

Newnham Junior School



15th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

I want to start this newsletter by saying a huge thank you for all of the support you have given the school this term. The whole school has such a positive atmosphere and this wouldn't happen without the positive messages you give to your children. I know the staff feel proud to be part of a school where the parents, carers, staff and children work in partnership to create such a safe and caring atmosphere and where all children make excellent academic and social progress. I know this will continue next term and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Alongside your support for the children many of you have been incredibly generous in donating to the school, the school's chosen charity and the themed days we have had this term. For your interest, I have attached a newsletter from Omushana, the school's charity so you can read how the money is being spent. The most recent Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day raised a total of £266 and there were many donations to the Christmas Foodbank Collection.

Year 3 Performances – Part of reason for the success of this term is how well the Year 3 children have settled into the school and this was clearly shown by their superb performances in the Year 3 nativity. Everyone learnt the words to the songs and sang them with gusto. All of the children really enjoyed being on the stage, and the experience of performing in front of an audience is an important part of learning. Most importantly, I could see the joy on all of the children's and audiences faces.

Parent and Carer Survey – Thank you to those families who took the time to complete our survey. The winner of the box of chocolates is Harry W in Year 5.

FONJSA Christmas Disco - If your child is attending the disco today, please see below as a reminder of the timings and please note that all children must be collected by an adult

YEAR GROUPS	START TIME	COLLECTION TIME
3 & 4	Straight from school	5pm
5 & 6	5.30pm	7pm

Year 6 Carol Concert : 7pm on Tuesday 19th December at Eastcote St Lawrence Church - Can I remind Year 6 parents and carers that the children will be rehearsing at the church all day next Tuesday and everyone will require a packed lunch. Please note that the deadline for ordering a lunch from The Pantry has now passed. The evening concert starts at 7pm and the children should be at the church by 6.40pm in their school uniform. Seating at the church will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and the concert is expected to finish at 8pm.

Clubs - All clubs have now finished for this term, except Street Dance which finishes on Wednesday 20th December. There are still limited spaces in Year 5 & 6 PSD Dodgeball. The following external clubs also have limited spaces and you should contact the providers directly (flyers attached) Speak Up Drama, Chess club, Construction club, Tennis club.

Curriculum Plans - Please find attached the Curriculum Plans for next term.

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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	88	34

A letter from the Mayor of London is attached regarding the Universal Free School Meal Programme.

INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Household Support Fund - This grant is to support low-income households with the cost of food, utilities and related costs (and essential goods, in exceptional circumstances). Please see [Household Support Fund - Hillingdon Council](#) for full details.

Winter Holidays Activities & Food Programme - The HAF winter programme will be delivered from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024. The programme is open to school-aged children (reception to year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Please see: [HAF Information for parents - Hillingdon Council](#)

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

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
DECEMBER			
Tuesday 19 th	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church (packed lunch) - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 st	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Sunday 31 st	6	School Journey - 2 nd payment due	
JANUARY			
Tuesday 9 th	All	School restarts for the Spring Term	8.45am
Monday 15 th	5	Visiting Theatre company - Road Safety	1.30pm
Friday 19 th	6	Young Voices Choir performing at the O2	7pm to 9.15pm
Tuesday 30 th	3	Visit to the Science Museum (back at 4.15pm)	All day
Wednesday 31 st	6	School Journey 3 rd payment due	
FEBRUARY			
Friday 9 th	All	School finishes for the half-term holiday	3.15pm
12 th - 16 th	All	Half-term holiday	
12 th - 15 th	6	Bikeability	
Monday 19 th	All	School restarts	8.45am
Friday 23 rd	All	FONJSA Race Night & Kids Raffle	6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 29 th	6	School Journey 4 th payment due	
MARCH			
Friday 1 st	6	Secondary Transfer Offer Day	
Thursday 7 th	All	World Book Day	
Monday 11 th	6	Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	PM
Tuesday 12 th	All	2 Johns - Safeguarding event	All day
Friday 15 th	All	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	All day

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Friday 15 th	3 & 4	Final Dodgeball Club for the term	3.15 - 4.15pm
Monday 18 th	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event - all week	
Friday 22 nd	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Wednesday 27 th	4	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch	All day
Thursday 28 th	All	Last day of term	1.30pm
Sunday 31 st	6	School Journey 5 th payment due	
APRIL			
Monday 15 th	All	School restarts for the Summer Term	8.45am

Community events – Full details on our website

- Hillingdon Narrowboats – Santa Boat Trips
- Open Casting Flyer – male actor required

Last day of term : Thursday 21st December - Children can bring in their own games on this day (not the electronic type please). The children should come in wearing their uniform (there will be no PE lessons) and we finish for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm. We return to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher

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