

Newnham Junior School



27th September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to begin by congratulating Mrs Nuth on the birth of Joey who arrived early on 14th September. Both mum and baby are doing well.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 5 information evening on Wednesday evening. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, your attendance shows your child that you value their education. Alongside sending a positive message to them, it also imparts vital information and gives all parents and carers a chance to meet their child's class teacher. It was also great to see so many parents at the FONJSA AGM. FONJSA do so much to raise money for the school and the more support they get, the more money they can raise.

SUPPORT PLAN MEETINGS - If your child has a Support Plan, dates for our face to face meetings are shown below. You will receive a separate email giving you further details and the time of your meeting. Year 6 Support Plan Meetings are with your child's English teacher and therefore Mrs Shah's English Group meetings are on Tuesday 15th October and Mrs Nahal/Mr Kent & Mrs Robert's meetings are on Monday 21st October. Parents/carers of Year 3 children with a Support Plan will be contacted separately, giving them details of how to set-up an account with Provision Map.

PANTRY MENU CHANGE - THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER - You have already been advised by The Pantry that next Thursday's meat option meal has changed to a Beef Burger. If you have ordered the meat option next week and your child cannot eat beef, please log in to your Pantry account before 9am next Thursday to choose another meal. All other meal options remain unchanged for this day.

ECO NEWS - It's been positive seeing so many of our Eco projects embedded into our daily life at Newnham. From recycling pens, reducing plastic to saving electricity, we are all making a difference. However, we have noticed that lots of food is being thrown away at lunchtime. Please remind your children to make sure they eat their food as a lot of time, energy and love has gone into making it. We need to think about the long term impact this has on our planet as throwing it away is increasing our carbon footprint! Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	31	£66.65 (2.15 each)

Excellent news - Wickes have kindly donated 49 bags of soil to the school; thank you Miss Barnes for organising this! We would appreciate any help from parents/carers to assist us when the delivery arrives (a Saturday). If you would be interested in helping us, please let the office know. We will confirm dates with you once we know.

DIWALI COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER - We would like to invite all our parents and carers to a Diwali coffee morning on the 25th October. If you would be happy to join a short planning meeting with Ms Curtis on the 9th October (before pick up at 2:45pm), to discuss ideas for food, music and other ideas for this morning, please email the school office. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to be involved then please email your ideas to the school office.

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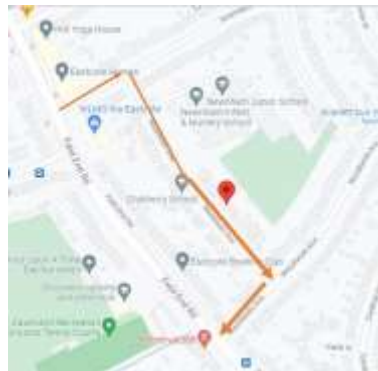


SCHOOL HALL REFURBISHMENT – As part of our ongoing project to refurbish the school hall we are appealing to our school community to see if there are any painters/decorators who would like to give us a quote to paint it. If you or anyone you know would like to quote please contact the school office (office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk). This project is kindly being funded by FONJSA.

NSPCC Talk PANTS - The NSPCC's Talk PANTS information sessions are designed to support parents, carers and professionals to have simple, age-appropriate conversations with children, that can help keep them safe from sexual abuse. We know that simple conversations can make a big difference, and that is what the Talk PANTS campaign is all about. To sign up for a session please click on this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nsppcc-talk-pants-information-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-1001238279647> This **FREE** parent/carer information session will cover:

- What is Talk PANTS?
- Parent/carer Talk PANTS resources
- Support with Talking PANTS at home.

PARKING: I have had a number of parents speak to me about how hectic Newnham Avenue is on rainy days at drop off time. The Governors and I would like to thank those of you who are leaving cars at home or parking away from Newnham Avenue. This really does help to ease congestion and make the Avenue safer for everyone. If you do have to use your car, please remember that a voluntary one-way system operates - coming in from Sunningdale Avenue through to Woodlands Avenue (see the map below). Again, this arrangement is for the safety of everyone. We would remind you not to park on the zig-zag lines nor on the corners of the road. We would also 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). If you have a parking permit, also please ensure that you park considerately (including not parking in the middle of a two car bay!!) We really do appreciate your co-operation.



WALKING THROUGH THE CAR PARK - Members of staff from both schools are becoming increasingly concerned about how children are walking through the staff car park. Staff drive very carefully through the car park but there have been instances where children have run out behind parked cars and children have walked in front of moving cars because they were looking at their phones rather than the road. For everyone's safety I want to clarify the rules and route for walking through the staff car park. (The children will also be given these during assemblies). Children in Year 3 and Year 4 should be accompanied by an adult when walking through the car park.

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- All children and adults must enter through the pedestrian gate and walk by the edge of the nursery. From this point all children and adults must walk along the clearly marked path until they reach the school entrance.
- Adults and children must not run through the car park.
- Adults and children must not be looking at their phones as they walk through the car park.

I am aware that this will add 30 seconds to the walk, but I would prefer a child to be 30 seconds later, and remain safe whilst on our premises.

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 2 nd	4	Parent & Carers information session in the hall	6pm
Friday 4th	ALL	Gateway deadline to pay for FONJSA Family Bingo	
Wednesday 9 th	6	Parent & Carers information session in the hall	6pm
Wednesday 9 th	3	Meet the Teacher in their classrooms	4.30 - 7pm
Wednesday 9th	ALL	Planning meeting for Diwali coffee morning	2.45pm
Friday 11 th	ALL	FONJSA Family Bingo	6 - 9pm
Monday 14 th	ALL	Leading Parent Partnership Assessment	2pm
Tuesday 15th	6	Support Plan Meetings - Mrs Shah's English Group	AM
Wednesday 16th	4UW & 5BC	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Thursday 17 th	4	Endangered Animals Day	
Monday 21st	6	Support Plan Meetings - Mrs Nahal's/Mr Kent's/Mrs Robert's English Group	AM
Tuesday 22nd	5P & 5S	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Wednesday 23rd	4BF & 4CH	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Wednesday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
Thursday 24th	3	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Friday 25 th	ALL	Diwali Day	
Friday 25th	ALL	Diwali Coffee Morning	9 – 10am
Friday 25 th	ALL	FONJSA Halloween Bags given out	
Monday 26 th	ALL	Half-Term	
28 - 31 st	6	Bikeability Course	
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
Wednesday 6 th	5	Trip to Mountfitchet Castle	Back at 4pm
Thursday 7 th	3	Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	
Tuesday 12 th	ALL	Individual & Family Photos	
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	10.45-11.45am
Saturday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	

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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	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	

FONJSA NEWS – FONJSA Family Bingo Friday 11th October – details have been sent out this week and the deadline to pay on the Gateway is Friday 4th October.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES – details on our website

- PSD Funweeks held at Newnham - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- Nextthing Tech Club – held at Vaughan Primary school
- Northolt Swimming Crash course

COMMUNITY NEWS – details on our website

- Girls Football sessions at Wealdstone football club

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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