

Newnham Junior School



6th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

As the term is coming to an end, I would like to thank you all for encouraging your children to come into school. I know the majority of the children come in happily, but there are some who do struggle. When this does happen it can be a strain for you as parents and carers but I want to reassure you that we want to help as much as possible. I believe that the best way to encourage attendance is through working together as a school community, by giving support when it is required. Due to this positive relationship, I am delighted to report that Newnham Junior School has been recognised as being in the top 10% of schools in the country for attendance this academic year (2023 – 2024).

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL - Please note that our school gates close at 8.45am and any children arriving at school after that time should be accompanied to the School Office to be signed in. We have had a couple of instances recently where Year 3 children have been dropped off at the gates after they were closed and then had to find their way round to our School Office, via our car park, which has caused them to become distressed.

PARKING – Yet again we have had another complaint about parking. This time a parent actually parked on one of our neighbours drives in Newnham Avenue. As mentioned previously, we work very hard to maintain good relations with our neighbours and this inconsiderate act can undo all of this. Should this type of incident happen again I will be publishing the culprit's registration in the next newsletter. If you do have to use your car, please also remember that a voluntary one-way system operates - coming in from Sunningdale Avenue through to Woodlands Avenue and it is very dangerous to conduct 3 point turns when children are walking on pavements and crossing roads. Again, this arrangement is for the safety of everyone.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause and helping us raise a total of £612.26.

COFFEE MORNING - Please join Mr Wilkey and some of our Governors for our Christmas coffee morning on Wednesday 11th December in the school hall at 9am, straight after Christmas singing on the playground.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX – The children can bring in cards to post in the school post box which is in reception. Please ensure the envelope includes the full name and class of the person they are for.

BIRTHDAY SWEETS - May we remind you that if you are bringing any sweets in for your child's birthday that they must not contain nuts.

SINGING AT ST LAWRENCE FAIR SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - Thank you once again for the terrific support given, ensuring the children arrived promptly and with fabulously glitzy accessories. We couldn't have done it without you. Mrs Wood

As I entered the stage, the music started and I sang six songs. When I sang, I felt jolly. It was a lovely experience to show the community what I could do as a seven year old boy. I was so happy when they took photos of us because I was dressed very nicely. Now I'm glad because I have a memory of it.

Miles 3H

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SINGING AT EASTCOTE LIBRARY - *Walking through Eastcote High Street, we felt excited but also nervous. Today was the day that we were performing in Eastcote Library. As we climbed up the towering steps, we took our positions and got ready for the performance ahead. Our favourite songs were Winter Fantasy and One Bright Star which we sang with gusto! On the way back, we burst into song, entertaining the local shoppers and making them smile. We even set off a car alarm! It was a memorable experience.*
Hadrian, Rishaan and Mrs Wood

FONJSA CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP – On Thursday a team of FONJSA volunteers came in to help the children wrap their selected Christmas gifts purchased on the Gateway. Thank you to all the families who purchased via the Gateway – in total 302 gifts were sold!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Many of our musical instruments need repairing and we are reaching out to see if any of our families have connections to someone who is handy with tools and has the time to assess and work with Mrs Wood to keep them going for as long as possible. Please contact the school office if you fit the bill!

SPRING TERM CLUBS – The new clubs list was emailed out yesterday and all payments go live on the Gateway on Saturday 7th December. All Autumn term clubs finish next week. **There are no clubs in the last week of term.**

SPRING TERM BREAKFAST CLUB – The forms were emailed out last week and the deadline to return them is Wednesday 11th December to secure your place for the new year.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK COLLECTION - We are holding our annual Christmas foodbank collection for Hillingdon Foodbank, to donate treats for families in need. If you are able to donate any of the following (or any other Christmas treats) please bring in to school by Monday 16th December:

Selection boxes	Chocolate money	Christmas crackers
Biscuits	Christmas pudding	Soft drinks
Toiletries	Sweets	Chocolate

If you are in need of a food package please contact the school office.

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	41	27	£65.07 (2.41 each)

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
DECEMBER			
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

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Wednesday 11 th	ALL	Deadline to return Breakfast club forms	
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

- **PANTOMIME** – Thank you to FONJSA for paying for last Friday's pantomime of Cinderella.
- **Christmas Discos** - Friday 13th December – Please note the deadline to pay is TODAY. If late bookings are agreed after the deadline tickets will be charged at £14.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUMBAI ZING EASTCOTE – For the next 3 months if you eat at Mumbai Zing Eastcote they will donate 10% of your individual bills to the school. Just let them know you are from Newnham!

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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