fact that we have a pregnant member of staff in school, if your child does present with any of these symptoms, we would suggest keeping them off school initially or until the rash appears. You do not need to contact a GP for slapped cheek and if you are unsure you can check here for advice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rashes-babies-and-children/>

**Uniform** – Thank you to the majority of parents/carers who have sent their children back into school looking immaculate. There are a few children who seemed to have misplaced their school shoes/trainers or ties over the holiday but I'm sure these will be found when I send emails home next week. It is possible that some parents/carers or children have been confused as we allow summer dresses during this term but for clarity this is the only change we have to the uniform policy for the summer.

**Sing 24! on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - At the end of last term, 30 representatives from our Upper School Choir joined forces with seven other Hillingdon schools for a day of non-stop singing at The Beck Theatre. The children participated in a carousel of workshops during the daytime and performed our chosen song, *Whisper*, in the evening to an excited audience. Comments from the children: "I can't believe we just did that!" and "I hope I'll find a choir to sing in when I'm in Year 7". The children were enthusiastic, respectful and patient all day long; a real credit to their families and to Newnham. It was a really joyous day.

**B Team Netball Tournament** – During the last week of term, Newnham entered two teams into the District B Team Netball Tournament. Both teams performed exceptionally well. Newnham Midnight won most of their matches and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Newnham Burgundy won all of the games coming in an impressive 1<sup>st</sup> place and retaining the trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. As ever, the children sporting behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to the school.

**Summer Term Curriculum Plans** - Attached.

**St George's Day : Tuesday 23rd April** - Children may wear their organisation uniform if they belong to cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows etc. For all other children it is a normal school uniform day.

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**Translating documents** - As part of our work towards working with parents and carers, we have identified that we would like to improve access for all families to our key parent/carers documents, especially our safeguarding information. We are asking for volunteers to help us to translate some key documents so they can be accessed by more families. If you speak another language at home and would like to help us make sure all families can read these documents, please email the school office and Ms Curtis will be in touch.

**North West London NHS** have asked us to share the following MMR link:

<https://vimeo.com/northstardigital/review/911566007/845d398d36>

**TCS Mini London Marathon** – Good luck to the 50 children from Newnham Junior School who will be taking part in the Mini TCS London Marathon tomorrow. We would like to ask for your generous donations to help raise vital funds to fund 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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Fonjsa?utm_term=mAawrZEg9)

**Mr Mullens' Football & Fitness** – Mr Mullens, our PSD coach, will be running private individual sessions or small group sessions of up to 4 people. The sessions will take place on the school astro turf and will run from 4.25pm - 5.25pm (after clubs have finished and been dismissed). The price for an individual session is £30 or £15 per person for group sessions. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Mr Mullens direct [mrmullens@hotmail.com](mailto:mrmullens@hotmail.com).

**Term Dates** - Please see below and further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Term starts	8.45am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	First swimming lesson	11am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5	Trip to Hampton Court Palace	Back at 3.15pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	St George's Day (see above)	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6	Rearranged Cross Country competition	2.30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	Mrs Saunders' last day before Maternity Leave	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Laser Tag payment deadline	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6	Final School Journey payment due	
<b>MAY</b>			
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4	Spelling Bee	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Laser Tag	3.15 - 6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6	SATS Week commences	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey to PGL Beam House departs	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		School finishes for half-term	3.15pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey returns	
<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6	Girls Cricket Tournament at Harefield Cricket Club	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Class photographs	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6	District Sports competition	12.15pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6	Best Team Cricket at Uxbridge Cricket Club	

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Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6	Trip to Chessington	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Payment deadline for FONJSA Family Fun Night	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6 - 8pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3	Pedestrian training at school	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	All	Music for a Summer's Evening	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	Lower School Sports Morning Upper School Sports Afternoon	9 - 11.30am 1 - 3.15pm
<b>JULY</b>			
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	Hillingdon Secondary schools transition day	All day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	Visit to Whipsnade	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	End of term reports issued	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	Exhibition Evening	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5	Trip to Woburn Safari Park	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	Leavers production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Leavers production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Leavers production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall Leavers production performance	All day 6.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	Finishes at 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	Leavers BBQ	12 noon
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	School finishes for the Summer holidays	1.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Training Day - school closed	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Training Day - school closed	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	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	52	68

## FONJSA news

Laser Tag – details have been emailed out today.

## Local Authority Information

**Supporting Emotional Health and Wellbeing at Learn Hillingdon** - It is now estimated that 1 in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health problem every year and 1 in 6 people report experiencing a common mental health problem (such as anxiety and depression) in any given week. Everyone is so busy, and the cost-of-living crisis has increased pressures on individuals and families still further. At Learn Hillingdon we offer a range of short courses to help individuals find coping strategies to support their own mental health including recognition of symptoms and then ways to ease these symptoms. In a group environment where you don't feel so alone and then work with you to support in place. We can also offer a range of therapeutic activity classes to help find ways to relax. Please see details here:

[Supporting Emotional Health and Wellbeing – at Learn Hillingdon \(PDF\) \[219KB\]](#)

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**Parenting Apart Programme** - *"Arguing and conflict can be part of a normal relationship. However, frequent, intense and poorly resolved parental conflict can negatively impact a child's mental health, early emotional and social development, educational attainment and employability."*

Our Parenting Apart Programme (PAP) supports parents who are going through conflict, divorce or separation, where relationships have broken down. It also supports the emotional wellbeing of children during this difficult time. The PAP offers a supportive environment for both parents, so they can work towards an agreed co-parenting relationship. For more information about the programme, please click on the link [Parenting Apart Programme - Hillingdon Council, Safeguarding Children Partnership](#).

## Community news

- **Cycle King Pinner** have kindly supplied the school with some discount vouchers for bicycles and accessories. The vouchers can be found on our website.
- **St Lawrence Church** welcome families to their forthcoming family messy church gathering on Saturday 27th April at 6pm - all families welcome for crafts, games, music and refreshments.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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