

Newnham Junior School



25th April 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well and had a good break over the Easter holiday

As mentioned previously, Mrs Nuth and Mrs Saunders have returned from Maternity Leave. Mrs Nuth will be teaching Class 5S and Mrs Saunders will be teaching in Class 4BF on Thursday & Fridays until the end of term. Ms Brown will continue to teach 4BF on Monday and Tuesdays and Mr Frape will teach on Fridays. I would also like to inform you that after 19 years Mrs Mead, our Data Manager, will be retiring on Friday 2nd May and we wish her well for the future. Mrs Rial Oreiro will be replacing her.

Children's Questionnaire – At the end of last term the children completed a questionnaire about school and device use. The results were very positive with 94.7% of the children stating that they enjoy school or mostly enjoy school and 92.7% stating that they make progress in school. While I am disappointed both aren't 100%, I am still impressed that so many children are positive about their experiences at the school. If you want to see the full responses and questions, it is attached to this email.

There were also questions about children's device use habits which will be more closely analysed to see if there are any links to children's progress, attainment, learning attitudes and behaviour. These results will be shared with you in a couple of weeks.

Netball tournaments – At the end of last term the school hosted the B team District Tournament and the A team Borough Tournament. Newnham had 3 teams in the B tournament and all of them performed magnificently, showing how much they have improved throughout the season. Newnham Burgundies won the whole tournament, were undefeated throughout, beating St Helen's School 6 – 2 in the final.

After their success in the A team District Tournament, Newnham Silvers progressed to the Borough finals where they were equally successful, playing the best netball I have seen from a Newnham team for a long time. Throughout the tournament they scored an incredible 53 goals, only letting in 8 and beating Warrender School 12 – 2 in the final. Following this success, the team will represent Hillingdon for netball in the London School Games on the 30th June.

It is an achievement for the teams to do so well, but as their headteacher, I am most proud that we gave so many children the opportunity to play netball and represent their school. We had 32 children from Y6 who played at least 2 tournaments this year, while most schools had between 7 and 16 children.

Football Tournament – The last week of term was very busy and there was also a football tournament held at Northwood FC. Once again, the children represented the school with pride and played some excellent football during the group stages of the A team District Tournament. They had to win their final game to qualify for the semi finals but missed out because they pushed forward too much in their attempts to score. We are also very proud of how many Year 6 children have represented the school this year in football.

Parking – Thank you to the vast majority of parents who park their cars properly or walk their children to school. Unfortunately, there is a small minority who still don't, and we have had a complaint that someone parked across one of our neighbour's drives in Sunningdale Avenue. The neighbour did not take the registration plate but we asked that he does so in the future. As mentioned previously, we work very hard to maintain good relations with our neighbours and this inconsiderate act can undo all of this. 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.

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VE Day – Thursday 8th May marks 80 years since Victory in Europe Day and we will be commemorating this in school as follows: -

- The children are invited to dress in 1940's clothing or wear red, white & blue (or red as an alternative) – no football kit please.
- We will be having an afternoon picnic on the playground or field (weather permitting). We will be sending home a Union Jack lunch box for you to use for this. Please note, your child will have their lunch in school as normal and this picnic is just for a snack and a drink.

Parent/carer coffee morning - Please join us on Wednesday 21st May at 9am for this session on helping your child to get organised, with Julie Brown, our SEND governor. Cake and coffee included as usual!

Lunches - 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	16	13	£31.33 (£2.41 each)

Year 5 Design & Technology (DT) Lessons - The Year 5 team are asking any parents, carers or grandparents with woodwork skills to support their DT Topic on Moving Vehicles. The children will be planning, measuring, cutting with hacksaws and using hot glue guns to join to make their bases. They will then be creating electrical circuits to drive the axle and wheels, followed by designing and creating 3-D bodies for their cars, made out of card. The classes do DT on the following days/times: -

- 5BC Thursday from 1:15pm - 3:15pm (April 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd)
- 5N Fridays 1:15pm - 3:15pm (April 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd)
- 5P Thursday 11-30am - 2:15pm (with lunch hour in between) (April 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd)

If you could spare a little time each week as detailed above, we would be very grateful (even if you can't make all the dates.) Please let the office know if you can help and we will contact you straight away. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries - See below for dates through to the end of the Summer Term. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
MAY			
Thursday 1 st		Cross Country competition	4 – 5pm
Friday 2 nd	4	Visit to Neasden Temple	
Sunday 4 th	All	Payment deadline for Laser Tag	
Monday 5 th	All	May Day – School closed	
Wednesday 8 th	All	VE Day – see above	
Thursday 8 th		Spelling Bee	3.45 - 4.45pm
Friday 9 th	All	FONJSA Laser Tag	3.15 – 6.15pm
12 th – 15 th	6	SATS week	
Thursday 15 th	All	After School Tennis Club cancelled	3.15pm
Monday 19 th –23 rd	All	Talent Showcase week	
Wednesday 21 st	All	Quadkids	
Wednesday 21st	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor – helping your child get organised	9am

