

Quote of the week

'Experience is simply the name we
give our mistakes'
Oscar Wilde



Book recommendation of the week

Mrs Fish's favourite book for younger adults.

The Silver Brumby – Elyne Mitchell

A collection of fiction children's books that recount the life and adventures of Thowra, a magnificent pale brumby stallion, and his descendants, and are set in the Snowy Mountains region of Australia.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 4th May 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

There are many wonderful features to the job that we do and one of them is being involved with trips.

As an adult and doing the job I do, it is inevitable that conversations with others leads to reflecting on distant school memories. There is often 'that' teacher, there is usually a brilliant teacher who is recalled fondly but there is ALWAYS the school trips.

Days out and residential are certainly memories for life. I am not sure how it happened, things were very different back then, but I can recall a trip to Alton Towers when the Corkscrew was new. Not much learning that day but a lovely memory created.

This week our youngest children went to Warwick Castle and they were so excited. It was lovely to see them return full of stories and facts and really inspired by that day.

Very shortly our Year 2 and 3 children will be on a 2 day adventure to Everdon. This is geographically brilliant and we are very lucky to have the facility so close to school. There is a buzz building about the trip, Nina came in and saw some parents who could attend the meeting. Miss Parker and Miss Glover have prepped a kit list and letter and I am more than happy to chat with anyone who couldn't make it in that day. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children and I am so pleased to be able to offer it. Hopefully the weather will be kind. However as the Norwegians say, 'There is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing.' Everdon does provide waterproofs. 😊

In other news, Mrs Gardener is working really well on the new mural. This will be a wonderful addition to the school which has been funded through the fundraising efforts of the FoNS. Fab job TVM.

As ever thank you for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	160
Chestnut:	165
Oak:	170
Sycamore:	188

Star Writer Certificates:

Olivia Thomas-Huckin, Millie Hall, Hester Coburn,
Jack Southern, Callum Sutherland, Neve O'Connor

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Tom Ratcliffe, Lacey Baggus-Page, Finton O'Connor,
Lily Charlesworth, Jude Toomey

Star Artiste Award:

Eleanor Drake, Liam Hillidge

Headteacher's Award:

Connie Dolan, Isaac Worthington, Emma Ratcliffe,
Esmee Kellet

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 27th April 2018

Cubs	98.40%
Pups	96.77%
Wolves	94.48%
Whole School	96.47%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.92%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

The Cubs had a fantastic time at Warwick Castle on Monday. We climbed up the mount to see the oldest part of the castle, watched a trebuchet fire and saw the fantastic birds of prey. We had a tour looking at the castle defences and thinking about how castles would have been attacked. We also saw a hidden door leading to a secret escape route from the castle. We all explored inside the castle and then some of us went up the tower and along the ramparts whilst others went upstairs and saw the state rooms. We all finished the day in the Horrible Histories maze before heading home. In maths we have been thinking about number bonds to 10 and 20 and in music we thought about notes which go together and ones which clash and worked together to play a melody on tuned instruments.

Pups Class

In English we have been looking at traditional tales including Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Pied Piper of Hamelin and have started to adapt these into our own versions. In Maths we have recapped addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods as well as solving problems with missing numbers and finding fractions of a quantity. In Science we are looking at the dangers of electricity and how to use it safely. We have talked about the second pillar of Islam in RE and compared Muslim and Christian prayer. We have also talked about potential dangers and how to stay safe in PSHE too.

Wolves Class

This week the Wolves have been classifying animals and learning more about adaptation. We have even designed habitats for creatures of our choice that we will then build later on in the term. In ICT we have been learning about how the images that we see are often manipulated. We then edited our own photos by making people look younger and making nice photos look scary. In art we created stencils that we then used to print with. The years 6's have also continued working hard on their SAT's preparation. The Fox class have been continuing work on poetry and in maths we have been collecting data, creating graphs and solving word problems.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 9th May

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday 10th May

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Dance Troupe Workshop – 3.20pm-4.00pm

Friday 11th May

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Music Lessons

Music lessons have now resumed, **please** ensure the children bring their instruments to school on the relevant days for their lessons.

Monday - Brass

Friday - Strings

Everdon Residential

Earlier this week we sent out a letter with further information and required kit list. If you haven't already done so, please return all required forms along with payment ASAP.

Don't forget it is Bank Holiday Monday, have a wonderful long (fingers crossed, sunny!) weekend and see you Tuesday ☺

FoNS

Upcoming Events/Diary dates

- 24th May – Apres SAT's disco
- 25th May – Mufti for chocolate and wine
- 14th June – Father's Day Sale
- 6th July – Mufti – a day at the beach
- 12th July – Summer Fete

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 5	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 2018

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

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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+