

# Newnham Junior School



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

**SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS** – Yesterday afternoon, 30 children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the annual sportshall athletics competition against 19 schools from across the borough. The children had practised hard for this event, turning up at 7.45am on Thursday mornings to work on the track events and many had given up their own break times to improve their jumping and throwing ability. I am proud to say that the hard work paid off and the children came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, which is a fantastic achievement.



**FONJSA CHILDRENS QUIZ** – Our sold out quiz was a great success last Friday. Well done to the Quiz Chicas for being the lower school winners and team Sussy Vaca for being the upper school winners. Thank you to Ariya (4UW) for writing this account of the night:

*The best night ever! We all had a lot of fun, even the adults! There were a few hard questions, but we managed very well. The winning teams were quite ecstatic after. Thank you to all the helpers who organised this brilliant event.*

**CHILDREN IN NEED** – Thank you to all the families and children who supported Children in Need day. The children enjoyed a special assembly delivered by our Head boys and girls. A find the Pudsey competition, proved popular as did the Gladiator obstacle course on the astro. Well done to all the children who dressed up.

**RUISLIP MANOR CHRISTMAS FUNDAY** - What a joyous community event this was! 30 children from our Upper School Choir took to the stage outside Budgens in Ruislip Manor, performing jolly Christmas songs to one of the most lively and supportive audiences we've ever had (Newnham families, friends and staff members - all singing their hearts out!). We hope the event managed to get people in the mood for Christmas and we look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our annual *Singing on the Playground* event on Wednesday 11th December at 8.30am.



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**THE NEWNHAM UKES** - Our loyal ukulele players performed George Ezra's *Shotgun* in assembly yesterday, ably assisted by Rubin on the cajon. Well done to each and every one; learning an instrument takes time, patience and commitment and these children are really beginning to take off. Please continue to encourage them to practise a little in the evenings. Their next "gig" will be on the 11th December.

**ST LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS FAIR** – Please pop along on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November to support members of our lower school choir who will be singing at 2.45pm.

**PARKING** - I am disappointed to have had another 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). We would remind you not to park on the zig-zag lines nor on the corners of the road. 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. 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 also remember that a voluntary one-way system operates - coming in from Sunningdale Avenue through to Woodlands Avenue. Again, this arrangement is for the safety of everyone. Can we also remind you that parents/carers are not allowed to use either of the staff car parks as to do so would endanger the safety of our children. Thank you.

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM** - As we have been increasingly using google classroom for homework and general messaging/updates to children, we have seen an increasing number of messages coming in from parents/carers on the private message function. Please note messages to teachers should come via the school office. Teachers do not systematically check google classroom during the week so messages might get missed - this communication tool is used by teachers for feedback directly to children about homework if it was set on this platform.

**LOST PROPERTY** – We have a number of coats in lost property from last term. These will be put out on the playground after school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November along with a number of water bottles and snack pots, all from last term. Anything that is not claimed will be recycled.

**BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN** - With clocks going back and evenings getting darker, it is that time of year again when many of the children may be travelling home in the dark. The **Be Bright Be Seen** campaign brings awareness to families about what they can do to help them be seen by road users when travelling to and from school. To raise awareness of this, we are asking children to wear their brightest coats, hats, scarves or gloves to school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please note this is NOT a non-school uniform day but rather a chance to get involved with our road safety campaign. This is a Hillingdon schools wide event and all schools who participate shall receive a reflective giveaway so let's be the brightest school!



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## 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	68	29	£69.89 (2.41 each)

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey payment due	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	4	Trip to The British Museum	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert consent deadline	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6	Consent/payment deadline Gunnersbury Museum	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	<b>Be Bright, Be Safe</b> - Children to wear their brightest coats, hats, scarves & gloves today	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Visiting Pantomime Company	1.45pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	3	Performance consent & extra seat request deadline	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	LS Choir	Singing at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	2.45 - 3.45pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6R	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6KN & 6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	US Choir (year 6 only)	Singing at Eastcote Library	10-12pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Deadline for donation of Christmas jumpers	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Christmas Singing on the Playground	8.30-8.45am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Coffee morning & mince pies with Mr Wilkey	9am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Christmas Jumper Preloved Sale	3.15pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey payment due	

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## FONJSA NEWS

**Christmas Gift Shop** – Details were emailed out earlier this week. The deadline to pay for a gift on the Gateway is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## COMMUNITY NEWS - Details on our website

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

**HILLINGDON MY HEALTH TEAM** - are running some Childhood Asthma Workshops once a month across the winter. These are led by an Asthma Nurse and last 1 hour. The next one is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you would like help with supporting your child with asthma you can sign up using the following link:

[MyHealth Asthma Workshop - For Parents & Children Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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