

Newnham Junior School



26th May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well. This half term has flown by and the school and children continue to thrive and make progress. We have so many successes in sport, music and academic competitions and so many enjoyable and exciting events for your children to experience. The good news is that there are more exciting events and competitions next term. Can I remind you that school finishes today for the half-term holiday and we return to school on Tuesday 6th June as the Monday is a Training Day.

Uniform – Please could you send an email or note in with your children if they are not wearing the correct uniform for a good reason (e.g. wet shoes). I would also like to remind you that children should not be wearing sports/fashion logoed sport clothing on PE days or flared leggings on any day, except for the weekends and holidays.

You should all have received an email detailing how to purchase the new PE uniform for the next academic year. Our new supplier is Mapac and the website is ready to accept orders. Please note that the tie, PE T shirt and Hoodie are the only items that need to be purchased from this site. All other items can still be bought from supermarkets and chain stores. ***We have been advised by Mapac today that to guarantee delivery for the Autumn term you need to place an order by 30th June.***

Hillingdon Primary School Singing Competition - 32 members of our 65-strong Upper School Choir took part in this annual event at the Great Barn in Ruislip on Wednesday 24th May. Nerves and excitement grew as we watched the other schools perform their songs and medleys, until it was our time on the platform. To say that the children sparkled is an understatement, seen in their animated faces and heard in their energised and tuneful voices. Also, the children stood out a mile with their smart school uniforms. All contributed to an overall win for Newnham. We are over the moon and look forward to sharing our songs at the school summer concert on Tuesday 27th June. Many congratulations to all of our dedicated and committed young singers.

Science Mark and Eco Mark – I am delighted to inform you that the school has achieved an Eco Mark and a Science Mark. Both of these are very difficult to attain and show what an amazing job the staff of Newnham do. I would also like to thank Mrs Shah and Mrs Horn for their hard work in the application required for these marks.

School Journeys – The Year 6 children have all been out on various trips and adventures for the past two weeks. It takes a lot of organisation from staff and a lot of hard work. The staff are happy to do this because they know what a difference these activities make to the personal development of the children. The staff who have been away on the residential trips need a special thank you for giving up so much time.

Fun weeks – I know many of you are sending your children on the half term fun week. Unfortunately there will be no summer holiday fun weeks due to the various building works occurring at the school over this time. Hopefully this advanced notice will give you time to organise alternatives.

Digital Skills sessions for adults - The London Borough of Hillingdon will be running FREE digital skills workshops at Uxbridge Library on Friday mornings in June from 10am to 12pm, at Uxbridge Library. The sessions are open to anyone over the age of 19 who wish to improve their digital skills. Details of how to book are on the attached flyer.

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Dates for the rest of the Summer Term and further details will follow in due course. The dates shown in red have recently been added.

MONTH	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
JUNE			
Monday 5 th	ALL	ALL DAY	Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 6 th	ALL 6	8.30am 2.30pm	School restarts Junior Citizen Presentation
Wednesday 7 th	ALL 3 5 & 6	AM 9-10am PM	Donations for Family Fun Night see below 3LM walk to Eastcote Parent/carer coffee morning – Junior hall (see below) Best cricket at Uxbridge cricket club – details to follow
Thursday 8 th	3 5 & 6	AM All day	3K walk to Eastcote London School Games Cricket Competition
Friday 9 th	3 6 ALL	AM Back at 5.30pm 6-9pm	3H walk to Eastcote Y6 trip to Chessington FONJSA Family Fun Night
Monday 12 th	5 ALL	ALL DAY Mon - Thurs	Support Plan Meetings Book Drive
Tuesday 13 th	3 6	ALL DAY ALL DAY	African Mask Workshop Support Plan Meetings
Wednesday 14 th	4 ALL 6	ALL DAY ALL DAY 12.45-3pm	Support Plan Meetings Class Photographs - Year 6 to wear winter uniform Boys football tournament Harlyn
Thursday 15 th	3 6KN	ALL DAY ALL DAY	Support Plan Meetings Visit to Battle of Britain Bunker
Friday 16 th	6A	ALL DAY	Visit to Battle of Britain Bunker
Monday 19 th	5 & 6	1.30-4.30	District sports – details to follow
Tuesday 20 th	6S	ALL DAY	Visit to Battle of Britain Bunker
Wednesday 21 st	3 & 4 5 & 6	9-12pm 1-3pm	Lower School Sports Day Upper School Sports Day
Tuesday 27 th	ALL	7-8pm	Music for a Summer's Evening
Wednesday 28 th	3 4	ALL DAY 9 - 4.30pm	Year 3 Pedestrian training Year 4 Trip to Whippsnade
Friday 30 th	ALL	10-10.45am	School Council Car Boot
JULY			
Monday 3 rd	3	ALL WEEK	Year 3 Greek Week
Tuesday 4 th	6	ALL DAY 9 – 10am	Hillingdon Schools Secondary Transition Day Year 2 parents meeting – Junior hall
Wednesday 5 th	TBC 6	9-10am ALL DAY ALL DAY	Parent/carer coffee morning (see below) Visit to Tower of London Superbloom Harrow Schools Secondary Transition Day
Monday 10 th	ALL ALL		All clubs finish this week End of year reports issued
Tuesday 11 th	5C		Last swimming lesson
Friday 14 th	ALL 3 & 4 5 & 6	ALL DAY 3.30-5pm 5.30-7pm	A celebration of France day FONJSA Summer Disco FONJSA Summer Disco
Monday 17 th	5	ALL DAY	Year 5 Visit to Woburn Safari Park

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Tuesday 18 th	6	ALL DAY	Year 6 production rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall
Wednesday 19 th	6	ALL DAY	Year 6 production rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall
Thursday 20 th	6	ALL DAY 7 – 9.15pm	Year 6 production rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall Year 6 production at Winston Churchill Hall
Friday 21 st	6 ALL	12 – 1.30pm 1.30pm	Year 6 BBQ Term finishes

Parent/carer Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 7th June 9am - Relationships and Sex education - what do we teach and why?

There has been a lot of discussion in the news about what is taught in schools and we want to make sure that parents/carers are informed and confident in what their children are learning. This will include a short presentation explaining what we teach, the resources used and the reasons behind it and a chance to ask questions, as well as coffee, cake and a chat!

Wednesday 5th July 9am - 'And and But' communication

A short session from Julie Browne, our SEND governor, followed by coffee and a chat.

What parents and carers needs to know about influencers - Please see attached.

Household Support Grant – Please see attached.

Eco Team Update - We have exciting news to share! We have been awarded the **Eco School Green Flag Award**. This is given to schools to acknowledge, reward and celebrate their ecological achievements. We wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported our campaigns. We couldn't have done this without you all! Every little helps so small steps by everyone will have a bigger impact on our environment. They were impressed by how, as a school, we are so passionate about improving our school environment, local community and protecting our planet. They loved hearing about our short term plans for energy saving and also for our longer term plans which include recycling pens and planting bulbs. As our eco motto says - 'The future of the planet is in our hands!' So remember to keep switching off lights, engage in more unplugged activities, reduce plastic usage in your lunch boxes, recycle pens and find sustainable ways to travel. We also have £70 to spend in IKEA to help reduce our carbon footprint! If you have any suggestions on how we might spend it, drop them into the eco box or tell your eco-rep. *Eco Team*

FONJSA news - Our ever popular Family Fun Night will be held on Friday 9th June, 6-9pm. Come along for a great night with BBQ, bar, music DJ, games, tombola, candy floss, inflatables and more. Tickets are available on the Gateway at £5 an adult, £7.50 per child (aged 2-12 years, includes unlimited turns on the inflatables), under 2's free (but ticket needed). **Please make the appropriate payment for the number of tickets you require.** Advance sales of tickets for the raffle to be drawn on the night are also on gateway at £2.50 a strip.

FONJSA request families make a donation we can use for the evening. Please could we have a bottle donation (wine or something nice), individually wrapped sweets or chocolate bars, or raffle prizes, brought to the office on Wednesday 7th June.

Please consider volunteering on the night as these events can't run without you (and the kids love to help too). Please complete the following google form.

[FONJSA FUN Night Volunteer Rota](#)

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Holiday Activities - Details are available on our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

- Ruislip Baptist Summer Holiday Club
- Nick Jones Creative Tech club – held at Newnham
- PSD May Half Term Active Camp

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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