

Quote of the week

Alice: 'Where should I go?'
The Cheshire Cat: 'That depends on
where you want to end up'
-Alice in Wonderland



Book recommendation of the week

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
The tale plays with logic, giving the story lasting popularity with adults as well as with children. It is considered to be one of the best examples of the literary nonsense genre.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 2nd February 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

I hope you are all well. Teaching older children in the primary phase can be challenging especially with some of the more intricate aspects of grammar and mathematical understanding. I have no idea how I managed to function before I became a teacher without a keen understanding of modal verbs and the subjunctive. Somehow I muddled through.

This week I have experienced irony. In my last newsletter I commented about attendance and how important it is. This week the school has been struck with a variety of lurgy and as such, I cannot remember ever (in any school I have worked in) such low figures. I would like to reassure all parents and staff that I fully understand the reasons for absence and, like you, would like to see the poorly people healthy enough for a return to school quickly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already returned the home school agreements.



For the remaining few I will be asking the teachers to catch up with you before and after school.

As ever thanks for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	116
Chestnut:	114
Oak:	144
Sycamore:	156

Headteachers Award:

Eleanor Drake

Star Writer Certificates:

Beatriz Caldeira

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Fearne Badger, Hester Coburn

Star Artiste Award:

Harrison Gardner-Bates, Isaac Worthington,
Braiden Seymour-Thorpe

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 26th January 2018

Cubs	92.80%
Pups	96.13%
Wolves	93.21%
Whole School	94.17%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.15%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have been improving and developing our number skills. We have been recognising numbers, ordering them and finding errors in sequencing. We created musical rhythms to describe the movements of a range of animals, inspired by the Carnival of the Animals. In Literacy, we mapped out and practised reciting a section of 'The Place Between' ready for us to adapt next week, using our own ideas. In art we created a large dinosaur world backdrop using collage and created our dinosaur stencils ready to add to the backdrop next week. We have a fantastic time at the Natural History Museum in Oxford. We got to touch a meteorite, fossilised dinosaur poo and dinosaur eggs as well as a section of a T-Rex jaw. We used dinosaur footprints to work out how big the creature would have been and thought about dinosaur skin – were they hairy, feathery or scaly?

Pups Class

This week the children have created a group picture map to help us recall and recite 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We used this sound map to begin to amend the poem to fit in with our Jungle theme, considering the sounds we might hear around us if we were in the rainforest. We still had to make it rhyme though! In Maths the children have focused on using repeated subtraction, grouping and array methods to divide successfully. In ICT we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of blogs ready to plan our own blog entries. In Science we have discussed, drawn, labelled and explained the life cycle of a sunflower. In Art we have begun the first draft of our replication of "Tiger in a Tropical".

Wolves Class

This week in the Wolves class we have learnt about the different biomes of Mexico. We have written fact-files about the animals which live in each biome. We have also learnt about sources of light, thinking about which are man-made and which are natural. In maths we have been thinking about Reflective symmetry, using mirrors to reflect vertically, horizontally and diagonally. In Literacy, we have started to think about personal recounts.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th February

Cross Country Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 6th February

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Yr 5-6 Swimming Gala 12-3pm

Wednesday 7th February

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday 8th February

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
FoNS Valentine Disco 5.30-7pm
Festival of Tag Rugby 1-4pm

Friday 9th February

Swimming Yrs3 & 4 9.20-11.15am
Judo 3.20-4.15pm
Chinese New Year School Enrichment Day

School Messages

Absence

If your child is not attending school for whatever reason, **PLEASE** inform the school as soon as possible and before **9.15am**. There are many quick and easy ways to communicate with the school; dojo, My Ed app, email or telephone. The school has a duty of care for all the children and we do need some form of communication from parents if your child will not be in school. Thank you.

Home-School Agreement

If you haven't already done so, please sign and return the Home-School agreement. Copies are available from the school office or you can request for one to be sent home with your child(ren) or emailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

FoNS

The FoNS Valentines disco will be held on Thursday 8th February 5.30-7pm. Everyone is welcome.



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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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.



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Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

Date to be confirmed - 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

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



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

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

After School Clubs

Monday	Dance Club – begins 15 th January * <u>limited spaces</u> * Cross Country Club (outdoor PE kit required) Performing Arts Club	Years 3+ Years 1-6 R, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Gymnastics (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>) Construction Club	Year 1+ Years 2-6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+