

# Newnham Junior School



1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

The weather has been miserable and seems to have been grey and wet every single day since half term, but the sun always shines inside Newnham Junior School. There are 358 children at the school from a range of diverse backgrounds and religions and almost all of the time the children are happy and respectful to each other. This is helped by the ethos of the school and the incredible staff who work there, but most of credit goes to you as their parents and carers. It's good to know that the children are being taught the importance of respect and tolerance at home as it is one of the British values we promote at school in lessons and assemblies. There are always outside influences which might adversely affect this value – the things they might see on the news and the terrible example set by some politicians with their divisive messages, but the main obstacle to respect and tolerance is unsupervised access to the internet. I know no one is using racist and hateful language at home but if you ever want to trace inappropriate things your children might be saying, I can estimate that 90% of the time, it will be something they, or another child, has seen and copied from the internet.

**Mobile Phones in School** – This has been in the news a lot recently and I want you all to know that we do not allow the children to have phones in school at Newnham. Some Year 6 children might bring their phones into school, but these are locked away as soon as the children enter the classrooms and returned at the end of the school day. Other children who have obtained permission to bring a phone in, hand it in to the school office. If you send your child into school with a phone and they do not hand it in, we will not take any responsibility if it goes missing.

**Netball Tournaments** – On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March there will be two netball competitions happening at the school during the school day. They will be continuing on the bottom playground as you pick up your children.

**Clubs Working Party** – As mentioned in last week's newsletter, following the response to the recent questionnaire, I would like to start up a parents & carers working party to look at our extra-curricular clubs. If you would be interested in joining this, please contact the school office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March via email on [office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk](mailto:office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk).

**NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe** - The children will be taking part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please ask them at home about what they have learnt.

**The Big Plastic Count 11-17 March 2024** - Please see attached for further information.

**Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artist competition** - The closing date for children's' submissions is 20<sup>th</sup> March. All entries to be handed Ms Wilson in 4UW.

**2 Johns - E Safety Sessions 12th March 8pm** - FONJSA have kindly paid for the 2 Johns to offer E safety sessions for children, staff, parents and carers. Please join our online session on the 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm or come along to watch the recorded session in the school hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm. The link will go live 15 minutes before the session begins: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89798739746>

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**Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel** - Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2024 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

- **What do you need to do?** - Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.
- **Why we are taking part** - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.
- Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.
- **Useful resources** - To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/> For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk) . Enjoy the challenge!

**4S Class Assembly Date Change** - As already advised to 4S parents and carers, the date for this assembly has changed to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm.

**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 9.00am each morning.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Junior meals ordered but not served	54	30

**Term Dates** - As previously advised, these are shown below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>MARCH</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Silver team 5 3K	Borough Netball Tournament Reading Café Class Museum event	1 – 4.30pm 1 – 3pm 2.15 – 3.10pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 3H	Reading Café Class Museum event	1.30 – 3pm 2.15 - 3.10pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6</b> 3LM	<b>Deadline to consent to Junior Citizens trip</b> Class Museum event	2.15 – 3.10pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Selected year 6 children	World Book Day Aspire netball rally	1 – 4pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	4 3	Reading Café Reading Café	9.30 – 11am 1.30 – 3pm
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	The big plastic count week	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Sustrans Big Walk &amp; Wheel event</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b> 6	<b>Deadline to pay for Easter Disco</b> Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	<b>12pm</b> 3.30pm return

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Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All All	2 Johns - Safeguarding event 2 Johns Parent/Carers E-safety session - online	All day 8pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Science Fair in hall	3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All 3 & 4	Comic Relief Red Nose Day Final Dodgeball Club for the term	All day 3.15 - 4.15pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Easter Disco Big Walk & Wheel Event	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All  6	<b>2 Johns Parent/Carers recording of E-Safety session</b> Parent/carer meeting for SATs, school journey & SRE	<b>1.45pm</b> 6-7pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	4UW Silver & Burgundy teams 4CH	Class assembly District netball tournament  Class assembly	9-10am 1 – 4.30pm  2.30-3.15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5CU <b>4S</b>	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) <b>Class assembly DATE CHANGED</b>	9 – 9.30am <b>2.30pm</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5N Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) B Team netball tournament	9 – 9.30am 1 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Sing 24! At the Beck Theatre (selected pupils) Sing 24! Concert	9am – 3.15pm 6.15 – 7.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 5BC 6 All	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day	All day 9 – 9.30am 3.45 – 5.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All All	FONJSA Break the rules day Last day of term	1.30pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	School Journey 5 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts for the Summer Term	8.45am

**FONJSA news** – Thank you to everyone who attended the Family Race night last week. It was a great success.

**FONJSA Easter Discos** - Details have been emailed out today about the Easter Discos on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please make a note of the deadline of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and pay early to avoid disappointment.

## Local Authority Information

**Hillingdon SEND Local Offer Website** - The Hillingdon SEND Local Offer website provides information, advice and guidance for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities, e.g.

- [Care and Support directory](#) (including SEND specific calendar)
- [Education and learning](#) information (types of schools, EHCP processes, transport)
- [ASD Pathway](#)

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**Easter holiday activities** - Details are available on our website.

- Primary Sporting Development Funweeks – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.
- Nick Jones Creative Tech club – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Wilkey', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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