

Newnham Junior School



1st December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well. The Christmas season has come to Newnham this week. All of the children and any visitors will be able to see the amazing Christmas display in our entrance hall. Mrs Wood and Miss Barnes have put this up for the last few years (with help from many members of staff) and it brings an extra special feeling to the school. On Thursday we had the Christmas Gift Shop and today the children experienced the fun packed panto. Both of these events were due to our amazing FONJSA team and parent helpers. The work they do is incredible and helps enrich the whole school experience for the children. I am sure you will all join me in thanking everyone involved.

Christmas Cards - The children can bring in cards to post in the school post box which is by the hall doors. Please ensure the envelope includes the full name and class of the person they are for.

Voluntary Contributions – Many parents have also been incredibly generous through their donations to the school. Every amount given makes a difference and is used to enhance the school experience for your children. The deadline to make a donation is today.

Breakfast Club – the deadline to return your form is today.

Parents Class WhatsApp Groups – These groups are an amazing resource for communication between parents and the majority of people use them for this reason. If a member of the group uses it for criticism, please could you all direct them to contact the school as this is the best way to resolve issues. Criticising individual children over WhatsApp or other social media sites must never happen.

Sportshall Athletics – Avid readers of the newsletter will remember that last week's second place was only between the 5 schools in their heat. Over the weekend the event organisers input all of the results from other heats into the computer and Newnham remained in 2nd place. This is a fantastic result and is the best the school has ever done in this competition.

Parking - The Governors and I would like to thank those of you who are leaving cars at home or parking away from Newnham Avenue. This really does help to ease congestion and make the Avenue safer and healthier for everyone. If you do have to use your car, please remember that a voluntary one-way system operates - coming in from Sunningdale Avenue through to Woodlands Avenue. Again, this arrangement is for the safety of everyone. We would remind you not to park on the zig-zag lines nor on the corners of the road. We would also ask you to have courtesy for our neighbours and not park across their driveways (in any road surrounding the school – Newnham Avenue, Sunningdale Avenue, Windermere Avenue or Woodlands Avenue). If you have a parking permit, also please ensure that you park considerately (including not parking in the middle of a two car bay!!) Finally, please do not leave the engine running whilst you are parked. We really do appreciate your co-operation

Spring Term Clubs – the clubs list was emailed yesterday and all payments go live on the Gateway tomorrow.

Eco Team

Food Waste Update -. Over the past two weeks The Pantry prepared 129 meals which were ordered for children and not eaten as they were absent from school. Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it and to cancel the meal if your child is off school. You can cancel at The Pantry up to 9.00am each morning. Also, this week The Pantry had to serve 11 children who had not had meals ordered for them. Please remember to order meals for your child. Thank you.

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| Eco-Team Food Waste Update | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK | |
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| Meals ordered but not served | 75 | 54 | |

Christmas Jumper sale - Thank you everyone for all the Christmas jumper donations. It's been amazing seeing everyone so enthusiastic and rethinking their habits. One item reused or recycled is one less item in landfill. Remember, the future of our planet is in our hands so every little helps. Together with the preloved uniform sale, we've raised a total of £61.20 for our school garden and we saved 42 jumpers from going to the landfill.

Author visit - Local author and TV actor Charlotte Eaton came to do a fantastic assembly all about her book - There's a King in the Kitchen. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and we learnt a lot about history too! If you would like to order a signed copy of her book the payment is back on the Gateway until Monday 4th December.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - A total of £972.67 was raised - thank you for your generosity.

Term Dates - As previously advised, these are shown below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

| DATE | YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP | DETAILS | TIME |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Saturday 2 nd | Y4 LS Choir | Performing at St Lawrence Christmas Fair | 4.45 - 5.20pm |
| Monday 4 th | 6S | Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum | |
| Tuesday 5 th | 6R&6KN | Visit to Gunnersbury Park Museum | |
| Tuesday 5 th | 5N | Last swimming lesson | |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Christmas Jumper day | |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Singing on the playground | 8.30am |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | Parent/Carer coffee morning - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey (Christmas jumpers optional!) | 9am |
| Wednesday 6 th | All | The Pantry Christmas lunch. Details attached - please order in the usual way. | |
| Thursday 7 th | 5 & 6 | Swimming Gala (selected pupils) St Helen's | |
| Friday 8 th | US choir | Y6 choir members performing at Eastcote library | |
| Friday 8th | 3 | Consent deadline: Performance | |
| Friday 8th | 6 | Consent deadline: Rehearsals & Carol Concert | |
| Tuesday 12 th | 3 | Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers | 2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm |
| Wednesday 13 th | 3 | Group 2 Nativity | |

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| Friday 15 th | 3 & 4 5 & 6 | FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco | 3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm |
| Tuesday 19 th | 6 | Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church (packed lunch) - Performance to parents & carers | All day 6.30 - 8.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st | All | School closes for the holidays | 1.30pm |
| Sunday 31 st | 6 | School Journey - 2 nd payment due | |

FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop – On Thursday a team of FONJSA volunteers came in to help the children wrap their selected Christmas gifts purchased on the Gateway. Thank you to all the families who purchased via the Gateway – in total 250 gifts were sold!



FONJSA Christmas discos – details have been emailed out today and the deadline to pay is Sunday 10th December.

Hillingdon Families' Information Service - Details attached.

Community events – full details on our website

- Get Active Winter Camps
- January crash swimming course – Northolt Leisure Centre

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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