

# Newnham Junior School



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending Thursday's year 5 meeting. The teachers appreciated meeting you and starting up the vital link between them and yourselves. As you can see we have the year 4 and year 6 meetings next week and tours for year 3 parents and carers.

**YEAR 3 PARENT TOURS : 9AM ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - As previously mentioned, I would like to give year 3 parents and carers the opportunity to gain a better understanding of our school with a 30 minute tour with a member of our Leadership Team, followed by a brief visit to a selection of classes. We cannot guarantee you will see your child's class but you will see another class in that year group. There is no need to book - just come to the School Office at 9am next Tuesday.

**YEAR 4 & 6 PARENTS & CARERS** - I hope to see you all at the parents and carers meetings next Tuesday (year 6) and Wednesday (year 4) starting at 6pm. I will give a brief presentation and the rest of the time will be spent in your child's classroom. Just by attending the meeting, it gives a message that you value your child's education, which helps your child gain a positive learning attitude.

**STORY WRITING COMPETITION** - The BBC are holding their annual children's 500 words writing competition. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to get creative and write an imaginative story. It can be about any subject they choose and many of the entries are shared online and aired on a podcast! Please see the website for lots of inspiration and details of how to enter: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

**JEWELLERY** - On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh kara.

We ask the children to remove/cover these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. We are seeing an increasing number of children who have not covered their earrings before PE and would advise that this should be done either before coming to school or tape should be supplied that can be applied in school.

**YEAR 6 YOUNG VOICES** – May we remind any year 6 parents whose child is taking part in this concert to return the forms and make any necessary payments on the Gateway by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

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
SEPTEMBER			
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4	Mindful Time club starts	3.15pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3	Parent & Carer tours - see above	9 - 10am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	Parents & Carers meeting - see above	6 - 7pm

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Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4	Parents & Carers meeting - see above	6 - 7pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Parent/Carer coffee morning What does the school do for mental health?	9am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3	Parents & Carers meeting	3.30 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	Flu Vaccine	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Bingo	6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3	Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Back at 4pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	Diwali Day	
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	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	5 All	Visit to Mount Fitchet Castle 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
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Individual & Family photos	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Children's Quiz	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Choir performing at Ruislip Manor	
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 Gift Shop	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	Visiting pantomime "A Christmas Carol"	
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 All	Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!) Christmas lunch and jumper day	9am
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

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**FONJSA news** – Please see the attached for forthcoming events. Information on the Family Bingo was sent yesterday and payments are on the Gateway.

**PRIMARY SPORTING DEVELOPMENT FUNWEEK** – Taking place here during half-term. Details are available on our website.

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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