

# Newnham Junior School



23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

This week many of the children have been performing to their peers during our showcase assemblies. Every assembly was special and the talent on show was exceptional. It's inspirational to see the performances and showcased how hard the children worked to perform with such quality. I was also incredibly impressed with how respectful, supportive and appreciative all of the children who watched were during each performance. I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Kent for organising this event.

**Quadkids** – On Wednesday 10 children from Year 4 and 10 from Year 5 and 6 participated in Quadkids, which is an athletics competition where every child has to run a sprint, run a distance, throw a vortex and perform a long jump. All of the children gave their best and produced some exceptional throws, jumps and races. The Year 4 children came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Borough and the Year 5/6 came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NFL Tag** – On Thursday some Year 5 children participated in the London finals for NFL tag. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time the school participated in this sport and it was certainly a learning process for both the children and their coach. Even though they lost 5 and drew 1 game, the children represented the school proudly. They also reflected that they were a year younger than most of the other children and that they needed to practise a lot more next year to improve their performance and position.

## Upcoming parent events

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - I am delighted to announce that the Centre for ADHD and Autism Support (CAAS), in Eastcote, is offering a workshop for parents/carers of pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who have a diagnosis of ADHD/Autism or are on the pathway to a diagnosis. The workshop will be run in the school hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.10pm onwards and will entail boosting parents/carers confidence in mainstream education and setting realistic expectations about life in High school. They will also offer support to those parents/carers of Year 5 pupils concerned about the upcoming application process to High School. I look forward to seeing you. Mrs Jagpal SENDCo
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June - RSE - What do we teach and why?** - Ms Curtis will be running this brief parent/carer information session at 9am to explain what we teach in relationships and sex education throughout the school. This will include what years different topics are covered in, our statutory obligations and the resources used. Please join us if you would like to find out more. **Please see our website for an overview of the lessons, which will be taught in the second part of the summer term.**
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Supporting parents to communicate with their children, particularly when they answer back** Join us at 9am when Julie Browne our SEND Governor will run a session on supporting parents/carers with this issue.

**Eco News** – Don't forget we are taking part in **The Little Recyclers®** school fundraising programme to encourage children, parents, and teachers to recycle clothes as well as raise money for the school. Have a look over half term and bring a bag in straight after half term. We will be collecting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and up to 9am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. If you have lots of things to donate and your bag is too heavy to carry in please contact the school office to arrange a convenient drop off time. Take a look below at what you can put in your bags.

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## Acceptable items:

<i>Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)</i> <i>Shoes (paired)</i> <i>Bags</i> <i>Hats &amp; scarves</i>	<i>Belts</i> <i>Fashion accessories</i> <i>Swimwear</i> <i>Jewellery</i>
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**Lunches** - Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them. Please also remember to order a meal for your child.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	6	24	£57.84 (£2.41 each)

**The £5,000 Tesco Community Pledge** - Tesco and partner Easyfundraising have come together again to give a little help to schools and settings across the UK. This month, if staff, parents and other supporters shop with Tesco via the Easyfundraising website or app, our school will receive free donations AND will be in the draw to receive a £1,000 funding pot! To enter the Tesco Community Pledge draw please shop with Tesco via Easyfundraising (link below). Each time you shop the school has a better chance of receiving £1,000 worth of funding. Plus, if you shop with Tesco in May, you will raise £10 for the school if it's your first online shop with Tesco, and 50p for each subsequent shop you do\* at no extra cost, all courtesy of Tesco. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newnhamjuniors/>

**Dates for your diaries** - See below for dates through to the end of the Summer Term.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Training Day – School closed	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Girls' cricket tournament – Harefield Cricket club	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	CAAS Workshop	2.10pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6KN & 6R	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Coffee Morning - RSE - What do we teach and why?	9am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor – supporting parents	9am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3H	Visit to Eastcote House Gardens	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3C	Visit to Eastcote House Gardens	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Boys' Cricket	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Inclusive Football competition at Harlyn	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Visit to Eastcote House Gardens	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	Donation for Family Fun Night (bottle, sweets/chocolates or any raffle prizes)	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey departs	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5	District Sports competition	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	4/5	West London Games competition	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3	Support Plan meetings	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	4	Support Plan meetings	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey returns	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA Family Fun Night	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Class photographs	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3H	Visit to Eastcote Library	10am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3C	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6	Support Plan meetings	

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Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Upper School Sports Afternoon	1 – 3.15pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5	Support Plan meetings	After school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3	Pedestrian Training	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6pm – 9pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6	London Netball Finals Redbridge	
<b>JULY</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	Hillingdon Schools Secondary Transition Day	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4	Lower School Sports Morning	9.45 – 12 noon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	Harrow Schools Secondary Transition Day	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Music for a Summer's Evening	6.30 – 8pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Reserve night - FONJSA Family Fun Night	6pm – 9pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA End of Term Disco	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Exhibition Evening	4.30- 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	4	Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	Back at 4.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	PinnFest (upper school choir)	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 – 4	FONJSA End of Term Disco	3.30 – 5pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	5.30 – 7pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Go Green & Keep It Clean Day	3.15pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5S	Last swimming lesson	11.30am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6	Rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip	All day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5	Visit to Manor Farm	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip	All day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Performance at Winston Churchill Hall	7pm (TBC)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5	Visit to Woburn	Back at 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Term ends	1.30pm

**FONJSA** – Family Fun Night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Details were emailed last week and the payment is on the Gateway. This event normally sells out so please purchase your tickets early.

## Community news

- **Drawing & Talking** - Ms Miller-Snell from the Infant school has set up an independent practice to support children, adults and families with their social and emotional wellbeing. With a gentle, non-intrusive practice called Drawing and Talking. Ms Miller-Snell supports individuals process big emotions, emotional pain, trauma's and/or day to day struggles through drawing or sand play. To find out more, please take a look at the flyer on our website, or book a free 20 minute consultation to see how she can help by emailing her at [freemindswellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:freemindswellbeing@gmail.com). Newnham families can enjoy an introductory 25% discount.
- PSD Half-Term Funweek – Takes place at Newnham from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.
- Northolt Swimming Pool – Crash course from Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. Please see the flyer on our website.

Finally, may I remind you that we break up **today** for half-term and return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher

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