

# Newnham Junior School



7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well. This week marks a year since Newnham Junior School had its last Ofsted inspection. I want you all to know that while we are very proud of our outstanding report, we are determined to continue to develop and work hard to ensure the high standards of the school are maintained. All of the staff really care about your children and want them to progress both academically and socially. Even without Ofsted, we would still be an outstanding school because the staff are dedicated, the children are amazing and you support your children brilliantly.

**World Book Day and Book Week** - As part of Book Week today award-winning illustrator Steve Smallman visited the school. Each year group took part in a workshop with Steve where he discussed the process of illustrating and writing a book, answered questions, created new characters based on the children's ideas and gave them a drawing lesson! I would like to thank you for all of the costumes the children dressed up in this year. I know that it can be a bit of a chore to buy or make costumes, but it really makes the day special for your children.

**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.

**Year 3 Indus Valley** - This week, each Year 3 class invited some family members to their Indus Valley Class Museum. Gatha (3LM) would like to share the following:

*Year 3 would like to thank all the parents who came to our Indus Valley Class Museums and we hope they had a lovely time. All the Year 3 children learnt a lot from this experience and we enjoyed educating our parents!*

The Year 3 staff were so impressed with how well the children carried out their museum roles and all the museum visitors praised the children for their enthusiasm, hard work and knowledge.

**Basketball** – On Wednesday two teams from Newnham took part in the Borough Basketball Competition at Uxbridge College. Both teams competed brilliantly, showing great teamwork, passing, dribbling and shooting skills. The B team won 5 of their 6 games and were very proud of their achievements. The A team won all of their group games, progressing to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost narrowly to Whiteheath in a very tense game. Mr Mullens was very impressed with all of the children's sporting behaviour throughout the afternoon.

**Parking** - I am disappointed to have had a complaint from a resident in Sunningdale Avenue as one of our parents/carers had parked over their driveway. Between ourselves and our Infant School, we work very hard to maintain good relations with our neighbours and this inconsiderate act can undo all of this. We ask you to have courtesy for our neighbours and not park across their driveways (in any road surrounding the school – Newnham Avenue, Sunningdale Avenue, Windermere Avenue or Woodlands Avenue). As mentioned in previous newsletters we now publish the registration plates of offenders therefore could I remind the owner of the dark Toyota, registration YP14 AYT, that it is extremely inconsiderate to block driveways.

**Eco News 1 - The Great Big School Clean** - We are proud of our community and we want to help clean up the places and spaces we care about. With this in mind, we are taking part in [Great Big School Clean](#) which will take place from **21 March to 6 April**. The Great Big School Clean is our country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign against litter. If every child who attended school in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter during the Great Big School Clean, we could remove a colossal 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment. The school has pledged to help collect bags of litter and families can also help keep our local community litter free! Hillingdon council have lent us 16 litter pickers so if you would like to borrow one, and you're interested in getting involved, please contact the school office.

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**Eco News 2** – Thank you to all of those who have been recycling their wires. The bin is almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  full up but there is still room for more.

**Eco news 3** – 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	15	18	£43.38 (£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.

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>MARCH</b>			
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
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5	Consent deadline - Manor Farm trip	
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
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
<b>Friday 21st</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Comic Relief Red Nose Day</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	Odd sock day	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey - 5 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Payment &amp; consent deadline: Hampton Court</b>	
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
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	South East Girls Football Finals	1pm – 4pm
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	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm
	5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	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	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Borough Netball Tournament (Silvers)</b>	<b>1 - 4pm</b>
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

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**FONJSA news** – FONJSA Family Race night was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. Details will be coming out shortly for the FONJSA Easter Discos which take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Community news**

**Easter holiday activities** - Details are available on our website.

- Nick Jones Music/Tech club – taking place at Newnham from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**Allianz Stadium Twickenham** – ultimate day out 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 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.

**A Repair and Reuse event** is happening at The Great Barn in Ruislip, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 10am – 2pm. 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** with Mr Kent and Mr Frape. There are only 5 spaces left – please click on this link 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.

**Mumbai Zing Restaurant Eastcote** – You may recall before Christmas that Mumbai Zing Eastcote said they would donate 10% of your restaurant bills to the school. So far their donation to the school has been £50. They have very kindly agreed to extend this offer for the academic year. Just let them know you are from Newnham if you have a meal there.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher