

Newnham Junior School



20th October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to spending time with your children over half term. The children certainly need a rest as they have been working really hard in class to ensure that they make progress during their lessons. During my first half a term as the full head teacher, I have been so impressed with the work ethic they have and the support you give to them. Alongside thanking you, I would also like to thank the staff. The hard work and time all of the staff at Newnham put into helping your children learn is incredible. It's inspiring to know that we are all working towards the same goal; that children develop a love of learning and want to make progress.

Lost Property – As mentioned previously the lost property will be placed on tables in the playground today and tomorrow for you to check at the end of the day. Over half term all unnamed lost property will either be recycled or taken to charity shops. With this in mind, any parents/carers may wish to wait until 3.25pm on Friday and help themselves (within reason) to anything left behind. If it is raining on either of these days, the tables will be under the shelter of the bike sheds by the mobile classrooms.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer - Please can I remind Year 6 parents/carers that the local authority would like all applications to be made by Friday 21st October.

Hillingdon Food Bank – Thank you to everyone who donated. As you can see below we had a great response. Thank you also to the parents/carers who volunteered to take it to the food bank for us.



Bake Off - Thank-you to all of the children that took part in Newnham's first ever Bake Off. Our House captains were overjoyed at so many entries from all year groups. The standard was very high with lots of variety and some amazing designs on display. Every entry will earn points for their houses! 12 children (3 from each house) will now go forward to the Bake Off final next half term. The pictures will also be displayed for everyone to see. A big well done to the House Captains for their organisation, effort and enthusiasm .

Year 4 Endangered Animals Fundraising Day - This took place today and it was lovely to see all the children (and staff) in their endangered animal costumes. There is still time for you to make a donation on the Gateway if you haven't already done so and this will go towards adopting an endangered animal via the World Wildlife Fund.

Individual & Family School Photographs - Tuesday 8th November - If you DO NOT wish your child to have their photograph taken and/or you have more than one child in either the Infant or Junior school and you wish them to have their photograph taken together, please complete this form <https://forms.gle/P3rqUStmiiqHJ8DHA>

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Scholastic Book Fair & Reading Cafes - We will be hosting our usual Scholastic Book Fair after school every day from Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th November. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up good quality books for your children or to buy as gifts - the school receives Scholastic Book Points for every purchase which can be spent on books for our reading shelves at school. Please see the invite details on the website. During this week we shall also be holding Reading Cafes in the afternoon, in the hall and If you are interested in volunteering to read to the children, please fill in this form by clicking on the link by Monday 31st October: <https://forms.gle/HdAn3G3usmx5i4Ui8>

The Reading Cafes will take place in the afternoons after lunch (from 1.30pm). Once we know how many volunteers there are, we will send out more information about timings and what books will be available to read. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already volunteered.

EVENT REMINDERS:-

Diwali - Tomorrow we will be celebrating Diwali at school. Children can come to school in their own clothes and they will be learning how Hindu and Sikh people celebrate Diwali.

Year 5 trip to Mount Fitchet Castle on Monday 31st October (back at 4pm) – The payment and consent deadline has now passed.

FONJSA REMINDERS

- FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop - FONJSA are looking for donations of gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, novelty toys and unwanted gift sets. If you have anything at home that you are able to donate, please bring into the Office by Friday 12th November. Thank you for your support.
- FONJSA Voluntary contributions – thank you to those parents who have already made a donation via the Gateway. If your family is in a position to be able to give something we would be extremely grateful as now more than ever, this money will make a difference to our school.
- FONJSA Trick or treat – the deadline to pay for a Halloween Trick or Treat bag on the Gateway is today. These will be given out on Monday 31st October.
- FONJSA Kids Team Quiz Night Friday 4th November 3.30 – 5pm – don't forget to pay for tickets on the Gateway by 2nd November.
- FONJSA Adult Quiz & Curry Night Friday 4th November 7pm start - places are limited and please complete the Google form if you wish to take part by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/Cohm1aQsHaCXawm67>

October half term activities - Details available on our website.

- Ruislip Rugby Club will be holding its annual fireworks display again this year, on the evening of Saturday 5th November. Full details are on our website.
- Primary Sporting Development Funweek – Held here. Details are available on our website.

Last day of this half term – We close for the half-term holidays tomorrow at normal time and return to school on Monday 31st October. From everyone at the school, we hope you have an enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey -Headteacher

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