

Quote of the week

'There is no substitute for
hard work'
Thomas Edison



Book recommendation of the week

Anne of Green Gables by L M Montgomery
A classic that has sold over 50 million copies,
been turned into a movie, animated series and
live action mini series. A story of challenge,
overcoming adversity and loyalty set against the
backdrop of pre-war Canada.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 3rd November 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

It has been a lovely week here at school and the children have settled back very well after such a well-earned rest.

I note that trips are taking place soon and swimming has started again. So with the very changeable, chilly and rainy weather please can all pupils arrive at school dressed appropriately for the season.

Usually during my weekly slot I like to write in an upbeat manner about all sorts of positive things that are taking place in school and how well the children are doing. However, it has been brought to my attention that an increasing number of parents are parking inconsiderately, blocking residents' driveways, parking across road junctions and even double parking on the main road. It is unsafe for the other road users and infuriating for residents if their driveways are blocked through thoughtless parking. It is a totally avoidable situation and I would urge all parents to ensure that they park appropriately. That said, I fully appreciate that most of you already do this and I am sure we can support each other to ensure that road users are safe, and the local residents are not inconvenienced.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that on the website (information for parents page) there is a Trust recommended reading list for each year group. Contained within are some amazing texts. There are Dojos to be awarded if children have read the texts and parental confirmation would be irrefutable proof. So if your child has read any of the texts for their year group or year groups above please let us know so that we can award the appropriate points. I would not doubt the integrity of any of the students here, but I remember (many years ago) telling one of my teachers about reading Anne of Green Gables by L M Montgomery. To my shame, I have to admit, I didn't read it, I haven't read it and, being totally honest, I probably won't ever read it. But I can certainly talk about reading it 😊.

If you have any recommendations for amazing books, we would love to hear them and share them too.

As ever thanks for your support,

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

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| Birch: | 58 |
| Chestnut: | 69 |
| Sycamore | 58 |
| Oak: | 75 |

Headteachers Award:

Leah Patterson, Theo Roby, Sofia Bates

Star Writer Certificates:

Olivia Johnston, Lewis Charlton, Emilia Montoya,
Harry McCulloch, Jude Toomey

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Jessica Payne, William Millsop, Beatriz Caldeira,
Martha Coburn, Charlie Townsend, Noah Frost

Dojo 50 points Award:

Charlie Townsend, Kate Kortegas, Millie Grieve, Katie
Milligan, Tom Ratcliffe

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 20th October 2017

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| Cubs | 92% |
| Pups | 98% |
| Wolves | 95.71% |
| Whole School | 96.18% |

For whole school year to date

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| Whole School | 96.33% |
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs, we have looked at the story Penguin Small in active reading and thought about making predictions and our favourite parts of the story, giving reasons why we like this bit best. In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction, using sweets to help us in finding 'how many left' (in reception) and to 'count back' (in year 1 and 2) to find the answer. We have used a globe to locate the polar regions and the oceans surrounding them and completed our first self-portraits, thinking carefully about our facial features and the size and positions of them as well as the colours we choose for skin, eyes and hair.

Pups Class

This week we have got straight back into the swing of things! We have edited and improved our letter to an alien by adding apostrophes for possession before writing our final Hot Write. In Maths we have been checking Miss Parker's Maths skills by using inverse operations to check answers. We have also begun to look at a new method for addition and subtraction: using the column method! We have been looking at the Prime Meridian and Equator and their position on a world map as well as identifying what we can find in different hemispheres. We have completed our final version of our Peter Thorpe inspired art work and have looked at identifying metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous rocks.

Wolves Class

This week the Fox class have started work on adventure stories. They have been learning the text 'Adventure at Sandy Cove' and they have started to write character descriptions. In Maths, the children have been multiplying using different methods. They have also been writing Spooky multiplication word problems.

In the Wolves' class the class has been creating fact files about Scandinavia. They researched the countries and created a mini booklet. In computing we have been programming using code.org. We have also had our first swimming session which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th November

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 7th November

Rugby Tournament, Long Buckby RFC 1.00-4.00pm
Parents are welcome to come along and watch
There is no overall winner in this tournament, it's all about the taking part.

Wednesday 8th November

Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm
Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Cubs Class Assembly 9.00am

Thursday 9th November

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 10th November

Judo 3.20-4.15pm
Wolves Royal Albert Hall Rehearsal, Northampton 9.30-3pm

School Messages

Brilliant Book Review Competition

During November, there is a Trust wide book review competition for any books on the reading lists. We will be doing some work on these in school too. However, any entries received that have been written outside from school are perfectly acceptable. **The star prize is a £50 book voucher.** So it is well worth entering.

Flu Vaccination

This is being offered free to Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 children. If you haven't already done so, please return the consent form to the school office as soon as possible.

Royal Albert Hall Rehearsal & Performance

Wolves Class only

Please remember to cancel any hot meals booked for these days, Friday 10th and Tuesday 14th November and ensure your child brings a packed lunch, snacks and water on both days please.

FoNS

Thank you for all your orders so far for Christmas items featuring your child's design, if you haven't already done so and would like to order any items, the last day to return your forms and money is **Wednesday 8th November.**

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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| 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.



Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

November

Wednesday 8th Nov- Cubs class assembly at 9:00

December

Friday 1st December- FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

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