

Newnham Junior School



6th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

Even though this was the second to last week of term, there has been so many exciting events happening at the school. Despite all of the fun and changes to routine, the children continue to impress with their good behaviour and enthusiasm to learn.



SWIMMING GALA – On Tuesday, some children from Year 5 and Year 6 participated in the District Swimming Gala at St. Helen's School. There were some amazing swimmers at the event, but I'm pleased to report that our girls team came 4th overall and the boys team retained the trophy for a second year. Many individual medals were achieved and the children represented the school proudly

.SPORTS KIT – With so many sporting events happening this term, it has been a challenge to keep track of where it all is. Please could you return any Newnham sports kit to us by Wednesday, so we have enough for the children next term.

CLUBS – Please can I remind you that all Autumn term clubs finish today and the Spring term clubs start week commencing 13th January. If you booked and paid for a club your child got in – we do not send a confirmation. We have looked at the google form that some parents and carers filled in to see if there was capacity to call in an extra coach for clubs like football or dodgeball. Unfortunately there was not enough demand to do this.

COFFEE MORNING – Thank you to everyone who attended this. It was lovely to have informal chats with so many parents and enjoy a few mince pies. I would like to thank the governors who attended and Ms Curtis for organising it all.

SINGING ON THE PLAGROUND – *We wanted to get to get to school early because the day had finally arrived it was singing on the playground! The playground was full of joy and everyone loved watching and taking part in the singing. It was fun to watch all the staff, children and Newnham families enjoying the Christmas spirit. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully even more people will join in. Finally we want to thank Mr Mansi for helping to organise the event. Priya and Sripad 5P*

Musical Assembly – On Tuesday 10th December a former pupil and West End star, Kyle Cox, joined us in our assembly. After telling us a little about his background and how he came to choose his career, he led a brilliant Q&A - there were some really exciting questions. Our ukulele group also performed once again (Kyle helped lead the singing to Rockin' Robin) as did the Lower School Choir. We look forward to seeing all our musical clubs starting new songs in 2025.

YEAR 3 PERFORMANCES I hope that everyone who attended any of the four performances enjoyed them as much as I did. The children certainly appreciated the opportunity to perform and all of them rose to the occasion. They sang beautifully, said their words clearly and the vast majority really enjoyed themselves. I would like to say a big thankyou to Mrs Wood and all of the staff in Year 3 for their hard work in putting this together.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER PRELOVED SALE - At Newnham, we are firmly on a sustainable path - recycling, reducing and reducing waste every day! Thank you for your donations for this year's Christmas jumper sale. Whether it was a new one or one you decided to swap, we had over 30 jumpers donated. Along with the sale of pre-loved uniform and coats, we have raised £40 for Omushama.

PARKING – Despite it being mentioned in the last two newsletters, a parent still parked their car in front of two driveways. As I did write that I would publish the registration plates of offenders could I remind the owner of the red Mazda, registration VK58 NPZ, that it is extremely inconsiderate to block driveways.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX – The children can bring in cards to post in the school post box which is in reception. Please ensure the envelope includes the full name and class of the person they are for.

ART COMPETITION - The Royal Academy holds an art competition for children where the winners will participate in the Young Artist's Summer Show. Miss Wilson will register the school for entries in the New Year but this may be an activity that some children might want to plan or start over the holidays. If you want to find out more, the RA has lots of information about it on their website including examples of previous winners <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> . Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. The work can be in any medium including sculpture. The competition closing deadline is 5th March 2025.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Many of our musical instruments need repairing and we are reaching out to see if any of our families have connections to someone who is handy with tools and has the time to assess and work with Mrs Wood to keep them going for as long as possible. Please contact the school office if you fit the bill!

SPRING TERM BREAKFAST CLUB – The deadline to return your form has now passed.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK COLLECTION - We are holding our annual Christmas foodbank collection for Hillingdon Foodbank, to donate treats for families in need. If you are able to donate any of the following (or any other Christmas treats) please bring in to school by Monday 16th December:

Selection boxes	Chocolate money	Christmas crackers
Biscuits	Christmas pudding	Soft drinks
Toiletries	Sweets	Chocolate

If you are in need of a food package please contact the school office.

ECO NEWS –

Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	27	30	£72.30 (2.41 each)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - See below.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
DECEMBER			
Friday 13 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm

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Tuesday 17 th	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 17 th	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 20 th	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Monday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
JANUARY			
Tuesday 7 th	All	School restarts for the Spring Term	
Tuesday 7 th	5P	Swimming lessons commence	11.30am

FONJSA CHRISTMAS DISCO - If your child is attending the disco today, please see below as a reminder of the timings and please note that all children must be collected by an adult

YEAR GROUPS	START TIME	COLLECTION TIME
3 & 4	Straight from school	5pm
5 & 6	5.30pm	7pm

COMMUNITY NEWS – see our website for details

- Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership – Reducing Fire Risk – E bikes & scooters

LAST DAY OF TERM : FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER - Children can bring in their own games on this day (not the electronic type please). The children should come in wearing their uniform (there will be no PE lessons) and we finish for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm. We return to school on Tuesday 7th January. I hope you all have a wonderful break.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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