

Newnham Junior School



8th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well and had a good half term break. It's good to see that all of the children have come back to school well rested and ready to learn and progress. Even though this half of the term is quite long, it is also very exciting for everyone in the run up to Christmas. There are also many sporting and musical events to look forward to. However, the children do not stop working as it is very important for their development for them to realise that they can have fun and learn at the same time.

CHILDREN IN NEED : FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - Each year, Children in Need support children in local communities. They fund amazing people in family centres, community spaces, youth clubs and refuges; homeless shelters, hospices and helplines. To find out more visit <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> We will once again be supporting this worthwhile cause with lots of fundraising activities in school. **It will be a non-uniform day and the children can come in dressed as superheroes, wear PJs or come in in their own clothes.** Our School Council will deliver an assembly and help run a few activities at break and lunchtime, including a Gladiator Obstacle Course, find the Pudsey and a Colouring/craft station. You can donate here <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16114>

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - This week we had a Remembrance Assembly and the children have had the opportunity to purchase various Poppy day items. The children are invited to do some research/have conversations within the family to learn if anyone had been involved in the first or second world war or later conflicts and in what capacity. We would also like to update our permanent display of the children's connection to these significant historical events so any detail or photographs (photocopies/scans **only** please - **no** originals) are very welcome. In addition, if any family members are involved in any Remembrance Sunday's events, photographs of this would be welcomed too. Thank you.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK : 11th - 15th November - Next week we have Odd Socks Day on Wednesday when children are invited to wear odd, socks - the wackier the better!

STATIONERY - Could parents/carers please check their children's pencil cases over the weekend. Many children on their return from half term, do not possess **rulers, green pens and glue sticks** which are essential and used daily. If possible could these be named. Finally, please do not buy fancy colouring pens or pencils (animal lids etc.). Children are swapping them or losing them and this is causing some distress for the children and unnecessary management for their teachers.

ECO NEWS –

Cut your Carbon Project - Cut Your Carbon aims to raise awareness about carbon emissions and inspire children to take action against climate change. Throughout November, we would like the children to complete six carbon-cutting activities at home with their friends and families. These thoughtfully curated activities demonstrate how small changes in our daily lives can help reduce our environmental impact. A checklist and information has already been given to the children and please see attached for further information.

Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale on Thursday 12th December - This year's Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Wednesday 18th December and we realise that buying new clothes, especially at this time of year, can be expensive. We would like to help families with the cost of Christmas jumpers as well as help the environment by holding another Preloved Sale as detailed above. Please donate any good condition children's **Christmas themed jumpers aged 7 and up**. Equally, you may fancy a change and **swap any jumpers** you bought last year - either way we'd love to have them and please send them in by Friday 6th December - thank you.

Newnham Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all pupils and expects all members of the school community to share this commitment.

Newnham Junior School



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	42	43	£103.63 (2.41 each)

REMINDERS - See our last newsletter for further information

PHOTOGRAPH DAY - Tuesday 12th November. Every child will be photographed individually (unless you have already told us that you do not want your child to be included) and siblings in the Infants and Juniors will only be photographed together if this has been requested. **All children should wear school uniform on this day even if they have PE that day.**

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

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
NOVEMBER			
Monday 11 th	6	Coalmine experience to commence this week	
Tuesday 12 th	ALL	Individual & Family Photos	
Wednesday 13 th	ALL	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week	
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	11-11.30am
Saturday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
Monday 25 th	4	Trip to The British Museum	
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 (year 6 only)	Singing at Eastcote Library	10-12pm
Friday 6th	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 11 th	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Thursday 12th	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	

Newnham Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all pupils and expects all members of the school community to share this commitment.

Newnham Junior School



FONJSA NEWS – The Children's Quiz is sold out. Please look out for our next event The Christmas Gift Shop – details to follow shortly.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Details on our website

- St Lawrence Christmas Fair/Craft & Lego competition – Saturday 30th November

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

Newnham Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all pupils and expects all members of the school community to share this commitment.