

Quote of the week

'Do the best you can until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better'
Maya Angelou



Book recommendation of the week

Max's Magical Dream – Gillian Overitt
Purchase a signed copy of this book and meet
the author next Thursday 11th January at
school!!

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 5th January 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

I would like to welcome all the children back to school for the new year and say how excited I am about the learning that will be taking place over the next term. For the purposes of shared information, the Cubs will be studying 'Dinosaurs' and I am really looking forward to seeing how their knowledge deepens about such an evocative subject. The Pups will be studying 'The Jungle' and I am keen to see how they develop their understanding of different jungles around the world from the depths of the Amazon to the wilds of Africa. The Wolves will be studying 'Mexico' an amazing country with such diverse environments and such a rich history. I am keen to see how the children compare El Día de los Muertos with our festivals. The start of a new term always has a tinge of ambition and that is heightened when coupled with the start of a new year too. Nationally, Spring term is usually the term when children make the most academic progress, they tend to achieve far more during this phase of learning as they are used to the challenges of the year group they are in and used to the teachers teaching them. Curriculum wise this term often has the least enrichment, with trips and events taking place when the weather is better, thus more formal teaching takes place. Very importantly, attendance stabilizes during this term so the learning the pupils have is connected and built upon daily, leading to weekly, leading to termly thus the connections between educational concepts is stronger. Clubs will be starting soon. Please speak to the adult leading it if you have any questions. Happy New Year to you all.

As ever, thank you all for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	66
Chestnut:	62
Oak:	102
Sycamore:	74

Headteachers Award:

Willow Worthington, Jack Southern, Millie Grieve

Star Writer Certificates:

Frank Todd

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Tom Ratcliffe, Sofia Bates

Star Artiste Awards:

Oli Hillidge

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
School year to date

Cubs	91.7%
Pups	95.8%
Wolves	95.7%
Whole School	95.1%

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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs we have begun our topic on dinosaurs, naming them and trying to pronounce them! We have painted dinosaurs and some volcanos to go up in our classroom to form part of our dinosaur environment. We have started looking at 2D shapes, thinking about their names, properties and how to describe them using mathematical language. They had their first PE session yesterday which focused on Hockey.

Pups Class

We have jumped in at the deep end with our 'In the Jungle' topic this week by beginning our explanation text on how a seed grows and by beginning to develop our understanding of Henri Rousseau and his work before we replicate his 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' painting over the term. We have focused on measuring the mass of the object by choosing appropriate units of measurement and estimating the mass before measuring. We have been working on using grid references to find specific points on a map in Geography and have started to discuss facing challenges in PSHE.

Wolves Class

This week the children in the Wolves' class have been introduced to their new topic of Mexico. They have been creating fact files about Mexico and they have been drawing skulls from the Day of the Dead. In Science we also started our topic of light. All of the work produced will be used to make our learning environment even more exciting!

In the Fox class we also started our new topics. In Literacy we are writing warning tales. The children listened to the story of Icarus and they have also started to learn a tale about the dangers of a canal. In maths we have started our work on measure. The children have been measuring objects and then converting the units of measure.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th January

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

Tuesday 9th January

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm ***moved from a Monday***

Wednesday 10th January

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

Thursday 11th January

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Gillian Overitt Author Visit 9.20-12pm

Friday 12th January

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Lunches

The new menu for this term is up on ParentPay. Don't forget the cut off for ordering is midnight on Tuesday's for the following week. For your convenience, you are able to book right up to Easter.

Fundraising

Well done to the Wolves class for raising an amazing £261.20 from their Enterprise week and Tuck Shop. This term they have chosen to make a donation to the wonderful Sands charity.



Clubs

Further to the email sent out, we have made a couple of revisions to the age range of the clubs. Movie club is now from Year 2 upwards and Art Club is also Year 2 upwards.

FoNS

Thank you all so much for coming to our Christmas Fete. A good time was had by all and combined with all your orders for Christmas cards and gifts, we raised nearly £600!! We really do appreciate everyone's help and assistance, thank you.

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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

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

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	All years Years 2-6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+