

Newnham Junior School



29th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well. Once again it was lovely to see so many of you attending our parent's/carer's evenings and our Year 3 open morning. Your attendance to these events sends such a positive message to your children that you value their education.

Esafety at home - The internet is a great resource and most of us will have filtering and monitoring systems in place to protect the content our children see by using Parental Controls on devices. We also have this in place at school to help limit inappropriate or above age related content however there can still be times that something can get through these systems. It is important to have conversations with your children about what to do if they see something inappropriate, upsetting or explicit online and remember that anything very concerning can be reported to CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>. More information about this can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/#resources>. During the Year 4, 5 and 6 evenings I showed many of you a slide detailing some of the apps children around Hillingdon are using. These sites are dangerous for many different reasons and show why monitoring your children at home is important. The details of these apps and sites have been attached separately.

Eco-Team News - It's been a great start to the year. It has been lovely seeing everyone (both adults and children) eager and enthusiastic about protecting our planet. Remember our Eco School Motto - the future of our planet is in our hands! Last year we focused on our recycling behaviour and began recycling pens which was a huge success. The boxes are still in the classroom so don't forget to encourage your child to recycle them. This year, we want to continue to develop this and recycle food waste. Did you know 1/3 of food ends up in landfill and this week alone The Pantry threw away 55 uncancelled meals. It's our turn to take action! Every lunchtime, a food recycling bin is in the dining hall and children are asked to place any food waste from their packed lunch or hot dinner in the bin which is reinforced by the posters around the hall. Let's go, Newnham - we've got this! Remember every little helps! *The Eco Team*

Casual Lunchtime Supervision Staff - If you would be interested in supervising the children eating their lunch between 12 noon and 1.30pm on a casual basis when one of our permanent staff is absent, please contact the School Office.

Coffee Mornings This Term - We have arranged events this term for parents/carers to have a chance to come in, meet each other and staff, find out more about what is happening at the school and get support with your child's learning. **All events are held in the school hall at 9am and include tea, coffee and cakes!** These events are open to all parents and carers and if you need to bring along younger children then feel free! **Please come along** - We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

- Tuesday 3rd October - What does the school do about mental health? Join Mr Kent to find out about how we support positive mental health in school.
- Monday 6th November - Coffee morning with Centre for ADHD and Autism Support.
- Wednesday 6th December - Christmas coffee morning - Mince Pies with Mr Wilkey - Christmas jumpers welcome!

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Harvest Food Bank Collection - We are doing our harvest collection in school for the Hillingdon food bank this half term. 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. 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.

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

As previously advised, see below for this term and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
OCTOBER			
Tuesday 3 rd	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning What does the school do for mental health?	9am
Wednesday 4 th	3	Parents & Carers meeting	3.30 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 th	All	Flu Vaccine	
Friday 13 th	All	FONJSA Family Bingo	6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	3	Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Back at 4pm
Friday 20 th	All	Diwali Day	
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 All	Visit to Mount Fitchet Castle Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Thursday 2 nd	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Monday 6 th	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – ADHD/Autism support	9am
Tuesday 7 th	All	Individual & Family photos	
Friday 10 th	All	FONJSA Children's Quiz	
Saturday 11 th		Choir performing at Ruislip Manor	
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"	
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	

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Wednesday 6 th	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!) Christmas lunch and jumper day	9am
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 Family Bingo – Don't forget to order your tickets by Wednesday 4th October. FONJSA are looking for donations of unwanted gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, toys and unwanted gift sets to use as prizes at the Family Bingo. If you have anything suitable please drop it into the school office.

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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