

Newnham Junior School



15th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

This week the children have had extra lessons and assemblies about anti-bullying. The main message we wanted to convey was what actions the children should take if they felt they were being bullied. We also told the children that bullying does not consist of one off incidents, but rather constant behaviour intended to make the victim unhappy. An unfortunate, and unintentional outcome of weeks like this are that some children get the message that the world is full of bullies and nasty people. To counter this, my assembly focussed on how the majority of people and children are kind and considerate. I would highly recommend any adults who don't agree with this to read the book 'Humankind' by Rutger Bregman to give you a more positive outlook on people's behaviour.

CHILDREN IN NEED : A reminder that you can donate here or via the Gateway (under Useful Links) <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16114>

RUISLIP MANOR CHRISTMAS FUN DAY – Please pop along tomorrow to support members of our upper school choir who will be singing on the stage near Budgens at 11.15am..

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – Last Friday, Newnham took 2 teams to the Hillingdon Borough Hockey Tournament at Eastcote hockey Club. The children really enjoyed the event and both teams won and lost matches, scored lots of goals and competed to the best of their ability. Neither team progressed to the finals stage but both behaved incredibly well, showing an excellent sporting attitude throughout.

BOCCIA FESTIVAL – Today Newnham took 5 children to their first ever Boccia festival. It was a very tense affair where Newnham managed to win their first two games. Even though the next two were very close, they were just edged out by some skilful play. The children really enjoyed themselves and once again it was a pleasure to take them.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – We would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents and carers that attended our Book Fair. It was very well attended and we took £1397 which means that the school will receive over £800 worth of much needed books thanks to your generosity. Thank you so much to the volunteers who attended our 'Reading Cafes' last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and got to listen to a range of exciting stories:

I really enjoyed the reading cafe because we read a factual book about Marcus Rashford which was really inspiring. We also got to eat biscuits whilst we were listening which was really good! Emily 6R

YEAR 4 SCIENCE - As previously advised, Year 4 will be looking at how to keep teeth healthy and how to brush their teeth properly. We will be using disclosing tablets to identify areas that they are missing when brushing. Year 4 children will need to have their toothbrush and toothpaste in school for the lesson on the date shown below. If any child does not want to take part in this activity that is fine, however they will still need their toothbrush and toothpaste in school. Any questions, please contact Mrs Horn via Office.

- 4CH - Thursday 21st November
- 4UW - Friday 22nd November
- 4BF - Tuesday 26th November

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BIC GLOBAL EDUCATION DAY – We would like to thank the team of volunteers from Bic who came in to school on Tuesday to help create a flowerbed on the banked area (for wild flowers), planted bulbs and cleared the school garden. They did an amazing job and special thanks goes to Freddie's mum in 5P who works for Bic. We would like to also thank them for the generous stationery donation which was gratefully received.



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	43	68	£163.88 (2.41 each)

RECYCLING CONTAMINATION - Hillingdon Council has launched a new campaign to further reduce contamination in residents' dry mixed recycling. The 'Top of the Contaminants' campaign asks you to 'just take two seconds to check your recycling', by highlighting the misplaced items most commonly found by our crews during collections. Contamination occurs when items which can't be recycled are put out in your clear bag for collection. If too much contamination is present, it can mean all the recycling is sent to general waste instead. If you've been putting any of the items in our top five into your clear bag, it's time to double-check how to dispose of them and help get Hillingdon up the charts for good recycling. Find out more [here](#).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Mince pies with Mr Wilkey & special guests, the school governors!
Please join us for this Christmas Coffee morning on the 11th December in the school hall at 9am, after carols on the playground!

REMINDERS - See our last newsletter for further information

Cut your Carbon Project - As mentioned last week, throughout November, we would like the children to complete six carbon-cutting activities at home with their friends and families.

Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale on Thursday 12th December - Please donate any good condition children's Christmas themed jumpers aged 7 and up by Friday 6th December - thank you.

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
NOVEMBER			
Saturday 16 th	US Choir	Singing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Fair	11-11.30am
Wednesday 20 th	4	Consent deadline for the British Museum trip	
Saturday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
Monday 25 th	4	Trip to The British Museum	

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Wednesday 27 th	6	Consent & payment deadline Gunnersbury 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
Friday 6 th	ALL	Deadline for donation of Christmas jumpers	
Tuesday 10 th	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 11 th	ALL	Christmas Singing on the Playground	8.30-8.45am
Wednesday 11 th	ALL	Coffee morning & mince pies with Mr Wilkey	9am
Wednesday 11 th	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Thursday 12 th	ALL	Christmas Jumper Preloved Sale	3.15pm
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	

FONJSA NEWS

Christmas Gift Shop – details coming next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Details on our website

- St Lawrence Christmas Fair/Craft & Lego competition – Saturday 30th November
- Children's Music Concert at Bishop Ramsey Saturday 21st December

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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