

Newnham Junior School



25th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at this morning's Diwali Coffee Morning. All of the staff involved commented on the lovely atmosphere and community feel. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Curtis for organising it and to all of the parents who provided food, henna, decorations and ideas on how to make the event so successful.

LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD (LPP) – Once again I would like to thank Ms Curtis for her hard work in obtaining the LPP award for our school. The assessor was so impressed with the work we do with parents, telling us that we go above and beyond the requirements for the award. I know there is always scope for improvement, but we really value the partnership we have with you as parents and carers and believe that it is vital for the progress the children make.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL AWARD (STARS) – At Newnham, we support our young people to make informed choices about sustainable and active travel to help improve their school environment and the community around them. We are pleased to announce that we have earned our Silver Award from TFL. Over the past two years, we have delivered over thirty five activities promoting 'Travel for Life' and sustainable travel in our school and wider community. Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported us in our efforts and thank you to Mrs Ullah for her hard work in achieving this award for the school.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT – Today we had a very special lunchtime concert for the Year 6s where they had a chance to express hidden talents. Amongst the performers, we heard pieces of music ranging from *Harry Potter* by John Williams to *Summer* by Studio Ghibli. We persuaded staff to give up their time to watch our amazing performers. During the process of organising the event, it felt like an unreal experience because, up until now, we had either been part of the performers or the audience; this time we were in charge! By Nina, Saanvi, Olivia-Grace, Aya, Liliana and Liya (Year 6 Music Prefects)

BALLPOINT PENS - Please can I remind you that the children are not allowed to bring ballpoint pens of any description into school.

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	25	42	£101.22 (2.41 each)

SECOND-HAND CHRISTMAS JUMPERS – Next 1/2 term we are going to hold a Christmas jumper sale which helps the environment by encouraging recycling and helps families with the cost of Christmas jumpers. Please have a rummage over half term and donate any good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers aged 7 and up. Further details to follow.

CLUBS UPDATE – There is still one space on PSD Girls Football which takes place after school on Tuesdays. The payment is on the Gateway.

- Science club – This has finished for the first half term and if you have signed your child up for the second half of term you have been emailed separately about the start date.
- Gymnastics club will not take place on Thursday 7th November and your child should be collected at 3.15pm
- Friday netball training will not take place on Friday 8th November.

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL – After half term we will be selling items at break times and after school. Please give your child the correct change (no notes please) for any items they wish to buy (see attached for the suggested price list).

HILLINGDON FOOD BANK – Thank you for all of your donations for the foodbank and thank you (for the 3rd time) to Ms Curtis for organising this.



PHOTOGRAPH DAY - Can we remind you that the photographer will be coming to school on Tuesday 12th November. Every child will be photographed individually, **unless you tell us by Monday 4th November that you do not want your child to be included.** If you have more than one child in either the Infant or Junior Schools, you will also have the option of having them photographed together. You will be issued with a photo proof and you can then order and pay for only what you require via the photographers website. Please complete this form **if you haven't already done so**
<https://forms.gle/CCjCUPVroqNMA3CU7>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - We will be hosting our usual Scholastic Book Fair in our dining hall after school every day from Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th November. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up good quality books and the school receives Scholastic Book Points for every purchase which can be spent on books for our reading shelves at school.

500 WORDS WRITING COMPETITION - The BBC are holding their annual 500 words writing competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for budding writers and we would love some of our children to enter! If your child likes being creative, please encourage them to enter via the BBC website. Their stories can be about anything! Judges are not concerned with grammar, punctuation or spelling - they just want fabulous, inventive stories. Entries must be submitted by November 8th, find more details at
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

REMINDERS - See last week's newsletter for further information

CLOSING DATE FOR STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - Midnight on 31st October.

LUNCHTIME VACANCY <https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/School-Meals-Supervisory-Assistant-5788>

YEAR 5 SEWING - If you or a family member know how to do basic sewing and can spare a little time every week, we would love to hear from you. Please email office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk Thank you.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - See below. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
OCTOBER			
Monday 26 th	ALL	Half-Term	
28 - 31 st	6	Bikeability Course	
Thursday 31 st	6	Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications	
NOVEMBER			
Monday 4 th	ALL	Training Day - school closed to children	
Tuesday 5 th	ALL	School restarts	8.45am
5 th - 8 th	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair	3.15 - 4pm
5 th - 8 th	ALL	Reading Cafes in hall	1.40 - 3pm
Wednesday 6 th	5	Trip to Mountfitchet Castle	Back at 4pm
Thursday 7 th	3	Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Back at 3.30pm
Friday 8 th	6	Coalmine clothes to be in school	
Monday 11 th	6	Coalmine experience to commence this week	
Tuesday 12 th	ALL	Individual & Family Photos	
Wednesday 13th	ALL	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week	
Thursday 14 th	ALL	Flu vaccine	
Friday 15 th	ALL	Children in Need	
Friday 15 th	ALL	FONJSA Children's Quiz	3.15 - 5pm
Saturday 16 th	US Choir	Singing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Fair	11-11.30am
Saturday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
Monday 25th	4	Trip to The British Museum	
Friday 29 th	ALL	Visiting Pantomime Company	1.45pm
Saturday 30 th	LS Choir	Singing at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	2.45 - 3.45pm
DECEMBER			
Tuesday 3 rd	6R	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Wednesday 4 th	6KN & 6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Thursday 5 th	ALL	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
Friday 6 th	US Choir (year 6 only)	Singing at Eastcote Library	10-12pm
Tuesday 10 th	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 11 th	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 13 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 17 th	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 17 th	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 20 th	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Monday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	

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FONJSA NEWS

- Halloween Treat bags were given out today.
- Kids Team Quiz details have been emailed out today,

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES – details on our website

- PSD Funweeks held at Newnham - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- Nick Jones Creative Tech Camp held at Newnham - Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th October
- Evolution Netball & Multisports Camp at Newnham - Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th October
- England Netball Camp - Alec Reed Academy, Friday 1st November, 10 -3pm Age 9-14
https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk//SessionFinder/CourseDetails?id=5873&longitude=&latitude=&type=Session&layout=Online&_id=638651031114656565
- Nextthing Tech Club – held at Vaughan Primary school
- Northolt Swimming Crash course
- AJ Soccer school – Football camp

COMMUNITY NEWS - Details on our website

- Study Smart UK – Are trying to fill 150+ school support vacancies in local schools. To find out more, please visit: www.studysmartuk.online or see the poster on our website.
- Ruislip Rugby Club annual fireworks display takes place on Saturday 2nd November.
- Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support are hosting Wellbeing Workshops.

LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM – We close for the half-term holidays today and return to school on Tuesday 5th November. From everyone at the school, we hope you have an enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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