

Newnham Junior School



10th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had a good rest. I have been so impressed with how the staff and children have returned, energised and ready for the new term. This term is always very busy with many musical events and sports tournaments. It's also a period where the children can settle down into a routine which helps everyone to work hard and make progress.

Birthday Sweets – If it is your child's birthday, please do not buy them chocolates to give out to the rest of the class because there are children with nut allergies in most classes. Staff have also been told not to buy or give out chocolates. Sweets can be given out, but the children should not be eating them until they get home or have checked with parents/carers. This is for the children's safety so please do not give out chocolates at the school gates to bypass this rule.

Snacks at Breaktime - If your child is bringing in a snack at break time please remember it should only be fruit, vegetables or savoury rice cakes. Crisps, chocolate, sweets (including fruit winders) or cereal bars are **not** allowed – anyone bringing these items in will have them confiscated.

Year 5 Sewing - The Year 5 Teachers would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped with the DT lessons last half term. Your support helped the children create some impressive tapestry squares and we hope to welcome you back in the summer term to our Exhibition Evening where you can see them all on display.

Art Competition - The Royal Academy holds an art competition for children where the winners will participate in the Young Artist's Summer Show. Miss Wilson will register the school for entries. If you want to find out more, the RA has lots of information on their website <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>. Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. The work can be in any medium including sculpture. The competition closing deadline is 5th March 2025.

Clubs – All Spring Term clubs commence next week.

Eco news - Last term the count of recycled pens was very close. Thanks to those who continued to recycle pens during the holidays. As a result, we have a clear winner! Well done to 4BF for collecting the most pens during the autumn term. You are our recycling stars so enjoy your prize and place the magnet on your fridge with pride. Whilst we proudly celebrate this achievement, we are disappointed with our food recycling efforts. Please cancel any ordered lunches before 9am **on the day if your child will not be eating them**. The impact may not be visible but it is affecting both the school and the environment. Remember our motto: the future of the planet is in our hands - every little helps!

| Eco-Team Food Waste Update | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK | COST TO THE SCHOOL |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Junior meals ordered but not served | 27 | 46 | (@£2.41 each) £110.86 |

Let's Talk Autism session for Romanian speaking families - Please see the leaflet on our website for this session on Tuesday 11th February at the CAAS centre in Eastcote, providing support with autism for Romanian speaking families. Romanian interpreters will be present.

Sesiune Let's Talk Autism pentru familiile vorbitoare de română. - Vă rugăm să consultați pliantul atașat pentru această sesiune de marți, 11 februarie, la centrul CAAS din Eastcote, oferind sprijin cu autism pentru familiile vorbitoare de română. Vor fi prezenți interpreți români.

Family First Magazine - Click on the link to view <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-1-2025/>

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Spring Term Curriculum Plans - Please see attached.

Community News - During the festive period, millions of plastic tubs containing treats were sold in the UK - they now need recycling. Simply take your clean empty tubs to any Greene King managed site - The Ascott Pub is our local one. Leave the tubs with a Greene King member of staff at the bar or welcome station. All the tubs will then be taken to a plastic processing centre where they'll be shredded before being sold onto plastic manufacturers. All the money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. More information can be found at <https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/>

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

| DATE | YEAR OR CLASS | DETAILS | TIME |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| JANUARY | | | |
| Tuesday 7th | All | School restarted for the Spring Term | |
| Tuesday 7th | 5P | Swimming lessons commence | 11am |
| Thursday 23 rd | 6 | School Journey - 3 rd payment due | |
| Friday 24th | O2 Choir | Young Voices @ the O2 | |
| Friday 31st | All | Chinese New Year – wear red | |
| FEBRUARY | | | |
| Monday 3 rd | 4UW | Visit to Tower Bridge | |
| Tuesday 4 th | 6 | Open Evening | 3.30 - 6.30pm |
| Thursday 6 th | 6 | Open Evening | 4 - 7pm |
| Thursday 6 th | 5 & 6 | Road Safety training | 1.15pm |
| 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 |
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| Thursday 13 th | 3, 4 & 5 | Open Evening | 3.30 - 6.30pm |
| 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 | |

Community news – Full details on our website

- Ickenham Girls Football Development Sessions
- Wealdstone Girls Football Sessions
- Ickenham Indoor SEND Football Sessions
- Wealdstone SEND Football Sessions

Half Term activities

- Evolution Netball Camp (held at Newnham) – 17th – 19th February
- Northolt Leisure Centre – Swimming Crash course 17th to 21st February

Yours sincerely

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