

# Newnham Junior School



28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

The children have had an exceptional start to this half term. Their behaviour has been outstanding and their determination and desire to improve is inspirational. This is always the busiest half term of the year with trips, visits, class assemblies and many sporting and academic competitions. All of these events help the children enjoy school, improve their attitude to learning and develop their resilience.

**Ramadan** – If your child will be fasting for Ramadan, please can you let us know. Please also remember to cancel any meals that have been ordered from The Pantry during this period. Thank you.

**The Pantry** menu has now changed. If you haven't already done so please check that you have ordered for this half term as anything ordered on the previous menu has been cancelled.

**Cable recycling 10<sup>th</sup> February -14<sup>th</sup> March** – Thank you to all of those who have been recycling their wires. The bin is filling up but there is still room for more.

**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	52	15	£36.15 (£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.

## Book Week

**World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - As usual, we would like the children to dress up as a book character for World Book Day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Please remember that this does not have to be expensive and that there are lots of wonderful homemade costume ideas online!

**Special Visitor** - Thanks to FONJSA, we are lucky enough to have an award-winning illustrator: Steve Smallman (whose books include the brilliant Maggie Sparks novels and Poo at the Zoo!) to come and visit our school. He will be running workshops with all of the children in their year groups where he will: discuss the process of illustrating and writing a book, answer questions, create new characters based on the children's ideas and give them a drawing lesson! His signed books will be available to purchase – please make payment on the Gateway by 2.30pm today (book list attached).

**Dates for your diaries** - See below. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts	8.45am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	All day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4BF	Visit to Tower Bridge	All day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Race night	6 - 9pm
<b>MARCH</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	Secondary Transfer Online Offers Made	5pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3H	Indus Valley Class Museum	2.15-3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Hillingdon Parent/Carer Forum Coffee morning	9am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3C	Indus Valley Class Museum	2.15-3.15pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Indus Valley Class Museum	2.15-3.15pm

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Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	World Book Day	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Consent deadline - Junior Citizens trip</b>	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Illustrator Visit	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6	Support Plan Meetings	All day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4	Support Plan Meetings	All day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	PM
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Consent deadline - Manor Farm trip</b>	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3	Support Plan Meetings	All day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6	District Netball Tournament (Silvers)	1pm – 4pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	5	Support Plan Meetings	All day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5P	Trip to Manor Farm	9.30 – 12.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	5S & 5BC	Trip to Manor Farm	9.30 – 12.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>		Netball Tournament (Midnight & Storm)	1 - 4pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	Odd sock day	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey - 5 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	FONJSA Easter Disco Gateway deadline	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5P	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>South East Girls Football Finals</b>	<b>1pm – 4pm</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5S	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Maths Challenge	3.45 – 5.15pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	B Team Netball Tournament (Burgundy)	1.00 – 4.00pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Break the Rules Gateway deadline	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Break the Rules Day	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	5P	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4UW	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.45am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4CH	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	2.30 – 3.15pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4BF	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9.00 – 9.45am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Last day of term	1.30pm

**FONJSA news** – FONJSA Family Race night takes place tonight 6pm to 9pm.

## Community news

**Tree planting at Roxbourne park Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – details on our website.

**Allianz Stadium Twickenham** are offering families a unique opportunity to experience the ultimate day out for all the family. The event is taking place on the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once inside the stadium there are multiple free activities to enjoy: climbing walls, parkour, crazy golf, surf simulators, ice hockey, football skill classes and stargazing. Rugby-loving boys and girls will have the unique chance to play inside the home of England Rugby thanks to exclusive pitch-side training sessions with Harlequins coaches. There will even be the chance to ride on an epic zipline across the stadium. As well as an abseil off the top of the stadium (\*extra charge for these two activities). Tickets for this event are priced at £55 for a family ticket (2 x adults & 2 x kids) but our families are offered tickets at just **£10 per family ticket. A huge 80% discount.** Full details are on our website.

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**A Repair and Reuse event** is happening at The Great Barn in Ruislip, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 10am – 2pm. The aim of this free community event organised by the council's recycling team is to offer free repairing workshops for textiles and electricals, bicycle repairs, waste reduction and recycling information to the local communities; more broadly, to encourage repair, reuse, repurpose, recycling, with the goal to keep things in circulation for longer and reduce waste. There will be two Hillingdon teams offering children activities and refreshments will be available on the day.

A list of our partners attending on the day includes:

- TRAIID – textile mending workshop
- Hillingdon's Friends of the Earth / Restart Party – electricals repairs
- Dr Bike – bicycle repairs
- Recycle-a-bike – information about their services, types of bicycles they sell, their café and venue in Uxbridge, etc
- Freegle – promoting their online platform where people can take or give away items for free
- Hillingdon Libraries – children's activities
- Hillingdon Heritage and Museums – children's activities
- Hillingdon's recycling team – providing waste and recycling information

Please see our website for the official poster and further details can be found on the council's website. Everyone is welcome. [Repair and Reuse Day - Discover Hillingdon](#)

**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. There are only 5 spaces left – please click on this link below if you would like to book.

<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.

**Mr Mullens private football sessions** - Individual or small groups of up to 4 children. Available 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.

Yours sincerely

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