

Newnham Junior School



6th October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

For the past two weeks many of the children have been preparing and giving speeches for various roles around the school. It is amazing that so many children stood for these and we really appreciate the support many of you gave in speech preparation. All of the children who stood for any role should be proud of themselves for putting themselves forward. Each class voted for their class representative and Year 6 voted for the head boy and head girl. The children chosen from these elections are shown below.

ROLE	NAME	ROLE	NAME
Head boy	Henry L	Deputy Head boy	Ashwin
Head girl	Pelin	Deputy head girl	Grace
Class Rep 3LM	Aarya	Class Rep 4CH	Anay
Class Rep 3H	Rena	Class Rep 4S	Oliver
Class Rep 3K	Prisha	Class Rep 4UW	Amara
Class Rep 5BC	Rien	Class Rep 6KN	Jaiden
Class Rep 5CU	Joey	Class Rep 6R	Erin
Class Rep 5N	Amaru	Class Rep 6S	Aarav

Safeguarding - After reading last week's newsletter a parent has informed me of a site which helps monitor and control children's online activities. The link for this is <https://www.gustodio.com/en/> The parent does not work for this company and has no vested interests and I am sure there are other apps available which do a similar job to this.

Watches - Please note that smart watches or any watches with a camera are not allowed in school, even if they have a 'school mode' setting. They distract the children and those around them and may be an online safeguarding risk. Fitness watches, which record steps, are allowed, but staff have the right to confiscate them if they are a distraction. No watches should be worn on PE days as they are not allowed to wear them during PE for health and safety reasons.

Lunchtime Supervisor - We are currently advertising for a lunchtime supervisor to work every day between 12 - 1.30pm <https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/School-Meals-Supervisory-Assistant-4828>

Eco Team Food Waste Update - When we waste food, we also waste all the energy and water it takes to grow, harvest, transport and package it. If food goes to the landfill and rots, it produces methane—a greenhouse gas! We can all help fight climate change by reducing the amount of food waste. Every little helps, so please remember to only book a lunch if you are going to eat it - unfortunately a few parents are ordering meals and forgetting to cancel them – see below – let's get this down to zero! Remember to use the food waste bins too!

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Meals ordered but not served	55	28

Harvest Food Bank Collection - As mentioned last week, our harvest collection is for the Hillingdon food bank. If you can, please donate any of the listed items, which are urgently needed, or any other long life food, drink or toiletries, please bring all donations into school by **Monday 16th October** and ensure all donations are in date:-

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Noodles	Jam	Sugar
Cooking sauces	Juice	Rice
Toilet rolls	Tinned fruit	Long life puddings

More and more families are needing to use the foodbank and all donations are appreciated. If you need a food package, please let the school office know in confidence.

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. **Diwali Day** – Please note the date change from 20th October to 10th November.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
OCTOBER			
Tuesday 10 th	All	Flu Vaccine	
Friday 13 th	All	FONJSA Family Bingo	6.30 - 8.30pm
Friday 13th	3	Payment deadline - Chiltern Open Air Museum	
Wednesday 18 th	3	Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Back at 4pm
Thursday 19th	4	Endangered animals day	
Friday 20th	6	Deposit payment deadline - School Journey	
23 rd - 27 th	All	Half Term	
Monday 30 th		Training Day - School closed to children	
Tuesday 31 st		School restarts	
Tuesday 31 st	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Tuesday 31 st	6	Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications	
NOVEMBER			
Wednesday 1 st	5	Visit to Mount Fitchet Castle	
	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Thursday 2 nd	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Monday 6 th	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – ADHD/Autism support	9am
Monday 6th	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 7 th	All	Individual & Family photos	
Tuesday 7th	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8th	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 9th	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 10 th	All	Diwali Day (changed from 20th October) FONJSA Children's Quiz	
Saturday 11 th		US Choir performing at Ruislip Manor Funday	(limited numbers)
Friday 17 th	All	Children in Need	
Tuesday 21 st	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 23 rd	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 24 th	4S	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 30 th	All	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
DECEMBER			
Friday 1 st	All	Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol"	
Saturday 2nd		Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	(limited numbers)

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Monday 4 th	6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 th	6R & 6KN	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 th	5N	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 6 th	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!)	9am
	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 8th		Y6 members of US Choir performing at Eastcote library	
Tuesday 12 th	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 13 th	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 th	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 st	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm

FONJSA REMINDERS

- **FONJSA Family Bingo - Friday 13th October** The deadline to order tickets for this event has now passed. FONJSA are looking for donations of unwanted gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, toys and unwanted gift sets to use as prizes and if you have anything suitable, please drop it into the school office. Thank you.
- **FONJSA Voluntary contributions** – Please refer to today’s email. If your family is in a position to be able to give something we would be extremely grateful as now more than ever, this money will make a difference to our school.
- **FONJSA Halloween Treat bag** – Please refer to today’s email. The deadline to pay for a Halloween Treat bag on the Gateway is 19th October. These will be given out on Tuesday 31st October.

Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Taking place here during half-term. Details are available on our website.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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