

# Newnham Junior School



21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know it was only yesterday that we sent out a newsletter, but the school cannot let the term end without one last thank you to our long standing Head Teacher, Mrs Nahal.

Mrs Nahal joined Newnham Junior School in September 2003 as a Year 6 teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. When our previous Head Teacher left for a new job in Wales, the school were unable to recruit a new Head Teacher in time and so, with some reluctance, Mrs Nahal became our Acting Head Teacher. Luckily, her reluctance soon disappeared and Mrs Nahal was recruited as the school's official Head Teacher one year later.

During Mrs Nahal's Headship, the school continued to be a warm and welcoming place, where staff are happy to work and children are happy to learn. Under her leadership, the school achieved an 'Outstanding' rating from OFSTED, saw excellent SATS results year after year, invested in facilities such as the playground and the Learn Pads and have enjoyed numerous trips, theme days and weeks that are always fun and rewarding for all. In later years, she has worked alongside myself to help the school sail through what has been the toughest few years in education.

Today, the children have said thank you to Mrs Nahal in many ways. Some Year 3 children performed a beautiful, personalised poem to her and the whole school sang 'Power In Me'. This song encourages you to believe in yourself and this is a message Mrs Nahal has given to the children over and over again during her time as head. We also heard a heartfelt message from Mr Kidner, a previous Head Teacher who lead the school for 21 years and who originally employed Mrs Nahal back in 2003. A Power Point presentation followed, containing many photos taken over the years from events such as school journeys and dress up days. Finally, Mrs Nahal was presented with a very heavy book containing messages of thanks and well wishes from the children, parents/carers and past pupils. Thank you to everyone who sent in a message for the book and they were a true joy to read.

Mrs Nahal will be returning to Newnham in September to teach in Year 6 part-time but I know I have the whole school community behind me in our thanks for everything she has done for the school during her time as Head Teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

*Newnham Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all pupils and expects all members of the school community to share this commitment.*