

Quote of the week

'The flower doesn't dream of the bee. It blossoms and the bee comes.'
Mark Nepo



Book recommendation of the week

A Walk in The Park – Anthony Browne
One day Smudge and Charles (two very different children) take walks to the park with their dogs, Albert and Victoria. The dogs race off and chase each other around the park, while Smudge and Charles become the best of friends.

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Weekly Newsletter

Date: 2nd March 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

It has been a great week here. But quite a long one too. It isn't often I write about my free time but last weekend was definitely a mixed bag. There was of course the misery/joy (dependent upon who you support) of the 6 Nations which overtook Friday and most of Saturday.

Then there was the wonderful 'Progressive Supper.' This is an amazing event organised by those incredible fundraisers from FoNS. We all started in the hall around 19:00. There was a fantastic mix of parents and villagers. From there we all trooped off to various locations for starters. I was lucky enough to enjoy a delicious ham hock terrine with all the trimmings and what seemed like a bottomless glass...(thank you both again). At the table we were given our destinations for the main course. I was cooking so I knew I would be at school. However I didn't know who I would be cooking for. It was a really enjoyable couple of hours spent eating, chatting and generally merrymaking. Finally desserts were served at the pub and a raffle was also run. The bottom line is that this one night raised an incredible £1,100.

There is a huge whole school project taking place that is being fully funded by FoNS it involves every child and will really improve our site. That event will go a very long way to covering the cost of it. So with even greater depth of meaning I shall sign off as I usually do...

As ever thanks for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	70
Chestnut:	50
Oak:	82
Sycamore:	84

Star Writer Certificates:

Fearne Badger, Emilia Montoya, Kian Yong,
Lily Charlesworth, Olivia Denney

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Harry McCulloch, Jude Hearn, Sam McCulloch,
Eve Worthington, Hester Coburn, Lewis Johnston

Star Artiste Award:

Noah Frost

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 23rd February 2018

Cubs	98.50%
Pups	98.39%
Wolves	96.88%
Whole School	97.92%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.94%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have been working hard in our phonics lesson to improve our reading and our writing. We are all really impressed with the progress the children are making- well done all of you. We have been looking at a range of traditional tales and we have shared the rest of The Jolly Postman. We have looked further at the features of letters. In maths we have been comparing objects and ordering them according to their height and length. We have also been measuring items using objects of the same size and some of us have also been using rulers to measure items. We have thought about the weather and equipment we use to measure it. We have also all looked at the Union Jack flag and how it is made up of other flags. In art, we have been thinking about colour we have looked at the work of Piet Mondrian and made pictures in his style.

Pups Class

This week we have been busy editing, improving and finalising our poem using figurative language before writing our final piece to be displayed in the classroom. We have been continuing to use money, adding values up to find the cost and subtracting to find the change given. We have had lots of yummy French food and have written sentences to say whether we liked them or not and which our favourite was. The brie was not very popular! We have begun looking at habitats in Science and will study them in more depth in the coming weeks. We have talked about Palm Sunday in RE, keeping healthy in PSHE and have started market research in D&T to help us design a popular salad. We have also started to compare homes now to homes in the past.

Wolves Class

This week, the Wolves have been learning about Aztec warriors and then creating our own. In science we have been creating our own shadow puppets. On World Book day we talked about our favourite book characters and then wrote text messages in the role of a character. In the Fox class we have been learning a historical text, telling the time and comparing lengths of time.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th March

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

Tuesday 6th March

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 7th March

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
CSalt Bible Assembly 10.30am

Thursday 8th March

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Cross Country Event 12-3pm
FoNS Mother's Day Sale

Friday 9th March

Swimming Yr 2 9.30-11.25am
Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Parents Evening

We have had to move Parents Evening to Tuesday 20th March due to the DRET Primary Cup taking place on Tuesday 13th. Letters to book time slots will be sent out on Monday, please check your child's bag.

Home-School Agreement

We are still awaiting the return of a few more of these agreements, please sign and return asap or please notify us if you have any questions.

FoNS

What an amazing success the Progressive Supper was, a whopping £1100 raised!!! A fantastic well done to everyone involved.

We will be holding our annual Mother's Day gift sale on Thursday 8th March, during the school day. There will be some lovely gifts available all priced at £2. Please could parents send in correct money for that day? There are enough gifts for one each, if children would like an additional present this may be arranged after everyone has had a chance of one.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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.



Key dates for your diary 2018

March

Thursday 8th March- FoNS Mother's Day sale

Monday 19th March- School photos.

Tuesday 20th March - Parents evening 15:20-19:00

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

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

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

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

April

Date to be confirmed- Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

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

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+