

Newnham Junior School



17th March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It's been another productive and exciting week at the school and the forthcoming weeks are even more busy with class assemblies and sports competitions.

District Netball Tournament – On Wednesday, Newnham Silvers and Burgundies played in the District Netball Tournament against 18 teams. Burgundies came 3rd in their group and were very close to qualifying. Silvers topped their group, winning every match. In the semi finals we played Hillside, winning 6 – 1. In the final we played Warrender and luckily beat them 7 – 0!!! Throughout the tournament we scored 42 goals and only let in 4. Well done to everyone. Mr. Wilkey and all of the coaches were very happy because this was the 10th year in row that Newnham won the District Championship - Jana & Freya

Y4 Netball Rally – On Thursday, Newnham held the 2nd of 5 netball events at the school with 10 children chosen by drawing names out the hat to represent the school. This was a fun event designed to promote and encourage children to play netball. All of the children really enjoyed themselves, despite the hail storms and chilly wind. There were some competitive elements where the children performed really well but most importantly everyone worked really hard and represented the school with pride.

The Pantry - As you will be aware from our many emails, there have been a number of issues recently regarding the meal ordering process. As previously advised, The Pantry changed their menu during the last half-term holiday and all pre-ordered meals previously on the system were cancelled. You are also now required to select the meals that your child requires (and please check with them first!) and then repeat this selection for every week **as they are no longer automatically repeated**. This has been done in an attempt to reduce our food waste. Therefore, if you ordered a meal for your child from the Week 1 menu at the start of this half-term, you will need to add this for Week 1 every week that your child requires that meal and so for Weeks 2 & 3. To avoid any future issues, please can I ask that you order **all** the meals you require through to the end of the Summer Term, as there will be no more menu changes during that period. However, please remember to cancel any meals ordered up to 9am in the event of the following: -

- Your child is absent from school
- You have given your child a packed lunch from home instead
- Your child is on a trip and you have ordered a packed lunch from The Pantry

The Pantry have also asked us to remind you that they do not serve halal meat so please do not contact them to ask if any meals are halal.

Friday 21st March is Red Nose Day - Let's celebrate 40 years of going big, giving big and feeling good with Comic Relief. However much you give, let's do it together and support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer. Your donation here <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18174>
Our School Council will deliver an assembly about Comic Relief and how it supports local community organisations and brilliant change-makers here in the UK and across the globe. Your donations help fill the shelves of baby banks, community food centres, fund vital community-led services like health workers, local youth safe-spaces, and ensure safe passage for people escaping danger. You can find out more here <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>.

We would like children to accessorise themselves for the day. It **WILL NOT** be a non-uniform day but we would like the children to add some red to their day by wearing red socks, red scrunchies or wear a red nose. **Mr Kent**

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World Book Day - Last week, we had so much fun celebrating World Book Day - thank you so much for your efforts; the children looked wonderful! We also enjoyed our author/illustrator sessions with Steve Smallman. Thank you so much to the parents who bought signed copies of his books.

"I thought his drawings were good and I got a lot of drawing inspiration. The stories were really creative." Zeke 3C

"The illustrator was good - he was so funny with his stories. He was really creative with his drawings. I thought that the drawings that were quite random actually made the best stories!" Florence 4UW

"It was good because he was really funny - when he read the books he knew them off by heart. When he did the drawings, it inspired me to start drawing." Emily 6R

"He was nice and kind. I liked his drawings and it was really inspiring for young artists. The way he draws them really brings them to life." Lily E 5S



Year 6 Parent & Carers Meeting: Tuesday 25th March at 6pm - This meeting will cover the following: -

- The arrangements for the SATs taking place during the week commencing Monday 12th May
- Provide further information for the School Journey from Monday 16th - Friday 20th June
- Details of the alternative School Journey for those children not going to Bude
- How SRE (Sex & Relationship Education) will be taught next term.

This meeting is for parents/carers only (no children please) and is expected to last an hour.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 24th March to 4th April – We are taking part in the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge which is free to take part in and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do? - Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Why we are taking part? – Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Useful resources - To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school. Download your free family guide using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](#)
For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge! **Mrs Ullah**

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Roblox - Whilst they can be a great way for friends to socialise, online games like Roblox that allow multiplayer game play with strangers are always fraught with a variety of dangers that can expose children to inappropriate or harmful content. Roblox enables people to play anonymously, which can often be something that attracts people to misuse the game and potentially put young people at risk of harm. The attached free guide offers parents and educators expert advice on what can be done to ensure that young people have a safe and enjoyable experience with Roblox.

Eco news

- **Cables** - Thank you all for participating in the Cable Challenge. We had so many that we had to request an early pick up of the pink bin! So far, our total is 48.8Kg and we will let you know the final weight soon!
- **Our playground** - Our school has lots of things to play with such as the astro, football pitches and basketball/netball courts. We are also lucky to have trees, plants and lovely grass. Daffodils are beginning to bloom but it is making us sad that they may not last. Please help them by staying off the grass near the Year 3 area. *Daisy, Papa, Ava and Mustafa Year 3*
- **The Great Big School Clean** – As mentioned last week, we are taking part in [Great Big School Clean](#) which is taking place from **21 March to 6 April** and have pledged to help collect bags of litter to keep our local community litter free! Hillingdon council have lent us 16 litter pickers and if you are interested in getting involved, please contact the school office.

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	18	16	£38.56 (£2.41 each)

Dates for your diaries - See below. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
MARCH			
Monday 17 th	5P	Trip to Manor Farm	9.30 – 12.00pm
Thursday 20 th	5S & 5BC	Trip to Manor Farm	9.30 – 12.00pm
Thursday 20 th		Netball Tournament (Midnight & Storm)	1 - 4pm
Friday 21 st	All	Comic Relief Red Nose	
Sunday 23 rd	All	FONJSA Easter Disco Gateway deadline	
Sunday 23 rd	6	School Journey - 5 th payment due	
Sunday 23 rd	5	Payment & consent deadline: Hampton Court	
Tuesday 25 th	5P	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
Tuesday 25 th	6	Parent & Carers Meeting (see above)	6 – 7pm
Wednesday 26 th	5BC	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th	6	South East Girls Football Finals	1pm – 4pm
Thursday 27 th	5S	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
Thursday 27 th	5 & 6	Maths Challenge	3.45 – 5.15pm
Friday 28 th	3 & 4	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm
	5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	5.30 - 7pm
Monday 31 st	6	B Team Netball Tournament (Burgundy, Storm and Midnight)	1.00 – 4.00pm
Monday 31 st	All	FONJSA Break the Rules Gateway deadline	
APRIL			

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Tuesday 1 st	All	FONJSA Break the Rules Day	
Tuesday 1 st	5P	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 1 st	6	Borough Netball Tournament (Silvers)	1 - 4pm
Wednesday 2 nd	4UW	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.45am
Wednesday 2 nd	4CH	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	2.30 – 3.15pm
Thursday 3 rd	4BF	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9.00 – 9.45am
Friday 4 th	All	Last day of term	1.30pm

FONJSA news – The FONJSA Easter Discos are taking place on Friday 28th March and the Gateway deadline is Sunday 23rd March.

Community news

Easter holiday activities - Details are available on our website.

- Nick Jones Music/Tech club – taking place at Newnham from 9th to 11th April.
- Northolt Leisure Centre will be running swimming crash courses throughout the Easter holidays 7th to 11th April and 14th to 17th April.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher