



Book recommendation of the week. (4-7 year olds)

Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World - Kate Pankhurst
This book is a whistlestop tour of some of the famous women who have changed the world, including the author's forebear Emmeline Pankhurst, as well as Frida Kahlo, Rosa Parks and Coco Chanel. The fun illustrations prove an ideal gateway to the serious topics that come up. This should be required reading for all girls and boys (especially the boys).

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 1st February 2019

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

I usually write about the achievements of the pupils, advertise upcoming events, praise prior events or remind about mundane things like boots and coats. But this week I would like to make a huge and public thank you to my staff in both schools. They are working incredibly hard to really drive improvements across both sites.

As I am sure you are aware there will be a new inspection framework for all schools in September. The draft is already published, and it comments very clearly about how a school curriculum must be ambitious and designed to give all pupils the 'cultural capital' needed to succeed in life. For that to happen it must be coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning. We also have an enhanced duty of care to make sure that all pupils, regardless of need, can make the best progress within our curriculum as is possible.

With the leadership across both schools they have really benefitted from clarity of thought and action. My staff have crossed 'the hill' and worked in their sister school. They have reviewed learning that is taking place there and they have supported the wider team with their enthusiasm and drive for their subjects.

This really gives both schools additional strength with the clear focus on the whole curriculum. It also has helped to share the workload across a wider body of people thus more time for thought and consideration of quality first teaching.

I am really pleased with the way that this has developed and I am utterly confident that this will continue to improve as the school year progresses.

As ever, thank you all for your support,
Sol Johnson.

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	96
Chestnut:	92
Oak:	95
Sycamore:	80

Star Writer:

Charlotte, Leah, Daisy, Woody

Star Mathematician:

Poppy, Eva, Jayden, Finton, Connie
Fearne, Benjamin, Sam W

Star Scientist:

Liam, Rhys, Olivia D

Star Artiste:

Cara, Jessica M

Headteacher's Award:

Amelie B, Jack D, Matthew, Hare's Class

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 25th January 2019

Whole School	93.90%
Ladybirds	94.57%
Foxes	95.19%
Hares	91.67%
Otters	94.23%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	97.30%
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Curriculum news

Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybirds we have been thinking about place value in maths with reception revisiting numbers to ten before moving on to 11-15 and Y1 looking at numbers to 100. They have all written up their own versions of the Mr Gumpy story with reception writing their own sentences and Y1 focusing on question marks, commas and past tense verbs. We enjoyed finding out about archaeologists and buried some objects which we will dig up before Easter to see which items have stayed the same and which have changed. We also had a visit from a baby to support our learning in animals and humans.

Foxes Class

In Maths we have been using various methods to solve addition. In English we have completed our cold write and looked at new skills to improve our writing. In Science we have started our magnets unit.

Hares Class

In Hares this week the children have worked extremely hard writing persuasive amber writes. In maths we have been drawing precise angles and 2d shapes. Our maths learning has moved into geography where we drew scaled down drawings using a scale of 1:10. In swimming, the children have been working hard on developing their strokes. We have been learning some of the songs for the DRET primary music festival (letter with details coming out next week).

Otters Class

In English this week, we have been learning about story endings. We watched movie clips, such as Jurassic Park and Planet of the Apes to see how a story can have twists and cliffhangers whilst building suspense. In math, we have been drawing 2D shapes accurately by using protractors and rulers. We then moved onto creating 3D shapes by using our own nets. Our science lessons this week have focused on flowers and we even got a chance to dissect a flower and learn about the different parts. Also in Geography, we have been learning about lines of latitude and longitude. We used co-ordinates in a race to find different locations and we created our own information text all about it.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th February

Cooking Club 3.20pm
Dance Club 3.20pm

Tuesday 5th February

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm
Choir Club 12.30-1.00pm
Ladybirds Prehistoric Workshop

Wednesday 6th February

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm
Cross Country Club 3.20pm
Hare's Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Thursday 7th February

Movie Club 3.20pm
Arrows Archery Competition 1-3pm (Northampton)

Friday 8th February

Judo 3.20pm

School Messages

Bikeability

Bikeability forms were sent home last week with Year 3, 4 and 6. Should you wish your child to participate, please return the signed consent form **no later than Wednesday 13th February**.

ParentPay

We will be moving fully to Parentpay this half term so that all income for trips, events etc as well as lunches are recorded through this and the office will therefore be cashless. We will be unable to accept any other form of payment after the half term. Further details were sent home this week.

DRET Music Festival

Hare's class will be taking part in the Music Festival at Royal & Derngate on Tuesday 19th March. Parents are welcome to attend and can purchase tickets direct from their website now.

<https://www.royalanderngate.co.uk/whats-on/dret-primary-schools-music-festival/>

FoNS

Thursday 14th February
End of Term Glow Party
5.30-7pm

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Term 3	(Training Day (Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Thursday Friday Monday Friday	3 rd January 2019) 4 th January) 7 th January 15 th February
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- End of Term Break -

Term 4	(Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Tuesday Friday	25 th February) 26 th February 5 th April
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- Spring Holidays -

Term 5	Term Begins School Closed – Mayday Term Ends	Tuesday Monday Friday	23 rd April 6 th May 24 th May
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- End of Term Break -

Term 6	Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Wednesday	3 rd June 24 th July
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The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends. All dates are inclusive.
Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.

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Key dates for your diary 2018-2019

February

Wednesday 6th February – Hare’s Class Assembly 14.45

Tuesday 12th February – Newnham Cross Country 13.00-14.45

Tuesday 12th February - Parents evening 15:30-20.00

Thursday 14th February – FoNS End of Term Disco

March

Saturday 2nd March – FoNS Progressive Supper

Tuesday 5th March – Special Event Day: Shrove Tuesday

Thursday 7th March – Special Event Day: World Book Day

Monday 11th-Friday 15th March – Year 2 and 3 Enterprise Week

Friday 29th March - Termly report out to parents

April

Tuesday 2nd April – Foxes Easter performance 14.30 and 17.30

Thursday 4th April – Easter Service at Newnham Church 14.30

May

Monday 13th- Friday 17th May - Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16th May - Ladybirds Class Assembly 14.45

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May - Year 2 SATs

June

Monday 10th- Friday 14th June - Year 1 phonics screening

Monday 10th- Friday 14th June - Year 1 Enterprise Week

July

Thursday 4th July – Special Event Day: American Independence

Tuesday 16th July - – Hares and Otters Summer production at 18:00

Wednesday 17th July – Hares and Otters Summer production at 14:30 and 18:00

Thursday 18th July – Sports Day

Friday 19th July - Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 23rd July - Leavers’ service at Newnham Church at 9:15

***Dates may be subject to change**



After School Clubs (3.20-4.15pm)

Monday	Dance Club Cooking Club (maximum of 8)	Years 2+ Years R & 1
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Performing Arts Club (recorder/singing) Cross Country	Years 2 & 3 Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+