

Newnham Junior School



24th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day and as it is the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz – Birkenau the children will have an assembly to learn that in the past, some people were treated badly or even killed, because of their religion or colour of their skin. I want to reassure parents and carers that this assembly will be age appropriate and not contain information or pictures which might disturb the children.

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

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	28	27	£65.07 (2.41 each)

Children's Mental Health Week : 3 - 9th February - Every year, Place2 Be support schools to raise awareness and empower and equip children across the UK to share their voice, and this year's theme is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**. The children will be introduced to this subject via an assembly led by Mr Kent - our Mental Health Lead and the teachers will deliver short fun activities that will get the children thinking about themselves and how to grow as a young person. Attached is a pack which helps to show what the week is about and activities that can support your children.

School Council News – The School Council have been busy throughout December and January setting about the following projects:

- Year 6 - Improving traffic and parking outside of our school gates
- Year 5 - Raising awareness about expected behaviour when travelling to and from school
- Year 4 - Anti bullying
- Year 3 - Keeping safe online

You may see our Year 5 and 6 children on the school gates next week, where they will be conducting student and adult surveys. Elsewhere, our Sports Captains have been delivering competitions to the Year 3 & 4 children on a Monday lunchtime and this week Year 3's took part in a football competition. Of course our other school council reps have been busy as always - it literally is go, go, go!

Coffee morning : Neurodiversity on Tuesday 4th March at 9am - We have been taking part in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) program, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs. This is our second coffee morning on this topic and we would really like to see as many parents/carers as possible. This is open to everyone but we would particularly like to encourage parents/carers of neurodiverse/SEND children (such as ASC/ADHD) or who have concerns in this area, even if no formal diagnosis. This is our second coffee morning so please come along and find out about (and share your opinion on) the progress we have made as well as to find out more about support available.

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
JANUARY			
Thursday 23 rd	6	School Journey - 3 rd payment due	

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Friday 24th	O2 Choir	Young Voices @ the O2	
Wednesday 29th	4	Permission deadline for Tower Bridge trip	
Thursday 30 th	All	FONJSA Committee Meeting - venue tbc	7.30pm
Friday 31st	All	Chinese New Year – wear red	
FEBRUARY			
Monday 3rd	All	Mental Health Week	
Monday 3 rd	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Tuesday 4 th	6	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 5th	3	Permission deadline for Science museum trip	
Thursday 6 th	6	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Thursday 6 th	5 & 6	Road Safety training	1.15pm
Thursday 6 th	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme deadline to order	
Friday 7th	6	Deadline to order SATS Revision Books	
Tuesday 11 th	All	Internet Safety Day TBC	
Tuesday 11 th	3	Visit to The Science Museum	
Tuesday 11 th	4 & 5	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Tuesday 11 th	3	Open Evening	4.30 – 7pm
Thursday 13 th	3, 4 & 5	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 14 th	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme's given out	3.15pm
17 th - 21 st	All	Half Term	
Sunday 23 rd	6	School Journey - 4 th payment due	
Monday 24 th	All	School restarts	
Thursday 27 th	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 28 th	4BF	Visit to Tower Bridge	

FONJSA news - The next FONJSA committee meeting will be held on Thursday 30th January at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed. Please come along to help plan our future fundraising events.

Community news

- **Learn Hillingdon Courses** – Cookery lessons for men - <https://shorturl.at/EMJ7p>
- **Pi & More** – This club aimed at year 3, helps children to build strong foundations in maths, equipping them with essential skills and confidence to excel academically and beyond. Parents/carers can find further details, and a registration link on the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/pimore/home>
- **Year 5 and 6 study group** – 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 7th – Friday 11th 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 7th 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.
- **SEND Advisory Service (SAS)** Parent/carer workshops (details on our website)

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Half Term activities

- Evolution Netball Camp (held at Newnham) – 17th – 19th February
- PSD Funweeks (held at Newnham) – 18th -21st February
- Northolt Leisure Centre – Swimming Crash course 17th to 21st February
- Tech club at Vaughan Primary school 17th to 21st February
- Girls Rugby Camp Ealing Trailfinders – Wednesday 19th February

Yours sincerely

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

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher