

Quote of the week

'Logic will get you from A to Z,
imagination will take you
everywhere'
Albert Einstein



Book recommendation of the week

Our Year 4 recommended reading list has some absolute classics, Enid Blyton's Famous Five Series, E Nesbit's The Railway Children, CS Lewis' The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and JK Rowling's Harry Potter series. Why not read some old favourites or try a new read.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 1st December 2017 

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
Hurrah, hurrah and HURRAH. December is here. Such a fun month in schools. Also, such a busy month.

Our Pups are off to the Space Centre and I am so excited to hear of their adventures which, I am confident, will be 'out of this world.' Opposite my office I hear the Cubs in fine voice already rehearsing for their end of term performance. FoNS are moving at lightspeed in readiness for the Xmas Fayre. Wolves are gearing up for their enterprise week. All in all, so much being done as well as the learning that the children are engaged in. There are a couple of events I would like to shine a spotlight on. The first being the visit of Kristian Thomas. He is an Olympic and Commonwealth gymnast who will be visiting the school on Tuesday 5th December. He will be giving an assembly at 09:00hrs (ALL ARE WELCOME) about his journey to the highest levels of competitive sports. I am sure it will be utterly inspirational. He will also be working with all the children in P.E sessions throughout the day.

I have arranged for two open afternoons in the school. On the 13th and 14th December we will open the doors from 13:15 until the end of the day. These are a terrific opportunity to informally pop in and interact with your children during the day. I would also ask you to advertise these dates to anyone you may know who might be looking for a school place or looking for a change.

Finally, I would like to thank all the pupils for their efforts in the book review competition. There were over 12000 entries. There were 6 prizes and 6 special mentions. Sadly, we didn't win a prize but Katie in Yr 6 received a special mention for her incredible review. That is an incredible achievement. Well done.

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

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	90
Chestnut:	60
Oak:	84
Sycamore:	83

Headteachers Award:

Katie Milligan

Star Writer Certificates:

Emie Madden, Sam McCulloch, Kate Kortegas,
Ben Tarbox, Ella-Rose Lee

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Amelie Baker, Esmee Kellet, Neve O'Connor

Star Artiste Awards:

Lacey Baggus-Page, Connie Dolan

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 24th November 2017

Cubs	99.07%
Pups	93.33%
Wolves	93.70%
Whole School	95.37%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.39%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have been writing up our final versions of lost and found and working on our sentence building. In maths we have been making number bonds to ten and twenty. We have finished our scale pictures of Antarctic penguins and thought about the explorations of Captain Scott. We have also enjoyed practising our songs for the Nativity.

Pups Class

This week has been another busy one for the Pups class. We have been busy in English writing our information texts about a famous astronaut and have learnt more about using conjunctions and capital letters accurately to edit and improve our pieces. We have been using rulers in maths to measure to the nearest centimetre, half centimetre and millimetre and will begin to look at calculating the perimeter of a 2D shape. In the afternoons, we began our information posters, choosing to focus on either Galileo Galilei or Isaac Newton. We learnt the name of many familiar animals in French and are beginning to join the components of our Christmas stockings in D&T.

Wolves Class

In the Wolves we have been producing Christmas decorations for our Enterprise week on Monday 11th December. We have been creating all sorts of exciting things in class and with Mrs Marshall. In science this week we have been learning about irreversible changes and we even made our own type of plastic. In French we have started to learn Christmas phrases and we have created our own 12 days of Christmas advent calendar that we will open each day. As well as all of this we have been African drumming, programming computer games where you are chased and we have been researching Scandinavian clothing and patterns. Our islands have also been used this week as the inhabitants have had to make decisions about farming to feed their people.

In the Fox class we have been writing persuasive letters to the Grinch to stop him from stealing Christmas. We have also started to learn a text about a rabbit that is persuading a wolf to become a vegetarian. In maths we have been learning about fractions. We have been finding equivalent fractions and we are now adding them together. Some of us also had to solve a Christmas mince pie problem.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th December

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm
Pups National Space Centre Trip 9.00-3.30pm

Tuesday 5th December

Kristian Thomas special assembly 9.00am – all welcome

Wednesday 6th December

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm

Thursday 7th December

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm *moved from a Wednesday*
Y5/Y6 Athletics Event – 2.15-5pm Daventry Leisure Ctr

Friday 8th December

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Pantomime

We are nearing that time of year.....oh yes we are! if you haven't returned your permission slip and payment, please do so ASAP. Many Thanks.

Chartwells

The cut off date for ordering any meals for the remainder of term, including the Christmas dinner, is midnight on Tuesday 5th December. Please ensure all meals are booked before this time.

Open Afternoons

We are holding Open Afternoons on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December from 1.15pm until the end of the day. Please share this news with your friends and family...

FoNS

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets! The prizes are AMAZING and all money raised goes back into helping the school. Please return the money and stubs to the school office. Thank you for your support.
N.B. We do have more tickets available in the school office.

We desperately need 2 volunteers to help with the Rotary club Santa Run on Tuesday 5th December from 6.15pm. Please contact Louise Worth (Luke & Rhys's mum) if you are able to help.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 1	(Training Days	Friday	1 September 2017
		Monday	4 September 2017)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	5 September 2017
	Term Ends	Friday	20 October 2017
- End of Term Break -			
Term 2	(Training Day	Monday	30 October 2017)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	31 October 2017
	Term Ends	Tuesday	19 December 2017
	(Training Day	Wednesday	20 December 2017)
- Christmas Holidays -			
Term 3	Term Begins	Wednesday	3 January 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	9 February 2018
- End of Term Break -			
Term 4	(Training Day	Monday	19 February 2018)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	20 February 2018
	Term Ends	Thursday	29 March 2018
- Easter Holidays -			
Term 5	Term Begins	Monday	16 April 2018
	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	7 May 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	25 May 2018
- End of Term Break -			
Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	4 June 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	20 July 2018

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.



Community - Aspiration - Achievement

Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

December

Monday 11th-Friday 15th December- Wolves class enterprise week

Friday 15th December -Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

Monday 18th December- Termly report out to parents

Monday 18th December- Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

Tuesday 19th December- FoNS Christmas Fete

January

Wednesday 31st January- FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

February

Thursday 8th February- FoNS Valentines Disco

Friday 9th February- Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

Saturday 24th February- FoNS Progressive Supper

March

Thursday 8th March- FoNS Mother's Day sale

Tuesday 13th March - Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Monday 19th March- School photos.

Monday 26th-Thursday 29th March- Cubs class enterprise week

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 27th March- Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Thursday 29th March- Easter service 9:30 at Newnham Church

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

April

April- FoNS School tea towel/bag.

Friday 20th April- 'Earth Day' whole school fundraising



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Key dates for your diary 2017-2018 (cont...)

May

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th May- Year 6 SATs

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th May- Year 2 SATs

Thursday 24th May- FoNS Apres SATs Disco

Friday 25th May- FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

June

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th June- Year 1 phonics screening

Thursday 14th June- FoNS Father's Day sale.

Friday 15th June- Eid whole school enrichment day

Wednesday 20th June – Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

July

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July- Pups class enterprise week

Friday 6th July - FoNS Mufti a day at the beach for teddies.

Tuesday 10th July- Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Thursday 12th July – Summer Fete

Monday 16th July- Termly report out to parents

Thursday 19th July- Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30