

Newnham Junior School



6th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I know all of the staff are rested and eager for the new term and it's positive to see your children coming back from the holiday with added determination to learn and make progress.

Lost property – Most of the lost property from last term was taken to a charity shop, however, there were a few expensive looking coats which will remain in reception for another two weeks before they are recycled.

Late marks – A few parents have asked about the late marks from the interim reports last term. To clarify, it is likely that children will be marked in late if they turn up at the gate at 8.45am or later. Mr Mansi keeps the gates open later than 8.45am as a courtesy to parents and for health and safety reasons (the alternative would be for the late children to walk through the car park to the school office). Please try to ensure that your children are at the gate by 8.40am at the latest.

Dates for this half-term:-

DATE	YEARS	DETAILS	TIME
JANUARY			
Tuesday 10 th	5	5B Swimming Lessons start	
Tuesday 17 th	6	Parents & Carers meeting (face to face)	TBC
Wednesday 18 th	6	Parents & Carers meeting (virtual)	TBC
Friday 20 th	6	Young Voices Concert at the 02	11.30am onwards
Tuesday 31 st	5	Parents & Carers meeting (face to face)	TBC
FEBRUARY			
Wednesday 1 st	3 & 4	Parents & Carers meeting (face to face)	TBC
Friday 3 rd	3	Egyptian workshop	All day
Monday 6 th	6	Support Plan meetings (face to face)	
Tuesday 7 th	5	Support Plan meetings (face to face)	
Tuesday 7 th	5	Parents & Carers meetings (virtual)	TBC
Wednesday 8 th	4	Support Plan meetings (face to face)	
Wednesday 8 th	3 & 4	Parents & Carers meetings (virtual)	TBC
Thursday 9 th	3	Support Plan meetings (face to face)	
Friday 10 th	All	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 20 th		Training Day - School closed	
Tuesday 21 st		School restarts	

Support Plan meetings – The dates for these are shown in the table above. This term they will all be face to face unless otherwise requested, they will be 15 minutes long, and we hope to give adequate time between appointments to prevent too much waiting around. The reviewed support plan and new targets will also be sent to you a week before your meeting. Unlike previous years, there will be support plan meetings next term.

Parents and Carers meetings – As many parents informed us that they prefer having the choice of either face to face meetings or virtual ones, we have decided to continue with this process. The timing for these meetings will be sent to you closer to the date but we will continue to offer late meetings for working parents.

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Gingerbread house competition – the winners were: Niam 5C sapphire, Leah 3K emerald, Reyansh 3H emerald, Rachel 3LM topaz and Lara 3LM ruby.

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 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!!) We really do appreciate your co-operation.

Clubs – All clubs start next week and please see below for a reminder of the start and finish times for before and after school clubs:-

CLUB	DAY	START	FINISH	WHERE
Y3&4 Mindful Time	Monday		4pm	Reception
Y3-6 Nick Jones Creative Tech	Monday		4.15pm	Playground
Y6 Netball	Monday		4.15pm	Playground
Y3-6 PSD Basketball	Monday		4.15pm	Reception
Y3-6 Yoga	Tuesday	7.50am		Reception
Y3-6 PSD Girls Football	Tuesday		4.15pm	Playground
Y3-6 Speak Up Drama	Tuesday		4.15pm	Reception
Y3-6 Superstar Sport Construction	Wednesday		4.15pm	Reception
Y3-6 Reading	Wednesday		4.15pm	Playground
Y3&4 PSD Football	Wednesday		4.15pm	Playground
Y3-6 PSD Street Dance	Wednesday		4.15pm	Reception
Y5&6 PSD Football	Thursday		4.15pm	Playground
Y3-6 Let's Go Tennis	Thursday		4.15pm	Playground
Y3&4 Science (finishes 9 th Feb)	Thursday		4.15pm	Reception
Y3&4 Art	Thursday		4.15pm	Reception
Y5&6 PSD Dodgeball	Friday	7.50am		
Y3-6 Beginners/Intermediate Guitar	Friday		4.05pm	Playground
Y3-6 Superstar Sport Chess	Friday		4.15pm	Reception
Y6 Netball (by invitation only)	Friday		4.10pm	Playground
Y3&4 PSD Dodgeball (finishes 17 th March)	Friday		4.15pm	Reception

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Uniform – We are seeing an increasing number of children wearing acrylic nails/nail varnish to school. This is not something specifically mentioned in our uniform policy as we would not expect to see Junior children wearing either into school. Please ensure that any nail coverings are removed at the weekend before school on Monday.

FONJSA News

FONJSA would like to request donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts or unused presents that can be used for fundraising events (raffle prizes, Christmas gift shop, stocking fillers, party bag toys etc). Please drop any donations into the office.

Family Bingo – details have been emailed out today. The deadline to make payment on the Gateway is Monday 23rd January.

TAG coffee shop Eastcote – in collaboration with FONJSA, TAG coffee shop will once again be baking the Newnham square cookie with effect from next week. This is a delicious red velvet and white chocolate cookie and £1.50 of each sold will be donated to the school. Why not pop down to TAG for a drink and a cookie!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Wilkey', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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