

Newnham Junior School



10th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

It has been another action packed week and the children continue to impress with their determination to learn and progress. Once again there have been some sporting events to celebrate and class assemblies to look forward to from Y4 and Y5. When you look at the events going on below, I'm sure you will appreciate how much the school does for you and your children.

Industrial action - Thursday 16th March. Only one class is affected by this and they have been notified separately.

As it is such a busy half-term, we are including a reminder of the forthcoming events for the rest of this term. Further details were provided in our newsletter dated 3rd March:-

DATE	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
MARCH			
Monday 13 th	6	1.15pm	Borough Netball Tournament - here
Tuesday 14 th	5C	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 15 th	ALL	9am	Parent/carer Coffee Morning - see below
Wednesday 15 th	6	11.30am	Junior Citizens trip - back at 3.30pm (may not take place if the tube strike goes ahead)
Thursday 16 th	5N	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Thursday 16 th	5B	2.45pm	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Friday 17 th	ALL	All day	Red Nose Day - details below
Monday 20 th	ALL		Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight
Monday 20 th	5B	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm
Tuesday 21 st	4		Visit to the Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 21 st	5C	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm
Tuesday 21 st	6	6pm	Parent & Carers meeting re RSE, SATS, School Journey
Wednesday 22 nd	5N	9.30am	Visit to Manor Farm
Friday 24 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm	FONJSA Easter Disco FONJSA Easter Disco
Monday 27 th	3 & 4	11.30am	Lower School Singing Festival at The Beck Theatre Back at 4.10pm
Tuesday 28 th	4UW	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Tuesday 28 th	5B	11.30am	Last swimming lesson
Wednesday 29 th	4CH	9am	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 29 th	6	1.30pm	B Team Netball Rally - here
Wednesday 29 th	4S	2.30pm	Class Assembly - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 29 th	ALL		FONJSA Children's raffle draw
Thursday 30 th	5	All day	Visit to Hampton Court
Friday 31 st	All		FONJSA Break the rules for April Fools – details to follow
Friday 31 st	All	1.30pm	School closes for the holidays
APRIL			
Monday 17 th	All	8.30am	School restarts

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Reading at Home Parent & Carers Group: As you know, Newnham considers both the children's reading ability and their love of reading to be one of the most important parts of their education as it enables them to access learning across all subject areas as well as providing unlimited enjoyment through reading for pleasure. For many years, we have used Reading Record Books to monitor the children's reading at home and this year we are trialling Boom Reader as a digital version of this. With both these approaches, we have children who regularly read at home and obtain parent/carer signatures 5 times a week, we have children who rarely record their reading at home, and we have everything in between! We would therefore like to start a parent and carer committee to hear what you think works well with reading at home and if you have any suggestions or helpful feedback to help us to create a system that works for parents/carers, teachers and children alike. If you would like to join the committee please add your details by following this link <https://forms.gle/L7zb5epi3gFkx6A6A>. Further details will be sent in due course.

District Netball Tournament – On Monday, I'm sure you will have seen many of the local schools on the bottom playground participating in the District Netball Tournament. Both the Silver and Burgundy teams competed in this fast paced event and both teams played extremely well. Newnham Burgundy won 2, drew 2 and lost 2 of their games and came 3rd in their group of 7. This was a great warm up for their tournament on the 29th March.

Newnham Silver won all of their group games, scoring 33 goals and conceding 2 during the six matches they played. They moved onto the semi-final where they beat SSW 6 – 0. In the final they were against St. Helen's, who were the only team to have scored against them. They went on to win the match 4 – 2 in a very wet final. Due to this victory, Newnham Silvers are playing at the Borough Tournament, held at this school, on Monday 13th March. Spectators are welcome to this and refreshments will be available

The effort the children have put into netball this year is amazing and both teams should be proud of themselves.

Y3/4 Girls' Football Tournament – On Wednesday 7 girls from Y3 and Y4 participated in the Borough Tournament. The team started very well with an 8 – 0 win. They went on to win a further two games, draw two and lose one. They were in a very tough group and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals. Many of the coaches from other schools told us that Newnham had played the best football and were unlucky to miss out.

It's great to see that the younger children have the same determination and desire to represent their school with pride and I'm sure these children will work hard to progress and improve throughout the rest of their time at the school.

Parent/carer coffee morning- 15th March at 9am - Our next parent/carer coffee morning will be on the 15th March at 9am, with a 20 minute session on acknowledging children's feelings, followed by time for a coffee and a chat. This is also a chance to chat to staff and find out a bit more about what is happening at school. We hope to see as many people there as possible! Please note we plan to hold one parent/carer coffee morning and one SEND coffee morning each term.

Red Nose Day : Friday 17th March - As previously advised, we will be dressing up in anything red or non-uniform and your brightest socks, with special assemblies and activities and you can see what you can do to support and fundraise by visiting <http://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday> . To donate, please click on the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9810>

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Science Week - To celebrate British Science week we have been fortunate to have some parents who have given up their valuable time to come in and speak to the children. We would like to thank Mrs Thakar who came in to speak to Year 5 about her job as a research scientist and Dr Vivanco and Dr Tanos Lora for speaking to the whole school about their jobs in molecular science. The children gained an insight into the work that the Scientists do and the impact their jobs have on the world around us. Let's hope that some children are now inspired to think about a career in Science.

Payment/Consent Reminders:-

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
6	School Journey - First payment	1 st March
5	Manor Farm visit - 20/21/22 March	10 th March
4	Verulamium Museum visit - 21 st March	10 th March
All	DEC donation for Turkey & Syria	17 th March
6	School Journey - Second payment	1 st April
5	Hampton Court visit - 30 th March	17 th March
6	School Journey - Third payment	1 st May

Clubs – All Spring term clubs finish week commencing 20th March. The Summer term clubs information will be emailed out on Friday 17th March and bookings for Newnham and PSD clubs will go live on the Gateway on Saturday 18th March.

FONJSA news

FONJSA Children's Easter Raffle – Thank you to everyone who has already donated. FONJSA are looking for Easter Egg donations/children's raffle prizes from parents/carers and local businesses to add to our great raffle prizes. If anyone is willing to donate something, please drop your donations into the school office. Full details have been emailed out today and the payment for tickets is on the Gateway.

FONJSA Easter Disco – details have been emailed out today and the payment is on the Gateway.

Easter Holiday Activities

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

- PSD Easter Funweek 3-6 April - here
- Get Set for Tennis – Easter Holiday Tennis camp
- Jones Tuition Creative Tech club
- Easter Bunny Swimming Lessons
- ACE Multisports at Vyners school

Yours sincerely

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