

Newnham Junior School



11th July 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

End of Year Reports – These are being sent home with your child today.

Sports days – Upper Schools Sports day was a great success and congratulations go to Emerald House who were the overall winners after all the children had taken part. It was great to see them make such an effort to take part and lovely to see so many smiles! In addition a big thank you to all of the parents that attended - your support is greatly appreciated by the children and makes for a wonderful atmosphere. Thank you to FONJSA for providing refreshments and, finally, thanks go to all of the staff that helped run the event - it really could not run as smoothly without everyone's input.

Exhibition Evening – Tuesday 12th July 5pm to 8pm - You will be able to visit your child's class, see their work and informally discuss their progress with the class teacher - please note there are no formal appointment times. You will also be free to visit other classrooms. At 7.30pm the slides from the Year 6 School Journey/Canal Trip will be shown in the Hall. Year 6 will also receive a copy of these slides as part of their leaving file, along with a year group photo.

Race for Life – On Wednesday 6th July the whole school took part either walking or jogging around the field. Thank you to those people who have already donated, the link is below if you would like to make a donation. So far we have raised a staggering £1379.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/newnham-junior-school-1>

Music for a Summer's Evening - Thank you to all the families and friends who supported our annual *Music for a Summer's Evening* on Wednesday 6th July. The choirs performed to a packed hall, lifting the roof with a variety of songs, including a fun-packed version of *The Drunken Sailor* with tremendous audience participation. It is always a treat to follow the progress of our fledgling instrumentalists and this year was no exception. Congratulations to Kiyam Mehta (6A) who was awarded the trophy for his inspiring contribution towards the musical life of the school.

Therapy puppy - Mrs Wood (Year 6 teacher) has acquired a German Shepherd puppy (8 weeks old) who will hopefully become a therapy dog. In order for this to happen the puppy has to be introduced early to as many situations as possible and Mrs Wood would like to bring her into school, in the last couple of weeks of the term, to meet with children in a controlled situation. At the moment Laska will only be with the year 6 children, who have previously been advised of this, so if your child reports seeing a dog in school, this is why!

Sports kit - Please can you check at home for any of our school sports kit and return them by Friday 15th July.

Clubs – Most clubs finished last week with the exception of Streetdance, Yoga, Cheerleading and Tennis which all finish this week. The Autumn Term Clubs list will be sent out when we return in September and all clubs will start the week commencing Monday 12th September.

Autumn Term Breakfast Club - Please return the request form by Friday 15th July via email to office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk.

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The Pantry - Year 6 parents should contact office@thepantrycatering.co.uk if they wish to request a refund.

Reading books & school library books - Please encourage your child to return all levelled books and school reading books to the appropriate shelf. Every year a large number of books go missing and your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated. Your child will not be able to take any school reading books home until we return in September. Similarly, all school library books should be returned to the red box in our library entrance before the end of term please.

Lost property – This will be on display at Exhibition Evening and will also remain on display in reception on Wednesday. Any unclaimed, unnamed items will be offered for sale in the playground on Thursday 14th July for 50 pence an item. Anything not sold will be disposed of at the end of term.

Rocket fund – Last year many of you contributed towards the Rocket Fund Appeal to raise money to replace our toilets. We had also applied to other organisations to raise the remaining amount and can now confirm that all the toilets will be replaced in the summer of 2023 and the funds previously raised will be our contribution towards this. Thank you to all those who contributed at the time.

Lockdown Drill – On Thursday afternoon both the Infants and Juniors took part in a lockdown drill where all children and staff were required to “lockdown” in their classrooms. The children were advised of this beforehand and the drill was successful.

School photographs – if you have ordered a class photograph these will be given out in the last week of term. The cut-off date to return your photograph order is Wednesday 13th July – any orders after this date will need to be placed on line.

Working with Families - We would be grateful if you could complete the attached form giving your opinion on how we can improve how we work with families.
<https://forms.gle/9Nbs9zt1TCrQ3XAJ7>

Summer Reading Challenge - Please see the attached information about this year's Summer Reading Challenge - the 'Gadgeteers' themed challenge will be encouraging children to get scientific! At Newnham, we really believe in the importance of reading for enjoyment and would love as many children as possible to take part. During the school summer holidays, 4 to 11-year-olds will be invited to visit their local library 4 times and borrow any books they like. When children complete the challenge, they will receive a medal and certificate, and there are bonus incentives to collect along the way. There will be lots of fun activities and local events for children and young people in Hillingdon - click on this link to find out more about these events: <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/4120/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2022>

Jubilee books – all children have received a Jubilee book courtesy of the Department for Education along with a Gadgeteer bookmark.

FONJSA news:

Summer Discos – don't forget to order a ticket on the Gateway by today as any requests after this date will not be accepted. Year 3 and 4 can bring in a change of clothes if they are attending the disco.

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Local Community Notices - Details available on our website:-
Stagecoach – Summer camp

Last day : Friday 22nd July - It is a normal school uniform day and **school finishes at 1.30pm for the summer.**

Yours sincerely



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