

# Newnham Junior School



19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

This week has flown by and it's very strange to think that there are only 3 more weeks until half term. On Wednesday, the school improvement partner from the Borough visited. He was very impressed with many aspects of the school and was particularly complimentary about the behaviour and positive learning attitudes the children showed while he visited and was also very impressed with the teaching and learning happening in lessons. There were a few improvement points which we will implement; it's good to have an external person to give a different insight on what we can do to develop. It is so important that we continue to progress and improve, ensuring that we do our very best for your children.

**Open evenings** – These have been put on the calendar below, so please ensure that you put them in your diary. The link between parents/carers, children and staff is the reason why the school is so successful in ensuring your children make so much progress; meeting with teachers is a vital part of this process.

**Support Plan Meetings** – These will take place during the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February. There is no need to attend open evenings and support plan meetings, but you are more than welcome to do this if you wish. We will let you know the specific dates of the meetings as soon as possible.

**Safety** – Please could I remind all parents/carers that children **must** be accompanied when they are walking through the school car park. It is also very important that parents/carers set a good example to their children by ensuring that they wait for cars to park, rather than trying to rush past reversing cars.

**Nursery Place** - Do you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021? If so, and you wish to have a Nursery place in our Infant & Nursery School please email Mrs Johnson if you have not already applied at [office@newnhaminf.org.uk](mailto:office@newnhaminf.org.uk)

**New Year Coffee morning** - As mentioned last week, please join us for a coffee morning at 9am on Wednesday 31st January. This will include a short session on metacognition and how we encourage this in our pupils.

**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	43	51

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

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3	Payment & consent deadline - Science Museum trip	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6	Open Evening (at school)	3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	3	Visit to the Science Museum (back at 4.15pm)	All day
	6	Open Evening (at school)	4.30 – 7pm

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Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6 All	School Journey 3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due Parent/carer coffee morning – metacognition	9am
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme deadline to order	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	3, 4 & 5	Open Evening (at school)	3.30 – 6pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight & Storm teams 3, 4 & 5	Aspire Netball Rally Open Evening (at school)	1pm – 4pm 4.30 – 7pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	School finishes for the half-term holiday FONJSA Krispy Kremes given out	3.15pm 3.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half-term holiday	
12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	Bikeability	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Race Night	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts	8.45am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	FONJSA Race Night & Kids Raffle	6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey 4 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>MARCH</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	Secondary Transfer Offer Day	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Silver team	Borough Netball Tournament	1 – 4.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	World Book Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	The big plastic count week	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	PM
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>	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Easter Disco	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Silver & Burgundy teams	District netball tournament	1 – 4.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams	B Team netball tournament	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 6 All	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day	All day 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

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**Community events** – Full details on our website

Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts

Evolution Netball Club – February half term

PSD Fun weeks – February half term

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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