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Thursday 22 nd	6	Visit to Chessingtons	Back at 5.30pm
Friday 23 rd	All	International Day	
26 th – 30 th	All	Half-Term	
JUNE			
Monday 2 nd	All	Training Day – School closed	
Wednesday 4 th		Girls' cricket	
Thursday 5 th	6KN & 6R	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker	
Friday 6 th	6S	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker	
Monday 9 th	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor – supporting parents	9am
Wednesday 11 th	6	Boys' Cricket	
Wednesday 11 th		Inclusive Football competition at Harlyn	
Monday 16 th	6	School Journey departs	
Monday 16 th		District Sports competition	
Tuesday 17 th		West London Games competition	
Tuesday 17 th	3	Support Plan meetings	
Wednesday 18 th	4	Support Plan meetings	
Friday 20 th	6	School Journey returns	
Sunday 22 nd	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA Family Fun Night	
Monday 23 rd	All	Class photographs	
Tuesday 24 th	3H	Visit to Eastcote Library	10am
Tuesday 24 th	3C	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Tuesday 24 th	6	Support Plan meetings	
Wednesday 25 th	3LM	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Wednesday 25 th	5	Support Plan meetings	
Friday 27 th	3	Pedestrian Training	
Friday 27 th	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6pm – 9pm
Monday 30 th		London Netball Finals Redbridge	
JULY			
Tuesday 1 st	6	Hillingdon Schools Secondary Transition Day	
Wednesday 2 nd	3 & 4	Lower School Sports Morning	9.45 – 12 noon
Wednesday 2 nd	5 & 6	Upper School Sports Afternoon	1 – 3.15pm
Thursday 3 rd	All	Music for a Summer's Evening	6.30 – 8pm
Sunday 6 th	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA End of Term Disco	
Monday 7 th	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor – supporting parents	9am
Tuesday 8 th	All	Exhibition Evening	4.30- 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	4	Trip to Whipnade Zoo	Back at 4.30pm
Friday 11 th	3 – 4	FONJSA End of Term Disco	3.30 – 5pm
Friday 11 th	5 – 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	5.30 – 7pm
Tuesday 15 th	All	Go Green & Keep It Clean Day	3.15pm
Tuesday 15 th	5S	Last swimming lesson	11.30am
Wednesday 16 th	6	Rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip	All day
Thursday 17 th	6	Rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip	All day
Thursday 17 th	6	Performance at Winston Churchill Hall	7pm (TBC)
Monday 21 st	5	Visit to Woburn	Back at 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd	All	Term ends	1.30pm

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FONJSA Laser – Details have been emailed out today and the deadline to pay is Sunday 4th May.

Community news

St Lawrence May Fair will be on Monday 5th May from 11.00am – 2.00pm. There will be a barbecue, bar, live music, bouncy castle, face painting, tombolas, games, silent auction, raffle and a wide variety of stalls including toys, books, cakes and gifts. There will also be a children's art competition - entries can be created in advance or during the fair itself. Details on our website.

Hillingdon Celebrates 60 Years - This year marks the 60th anniversary of Hillingdon becoming a London borough. The council has organised a series of family-friendly activities across our heritage sites and libraries so everyone can celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Find out more [here](#).

Uxbridge Library Relocation - The Council's new enhanced Uxbridge Library is just three weeks away. Ahead of its relocation, the High Street branch will close on 31 March before the new library opens just up the road on 11 April. Click [here](#) to find out more.

JAM2000 are a busy casting agency who provide many babies, toddlers, children and teenagers for TV, film and commercials. They will be holding an **"OPEN CASTING"** this **Saturday 26th April** at JAM2000 HQ, 106A Pembroke Road, Ruislip HA4 9NW **1.30 - 6 pm**. Full details are on the flyer on our website.

Pauline Quirke Academy are launching a brand-new academy with a free open day on Saturday 17th May from 9.45am – 1pm @ Bishop Ramsey School, welcoming 6 - 18 year olds through the doors for the very first time! We invite you to experience our acting, singing, dancing and filmmaking classes, meet the brand-new PQA team and chat to your Principal and HQ staff about all things PQA! We'll also be holding an exclusive on-the-day prize draw for one lucky student to WIN A FABULOUS PRIZE! Our *Poppets class* for 4 – 6 years opens on 7th June which runs for 90 mins and incorporates acting, singing and dancing in a kind, creative and nurturing environment. We'd love to see you there, so book your space today by visiting: www.pqacademy.com/academies/ruislip/. Flyer on our website.

Mr Mullens private football sessions - Individual or small groups of up to 4 children. Available summer term on weekdays from 4.30-5.30pm. Sessions will take place on the school astro. Email mrmullens@hotmail.com or follow @mrmullensfitness on Instagram and private message to book or ask any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher