

# Newnham Junior School



20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

This half term has flown by and the children have been exceptional in terms of their behaviour and positive attitude to their learning. The staff of the school have worked incredibly hard to help this happen and I know that the support you have given to your children and the school makes a huge difference. Due to the hard work and effort, everyone is tired and looking forward to a well-earned rest.

Schools have recently received reports from the DFE comparing their Year 6 SATs results to other schools nationally. I am happy to report that Newnham is in the top 1% of schools for maths progress and top 5% of schools for reading progress. Our attainment is also excellent (we are in the top 20% of schools for reading, writing and maths), but we are particularly proud as making progress is integral to our ethos.

**Football Tournament** – Alongside the academic achievements, the children continue to impress on the sporting field. This week, the football team competed in the Ruislip and Northwood Football Tournament. They won all of their 6 group games convincingly, only conceding 1 goal. They beat Harlyn 5- 0 in the quarter final, progressing to the semi-final where they played Hillside. Unfortunately, despite numerous shots at goal and near misses, they eventually lost 1 – 0 to Hillside's only attempt.

The children's attitude was exemplary throughout; by the end of the tournament they were soaking wet and shivering, but they never complained and were a credit to the school.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy** - Please see below

<https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/School-Meals-Supervisory-Assistant-4897>

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Meals ordered but not served	38	24

**Year 4 Endangered Animals Fundraising Day Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Well done to Year 4 for their amazing endangered animal costumes. The children took part in an assembly and learnt in their Science lessons about why animals are endangered and what we can do to help. 4CH and 4S have voted to sponsor a jaguar and 4UW a panda. £79 has been raised so far and the payment is still on the Gateway.

**Diwali (Non Uniform Day)** - On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating Diwali at school. Children can come to school in traditional dress/non uniform and will be learning how Hindu and Sikh people celebrate Diwali. In return, FONJSA are looking for donations of gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, novelty toys, chocolates, bottles and unwanted gift sets. If you have anything at home that you are able to donate, please bring into the Office either on the 10<sup>th</sup> or by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

**Reading Books** - We are looking for some volunteers to help sort and organise our reading books. Some of our books are old or damaged and we would really like the children to have a good quality selection of texts that they can easily choose from. If anyone is available on Thursday 1st or Thursday 9th November from 10am we would really appreciate your help. Please contact the office if you are able to offer your assistance.

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**Upper School Swimming Gala** – If you would like your child to participate in the trials, please complete the Google form that was emailed out on 13<sup>th</sup> October. The deadline to complete it is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and the trials will be arranged for after half term.

**Choir Information** - We are always delighted when opportunities arise to sing in the wider community and we have plenty to look forward to this academic year. With over 120 children as members of either our Upper or Lower School Choirs, we try to spread the opportunities as fairly as possible. Most outside events place **strict restrictions** on numbers, giving us an extra conundrum when ensuring all children have a chance to perform externally. We appreciate your understanding and patience if you feel your child is not having a chance to represent the school; please be reassured that ALL children will be invited to sing in our Christmas on the Playground event and our Summer Concert. Please note: in the lead-up to a performance, it is sometimes necessary to rehearse with just those involved in that particular event. We will communicate this to the children directly.

**Ruislip Manor Funday** – Why not come along and support members of the Upper School Choir at the Christmas Funday on Saturday 11th November at 11.30am when they will be singing on the stage. FONJSA are also sponsoring a stall at this event with games and a tombola so please pay them a visit. If you would like to volunteer to help on the stall, please email [FONJSA@gmail.com](mailto:FONJSA@gmail.com) or let them know on the class WhatsApp group. Full details are on our website.

**Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Further details will follow in due course but if you would like to make a donation, this can be made directly to Children In Need via the Gateway and please select the option entitled **Useful Links** (under payments) to be taken to the CIN donations page or click on the following <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11605>. No cash into school please.

**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.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	Deposit payment deadline - School Journey	
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half Term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Training Day - School closed to children	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>		School restarts	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	5	Visit to Mount Fitchet Castle	Back at 4pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Dogs Trust workshops - here	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning – ADHD/Autism support	9am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Individual & Family photos	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Support Plan meetings</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>FONJSA Kids Team Quiz order deadline</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm

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Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4 &amp; 5BC</b>	<b>Support Plan meetings</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Scholastic Book Fair in the Dining Hall	3.30 - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5CU&amp;5N</b>	<b>Support Plan meetings</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	Diwali Day/non uniform (please bring a donation)	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>FONJSA Kids Team Quiz</b>	3.30 – 5.00pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Selected pupils	Upper School Choir Performance at Ruislip Manor Funday	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3LM</b>	<b>Support Plan meetings</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Children in Need	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4S	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Visiting pantomime “A Christmas Carol”	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Voluntary Contribution deadline	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Lower School Choir at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	(limited numbers)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6R&6KN	Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5N	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper day	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	All	<b>Singing on the playground</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!)	9am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	The Pantry Christmas lunch	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	US choir	Y6 choir members performing at Eastcote library	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm

## FONJSA reminders

- **FONJSA Halloween Treat bag** –The order deadline has now passed and these will be given out after half-term on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- **Kids Team Quiz Night** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Details have been emailed out to you today.

## Community notices - Details are available on our website

- Wealdstone SEND football sessions
- Wealdstone girls football sessions.

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- Ruislip Rugby Club – firework display

**Half term activities** - Details are available on our website.

- Swimming Crash course at Northolt swimming pool
- Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Taking place here during half-term.
- Evolution netball – half term netball club – Taking place here during half-term.

**SEND Parents and Carers Survey** - The Local Authority want to gain feedback on SEND services and provision in Hillingdon and this survey is live until Tuesday 31st October 2023:-

[Special educational needs and disabilities: Parents' survey - Hillingdon Council](#)

**Last day of this half term** – We close for the half-term holidays today and return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. From everyone at the school, we hope you have an enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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