

Newnham Junior School



29th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

I know some of you have probably purchased some presents for your children already, but I want to take this time to ask that you DO NOT buy your child a smart phone this Christmas. If you do buy one, you are giving your child unlimited access to the internet. This means they can access pornography easily, are more likely to be cyberbullied, are more likely to have mental health issues, are more likely to suffer sleep deprivation and are more likely to have issues with their ability to concentrate.

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

GIRLS FOOTBALL – *On Wednesday 27th November, the A team Girls' Football team played in a tournament against the best teams in Hillingdon Borough. In the first game, we won 3 - 0 against Hayes Park with our players striking bangers hitting the back of the net. In our second game, we beat 3-0 against Cherry Lane 2 – 0, with our team playing amazing football. In our final group stage game, we won 2 - 0 again; we were on fire! We were at the top of the table and got into the semi-finals where we beat Glebe 2 – 0. The final against Lady Bankes was very tense and competitive and at the end it was still 0-0. After extra time the score still stood 0-0. Finally, it went to penalties! Anaya, Leah, Freya, Liya, Caitlin all stood up to take a penalty! Only 2 out of 5 of them scored but luckily Lady Bankes missed 4 but managed to slip 1 in, meaning we won our tournament. We are so proud that we made it this far all thanks to Mr Frape, Mr Wilkey and Mr Mullens for taking their time to train us in the lead up to this tournament. Also, a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers, who came to see us! [Written by Anaya and Cienna](#)*

DRESSING THE CHRISTMAS TREE ASSEMBLY – *On Wednesday we held our annual Christmas tree assembly. While singing our festive songs, the year 3 and 4s decorated our soon to be festive tree. As the lights went down, we counted 3, 2, 1... and as the tree lit up, Christmas was truly here for Newnham!!!*
By: Liliana, Nina, Olivia and Liya (music prefects)

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.

THE PANTRY CHRISTMAS MENU – Please see attached for Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 18th December.

SPRING TERM CLUBS – The new clubs list will be emailed out next week and all payments go live on the Gateway on Saturday 7th December. All Autumn term clubs finish week commencing 9th December. **There are no clubs in the last week of term.**

SPRING TERM BREAKFAST CLUB – The forms have been emailed out today and the deadline to return them is Wednesday 11th December.

ST LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS FAIR – Please pop along tomorrow to support members of our lower school choir who will be singing at 2.45pm.

TERM DATES – Please see the attached updated term dates for 2025-2026.

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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	29	41	£98.81 (2.41 each)

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
NOVEMBER			
Friday 29 th	ALL	Visiting Pantomime Company	1.45pm
Friday 29 th	3	Performance consent & extra seat request deadline	
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 (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
Wednesday 11th	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	All day

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		- Performance to parents & carers	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

- **Christmas Gift Shop** – This is now sold out and the payment is no longer on the Gateway. Thank you for your support in purchasing a gift.
- **Christmas Discos** - Friday 13th December – Details were emailed out this week and the deadline to pay is Friday 6th December. Please book early – if late bookings are agreed after the deadline tickets will be charged at £14.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Details on our website

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

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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