

Newnham Junior School



17th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It has been another fantastic week, with the children working hard and learning from their mistakes. All of the staff agree that it is a pleasure to work at Newnham because of the respectful children and supportive parents and carers.

Saving money – I would like to thank the parents and carers who always cancel their ordered lunches before 9am on the day if their child will not be eating it. During the Autumn term, wasted meals cost the school £430.71. **If this happens each term then the cost to the school would be over £1200.** With this amount of money we could buy - 170 reading books, or equip a year group with new maths text books, or purchase 3 new laptops, or get new athletics equipment for PE lessons, or buy 100 research books for history, geography and RE or purchase 30 ukuleles for music lessons.

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	46	28	£67.48 (2.41 each)

Girls Football Tournament - *On Monday, the A team girls represented Newnham in the Middlesex football tournament in Enfield. In the first game, we played phenomenally and the score was 5-0 to us. Leah scored a hat trick and Anaya scored 2 goals. The second game was much tighter but we kept them away from our goal and the score was 0-0. In the last group game we won 3-0 and it was one of our best games. Leah, Liya and Caitlin each scored a goal. In the final we played the team that we drew with during the group stage. It was another tight match, going to extra time where both of the teams kept getting chances which they missed. It ended up going to penalties. Anaya, Freya, Leah, Amisha and Caitlin stood up to take one and we scored 2. Lily was amazing in goal and only let in 1, meaning we were Middlesex champions. Well done to all the girls who participated which included Freya, Caitlin, Jana, Anaya, Liya, Amisha, Leah, Cienna and Amba. We would also like to thank Mr Frape and Mr Wilkey for training us and we are really looking forward to the next stage of the competition, where we play against all of the best teams from each county in the South of England. Written by Freya and Caitlin*

Coffee morning - Neurodiversity – Tuesday 4th March at 9am

We have been taking part in Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) program, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs. This is our second coffee morning on this topic and we would really like to see as many parents as possible. This is open to everyone but we would particularly encourage parents/carers whose children have some form of neurodiversity/SEND (such as ASC/ADHD) or who have concerns in this area, even if no formal diagnosis. This is our second coffee morning so please come along and find out about (and share your opinion on) the progress we have made as well as to find out more about support available.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Thank you for your donations of £363.50.

Year 6 Carol Concert – Thank you for your donations at the year 6 Carol Concert. St Lawrence Church received £72.50 and the Mount Vernon Cancer Care Unit received £200.

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Dates for your diaries - See below. Further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
JANUARY			
Thursday 23 rd	6	School Journey - 3 rd payment due	
Friday 24 th	O2 Choir	Young Voices @ the O2	
Thursday 30th	All	FONJSA Committee Meeting - venue tbc	7.30pm
Friday 31 st	All	Chinese New Year – wear red	
FEBRUARY			
Monday 3 rd	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Tuesday 4 th	6	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 6 th	6	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Thursday 6 th	5 & 6	Road Safety training	1.15pm
Thursday 6th	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme deadline to order	
Tuesday 11 th	All	Internet Safety Day TBC	
Tuesday 11 th	3	Visit to The Science Museum	
Tuesday 11 th	4 & 5	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Tuesday 11 th	3	Open Evening	4.30 – 7pm
Thursday 13 th	3, 4 & 5	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 14th	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme's given out	3.15pm
17 th - 21 st	All	Half Term	
Sunday 23 rd	6	School Journey - 4 th payment due	
Monday 24 th	All	School restarts	
Thursday 27 th	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 28 th	4BF	Visit to Tower Bridge	

FONJSA news - Please see the attached for forthcoming events. The next FONJSA committee meeting will be held on Thursday 30th January at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed. Please come along to help plan our future fundraising events.

Community news

Families Roadshow - Come along to Ruislip Manor Library on 5th February to find out more about the Council's offer for families. Meet some of the partners in Hillingdon who work with families (including staff from our children's centres, Families Information Service and the NHS) and find lots of information for parents/carers at different stands. [Libraries Family Roadshow \(PDF, 876 KB\)](#)
[Families Roadshow - Discover Hillingdon](#)

Support for Parents/Carers - The Council provides a range of services and support for parents with children under the age of five, with free sessions, courses and workshops at our family hubs, children's centres and online. There are sessions to help parents and carers build self-confidence, support for those who have a child newly diagnosed with autism spectrum condition, and others to help tackle fussy eating, promote positive bedtimes and support children to use the toilet independently. We also offer speech and language therapy, stay and play sessions, wellbeing support for mums, baby groups, child health clinics, and sessions specifically for dads and male carers. For the full range of sessions, visit [our website](#). We'd also like [your views](#) on plans to develop our online offer for working parents.

The Dog House - Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so (poster on our website). Please follow this link to apply: [The Dog House | Channel 4](#) or email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk

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Half Term activities

- Evolution Netball Camp (held at Newnham) – 17th – 19th February
- PSD Funweeks (held at Newnham) – 18th -21st February
- Northolt Leisure Centre – Swimming Crash course 17th to 21st February
- Tech club at Vaughan Primary school 17th to 21st February
- Girls Rugby Camp Ealing Trailfinders – Wednesday 19th February

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Wilkey', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Wilkey - Headteacher