

# Newnham Junior School



7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It was brilliant to see that almost every child in Year 6 had a parent/carer attending the Year 6 open evening this week. It makes a huge difference to your child to know that you are interested in their education. For those parents who may have forgotten to book time slots for the Year 3 – 5 teacher parent meetings next week, there are still a few available. If you are not sure how to book these slots please read below.

## **Years 3, 4 & 5 Spring Term Parents and Carers Meetings - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

As previously advised, we have arranged these 10 minute meetings to discuss your child's progress, which will take place with your child's class teacher in their classroom. Appointments should be made via SchoolCloud and please contact the School Office if you require any assistance with making an appointment. If your child has a Support Plan, these meetings will take place during the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March and we will let you know the specific dates and times of these meetings in due course. As these meetings will be focused on the Support Plan, you are advised to book an earlier meeting with your child's teachers as detailed above.

**Cable recycling 10<sup>th</sup> February -14<sup>th</sup> March** – Hillingdon Council's Recycling team is inviting primary and secondary schools across the borough to take part in the Cable Challenge - to see how many unwanted old cables they can recycle. The challenge starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and finishes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The competition encourages our school to increase its recycling and compete with other schools across the borough to see who can recycle the most! The winning school will be determined by how many kilograms of cables they've collected (the bins will be weighed at Harefield Civic Amenity Site) and will be offered £100 towards purchasing [repairing kits from Team Repair](#). If 1 million of us all recycled one cable, we could save at least 5,000 kg of copper from going to waste.

**The infants and juniors have joined together for this competition and will be collecting any unwanted or broken cables in the pink bin which will be placed by the willow tree on our playground.**



**Safer Internet Day : Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - At the start of next week we will be holding an internet safety assembly and this week's Jigsaw lessons will be around safer internet use. As there is increasing evidence of the harms caused by smartphones and social media for children's and teenager's development and mental health, you may be interested in the campaign for a 'Smartphone Free Childhood'. Click here for more information: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

**Eco news** – Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them

<b>Eco-Team Food Waste Update</b>	<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>COST TO THE SCHOOL</b>
Junior meals ordered but not served	34	41	£98.81 (£2.41 each)

**Cartridge/battery recycling** - We are collecting used batteries along with empty inkjet and toner cartridges and the recycling containers are in our school lobby.

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**School Hall Refurbishment** – As part of our ongoing project to refurbish the school hall we are appealing to our school community to see if there are any painters/decorators who would like to give us a quote to paint it. If you or anyone you know would like to quote please contact the school office ([office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk](mailto:office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk)). This project is kindly being funded by FONJSA.

**Dates for your diaries** - See below. Further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	All	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3	Visit to The Science Museum	<b>Back at 4pm</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4 & 5	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3	Open Evening	4.30 – 7pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3, 4 & 5	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Pre-ordered Krispy Kreme's given out/ <b>sale after school</b>	3.15pm
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	Half Term	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey - 4 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>FONJSA Family Race night deadline to pay</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4BF	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Race night	

**FONJSA news** - The FONJSA Family Race night takes place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 6-9pm – full details were sent out this week. Payments are on the Gateway for tickets, food, family raffle and to sponsor a horse and the deadline to pay is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. If you have any new unwanted gifts, toiletries or toys that we could use for our raffle or upcoming events please bring them into the school office. If you have a company or know anyone who would be able to donate a raffle prize or voucher please contact FONJSA on [fonjsa@gmail.com](mailto:fonjsa@gmail.com). Your support is much appreciated.

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts** – Any pre-ordered doughnuts will be given out on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. If you missed the deadline to order there will be a limited number for sale after school on the 14<sup>th</sup>. You may pay with cash or card.

## Community news

**H4All** - Are running a series of Childhood Asthma workshops online, these are led by a specialist Asthma Nurse for 1 hour. Full details are on our website.

**School Nursing team** newsletter – details on our website.

**Year 5 and 6 study group** – As previously advised, Mr Kent and Mr Frape will be delivering small group sessions (SATs preparation classes and preparing Year 5 children for Year 6). The sessions will take place during the first week of the Easter holidays – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 1pm. The sessions will be charged at £30 per day or £120 for the whole week and numbers are limited to a maximum of 24 children. The sessions will be broken down into three 1 hour sessions covering SPAG, Maths and reading. Two short breaks will be built into this time. Please complete the following form to reserve a place by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - <https://forms.gle/rFtU25p75t1GBXL26> Please note that Mr Frape and Mr Kent are doing this as an individual enterprise and are not being paid by the school for these sessions.

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**Mr Mullens private football sessions** - Individual or small groups of up to 4 children. Available during half term at 3.30-4.30 pm from Tuesday 18th February - Friday 21st February. Available after half term on weekdays from 4.30-5.30pm. Sessions will take place on the school astro.  
Email [mrmullens@hotmail.com](mailto:mrmullens@hotmail.com) or follow @mrmullensfitness on Instagram and private message to book or ask any questions.

## Half Term activities

- Learn Hillingdon Spring Activities [WFL Flyer Spring 25 Sessions \(PDF, 126 KB\)](#)
- Evolution Netball Camp (held at Newnham) – 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February
- PSD Funweeks (held at Newnham) – 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February
- Northolt Leisure Centre – Swimming Crash course 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Tech club at Vaughan Primary school 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Girls Rugby Camp Ealing Trailfinders – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Yours sincerely

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

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher