

Newnham Junior School



21st June 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well and enjoying the lovely weather.

Cricket – On Wednesday, both the boy's and girl's cricket teams made their way to Gunnersbury Park for the London School Games Finals, competing against the best schools from every London Borough. As you can imagine, the opposition was very tough and many of the matches were much closer than what the children had experienced and only the top team from each group qualified for the next stage.

The boy's team won all five of their group games on a rough pitch with a very uneven bounce. Many sixes were scored and wickets bowled as the children progressed impressively to the semi-finals where they played a team from Richmond. This was a very tough match as the opposition had three county players who seemed to be able to hit even our best bowls for fours and sixes. The boys rose to the occasion and made the game close, but still lost. The other losing semi-finalist went home which meant that Newnham were 3rd overall.

The girl's team also won all five of their group games, progressing to the semi-finals and facing a private school from Richmond. The semi was incredibly close, tense and had a few controversial moments. Newnham were narrowly ahead in the final over but lost a couple of wickets, which meant they lost runs. The girls lifted their spirits to play brilliantly in the 3rd/4th playoff, meaning they also came 3rd.

It would be an achievement for one of the teams to medal at such a high quality and competitive event, but for both of them to get bronze is incredible. The children worked so hard all the way through the year and I hope they are proud of themselves because we are certainly proud of them.



Arts Week - The children have been enjoying Arts Week and have been making some stunning drawings, sculpture, paintings and collages. On Wednesday, during assembly, we will be sharing and celebrating the children's experiences and work. Everyone worked very hard and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you once again dear parents for your fantastic support and for the materials that were donated.

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Sports 4 Schools - Thank you to everyone who has already handed in their sponsor money for this exciting event on Monday. Hopefully the children are looking forward to meeting Saffron Severn, a commonwealth rhythmic gymnast, and are mentally and physically prepared for their sponsored circuit. **I would like to remind you that all children should be in their PE kit on Monday 24th for this event.**

Music for a Summer's Evening – FINAL REMINDERS - Children in the orchestra need to bring their instruments in on MONDAY for an extra rehearsal. All other instrumentalists (including the orchestra) must ensure their instruments are in school on Tuesday for our final run-through. The concert starts at 6.30pm and we would like the children to arrive between 6.00 – 6.15pm. Children are to wear school uniform (summer or winter; no PE kits, please). **Following the concert, there will be no further choir, orchestra or ukulele clubs this term.** Finally, please respect the request for ONE audience member per family, even if you have more than one child in the concert. Thank you for your support with our annual showcase of all things musical.

Class photographs – These were given out on Tuesday 18th June. If you wish to order one, please do so by Tuesday 25th June to avoid incurring a £4 surcharge. Orders can be placed on line and full details are on the proof.

Sports Day Wednesday 26th June : Y3 & 4 10 - 12.15pm : Y5 & 6 1 - 3.15pm - As previously advised, Sports Day will take place as detailed above. In the event of bad weather, please check our website www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk **after 9am for Lower School or 12.30pm for Upper School** to see if it is still going ahead. Children are encouraged (although not essential) to wear a top that is the same as their house colour. They will be given a sticker to wear, showing their group and individual race number. You are welcome to come and watch and please enter the playground via the car park next to the Infants playground, **not through the main school car park.** FONJSA will be selling refreshments.

Please ensure your child is wearing the following and has a named water bottle:-

- Sun cream (to be applied at home please)
- A named sun hat
- Full PE kit including trainers

We are happy for photographs to be taken during Sports Day but would ask that these images are not put on external sites i.e. Facebook. If we are made aware that this advice has been ignored and images have been uploaded without the prior consent from the parents/carers concerned, you will be asked to remove these images and failure to do so will require us to implement a ban on photography at all future events.

Uniform – Mapac uniform deadlines

- To ensure uniform is received in time for back to school in September, you need to order online by **WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY**.
- The last ordering date for **free delivery to school** is **FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**. This allows Mapac to send any outstanding orders in the system through to school before school closes for the summer.
- The last delivery into school will be on or around **12TH JULY**. Delivery to home / workplace are of course still available.
- Any orders made after 31st July will either need to be collected from Mapac or will incur a delivery charge.
- The free delivery to school option will be added back onto the Mapac ordering page for parents/carers to select from around **27TH SEPTEMBER** and the first delivery into school will be on or around **MID / END OCTOBER**.

How to order: Click on the link on our website or on this link: <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents>

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Car Boot Sale – Full details were emailed home on Wednesday and a payment to purchase tokens is now on the Gateway.

Exhibition Evening – Wednesday 10th July 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Please come along 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 6.30pm the slides from the Year 6 School Journey/Alternative 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 their year group photo.

Food Waste Update - 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 9am each morning.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	41	49	£105.35

Term Dates - Please see below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print

DATE	YEAR/CLASS/GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
JUNE			
Tuesday 25 th	3 All 4	Pedestrian training at school Music for a Summer's Evening Payment deadline for Whipsnade trip	6.30 – 8pm
Wednesday 26 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	Lower School Sports Morning Upper School Sports Afternoon	10 – 12.15pm 1 - 3.15pm
Friday 28 th	All	Car Boot Sale	
JULY			
Tuesday 2 nd	6	Hillingdon Secondary schools transition day	All day
Wednesday 3 rd	6 4 5	Harrow Secondary schools transition day Visit to Whipsnade Consent deadline for Manor Farm visit	All day
Friday 5 th	3	Greek Day	
Monday 8 th	All	End of term reports issued	
Wednesday 10 th	5 All	Manor Farm visit Exhibition Evening	4.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 11 th	5	Payment deadline for Woburn Trip	
Monday 15 th	5 6 All	Trip to Woburn Safari Park Production rehearsals Winston Churchill Hall End of term coffee afternoon - all welcome	All day 2pm
Tuesday 16 th	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 17 th	6	Production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Thursday 18 th	6 6	Production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall Performance at Winston Churchill Hall	All day 6.30pm
Friday 19 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	Finishes at 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd	6 All	Leavers BBQ School finishes for the Summer holidays	12 noon 1.30pm
Wednesday 24 th		Training Day - school closed	

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SEPTEMBER			
Monday 2 nd		Training Day - school closed	
Tuesday 3 rd		Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 4 th	All	School starts	8.45am

FONJSA news

Family Fun Night – Tonight's Family Fun Night is sold out. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. The raffle will be drawn tonight.

Community News – details on our website

Raring2Go - Please find the Raring2go! Summer magazine link here: [CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)

- **Mr Mullens HIIT work out sessions** – running every Thursday at the school (see flyer for details)
- **Summer Reading Challenge** encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays. Full details are on our website or available from Eastcote Library.
- **The Mayors Picnic in the Park** - This free entertainment event for all residents is being held on Saturday 29th June at Barra Hall Park. [The Mayor's Picnic in the Park - Discover Hillingdon](#)

Summer holiday activities

- Summer Holiday club, run annually at Ruislip Baptist Church for years 3 - 6.
- Get Set 4 Tennis – details on our website
- PSD Funweeks at Newnham – details on our website

Yours sincerely

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