

### 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

For whole school year to date

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 6<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

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## Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

<b>Term 1</b>	(Training Days	Friday	1 September 2017
		Monday	4 September 2017)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	5 September 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	20 October 2017
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 2</b>	(Training Day	Monday	30 October 2017)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	31 October 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday	19 December 2017
	(Training Day	Wednesday	20 December 2017)
- Christmas Holidays -			
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Wednesday	3 January 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	9 February 2018
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 4</b>	(Training Day	Monday	19 February 2018)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	20 February 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Thursday	29 March 2018
- Easter Holidays -			
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	16 April 2018
	<b>School Closed – Mayday</b>	Monday	7 May 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	25 May 2018
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	4 June 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	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 8<sup>th</sup> Nov-** Cubs class assembly at 9:00

### December

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December-** FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Wolves class enterprise week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** -Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Termly report out to parents

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** FoNS Christmas Fete

### January

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January-** FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

### February

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February-** FoNS Valentines Disco

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February-** Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February-** FoNS Progressive Supper

### March

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March-** FoNS Mother's Day sale

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March-** School photos.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** Cubs class enterprise week

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March-** Termly report out to parents

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March-** Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** Easter service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

### April

**April-** FoNS School tea towel/bag.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April-** 'Earth Day' whole school fundraising



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

#### **May**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May-** Year 6 SATs

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May-** Year 2 SATs

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May-** FoNS Apres SATs Disco

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May-** FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

#### **June**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June-** Year 1 phonics screening

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June-** FoNS Father's Day sale.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June-** Eid whole school enrichment day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

#### **July**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July-** Pups class enterprise week

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July -** FoNS Mufti a day at the beach for teddies.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July-** Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July –** Summer Fete

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July-** Termly report out to parents

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July-** Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30