

Newnham Junior School



26th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you have all been made aware the school will be affected by the industrial action on Wednesday 1st February. Today we sent out an email detailing which classes would not be attending school and which classes would. Unfortunately we have confused parents who have more than one child at the school. To clarify 4CH, 4UW, 4S and 6A will be closed due to industrial action. I am sorry for the confusion this has caused.

I am very aware that this industrial action may cause disruption amongst families and I hope that it does not adversely affect the excellent relationship we have with you. However, I would like to voice my full support for those teachers who are taking this action. Your children have many years left of their education and the striking teachers are trying to make things better for them. Many schools are understaffed as more teachers are leaving the profession than joining it. If pay is improved, your children are more likely to attend schools which are fully staffed. Having spoken to the teachers, I also know that they are more concerned with the underfunding of education. The government have not given extra money to schools for the 5% pay rise given to staff. This means that we have to make budget cuts to equipment, resources, professional development and school maintenance.

Young Voices at the 02 - Friday 20th January - I think our Year 6 pupils have finally come back down to earth after a thrilling concert, singing alongside 8000 school children at the 02. We hope that the memories made will be forever lodged in their minds and that they burst into dance every time 'Le Freak' comes on the radio! Thank you to all those families who supported the children throughout the project.

Boom Reader announced the launch of a new version of their parent app on Monday 20th January 2023. It now includes the following two new features:

- 1) Likes - teachers will be able to like any comments you have written when you log reading with your child (there will be a small red heart next to the comment).
- 2) Seen by - parents will be able to see when a teacher has seen their reading log (there will be a small green eye icon next to the log). They have also updated their parent information poster - please see attached.

Spring Term Parents and Carers Meetings - As previously advised, we are holding the following meetings to discuss your child's progress (see below). There will be a questionnaire to fill in afterwards which can be obtained by scanning the QR codes in the building.

Support Plan Meetings - If your child has a support plan, you should have received details of their review meeting and please contact the School Office by Monday 30th January to confirm your attendance at this meeting. If you are attending a Support Plan meeting, there is no need for you to attend a separate meeting with your child's teacher unless you want one. Please contact the School Office if you would like to cancel your appointment booked via SchoolCloud.

The Teachers are happy to meet you face to face if you prefer on the dates originally scheduled for the virtual meetings and please book an appointment via SchoolCloud. Similarly, if you have previously booked a virtual appointment, you are welcome to come in to school instead at the time of your meeting. However, please note that these meetings must start and finish on time and therefore you must ensure you are at the classroom at your allotted time.

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SPRING TERM PARENT AND CARER MEETINGS			
DATE	YEARS	MEETING DETAILS	TIME
JANUARY			
Tuesday 31 st	5	Face to face with the class teacher	3.30 - 6.30pm
FEBRUARY			
Wednesday 1 st	3	Face to face with the class teacher	3.30 – 6.30pm
Monday 6 th	6	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	Please confirm attendance
Tuesday 7 th	4	Face to face with the class teacher	3.30 – 6.30pm (rearranged from 1 st February)
Tuesday 7 th	5	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	Please confirm attendance
Tuesday 7 th	5	Virtual with the class teacher	4 - 7pm
Wednesday 8 th	4	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	Please confirm attendance
Wednesday 8 th	3 & 4	Virtual with the class teacher	4 - 7pm
Thursday 9 th	3	Face to Face Support Plan meetings	Please confirm attendance

Reminders:-

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
3	Mr Egypt Ancient Egyptians visit - 3 rd February	Friday 27 th January - TOMORROW
6	School Journey deposit	Wednesday 1 st February

The Pantry - As some of you may be aware, at the start of term there were a few days where no lunch choice was given on The Pantry's website. This has now been corrected but please can you check your child's meals account for the days shown below to ensure that you have ordered a meal if required:-

- Thursday 9th February
- Tuesday 21st February
- Thursday 2nd March
- Tuesday 7th March
- Friday 31st March

FONJSA News Newnham Square Cookie – As previously advised, TAG coffee shop are selling these delicious red velvet & white chocolate Newnham square cookie and £1.50 of each sold will be donated to the school.

Next FONJSA meeting - This will be held in the Junior School on Thursday 2nd February at 7pm. You are welcome to come along to help plan the fundraising events for the rest of the year.

February Half Term Activities

- Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Held here. Details are available on our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/>
- Jones Tuition – Creative Tech Club – Held here 16th & 17th February. Details are available on our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher

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