

Quote of the week

'The more that you read, the more you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go'

Dr. Seuss



Book recommendation of the week

Each Peach Pear Plum an absolute classic by the Ahlbergs. Unbelievably it is approaching its 40th birthday and shows no sign of losing its appeal to younger readers.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 6th October 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Writing my small contribution to the newsletters is one of the many pleasurable aspects to my job. Simply because it forces me to reflect on the progress and achievements of the school in a very precise manner. Really zeroing in on daily things, because as an institution we tend to look at most children's progress and attendance data half termly.

This week I have been really inspired and impressed by the children we have here. The younger children have taken full advantage of the older ones being away with extra time on the Tech Table and much more space to run around in. It has been delightful for me to be able to spend more time with them this week as I am usually teaching the older children too.

But, I must say, it is the older children who have been the beacons of progress this week. I have been in contact with the teachers in Longtown very frequently and during each conversation and during each text update they consistently reported such positive messages. On a very general level, how the children behaved, how they conducted themselves in the centre and what the activities were. But it was the anecdotal stories about how Pupil X did this, how Pupil Y showed real grit and determination and how Pupil Z overcame their initial wobble and showed real growth mindset. I am sure you get the idea. I am really looking forward to next week to hear firsthand the stories from the trip. I wish you all a restful and happy weekend.

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	45
Chestnut:	57
Sycamore	65
Oak:	73

No update on points this week due to Wolves being on their residential

We will not be giving out any awards this week as many of the school are on a Residential. We will be having an awesome double celebration next week to compensate ☺

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 29th September 2017

Cubs	99.09%
Pups	90.59%
Wolves	96.43%
Whole School	92.43%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.49%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in Cubs we have been making a fact file about Polar Bears. Years 1 and 2 have practiced number bonds to 10 and investigated how many different ways to colour a ten grid to show this.

Art – we have used pastels to create pictures of the Northern Lights and we have also experimented with colour.

Pups Class

This week in Pups we have been learning all about outer space to celebrate World Space Week (4th-10th October) and have carried research on British astronaut Tim Peake. We then used this information to write our own biographies for Tim Peake. We looked at some photographs of the view from the International Space station and used black sugar paper and chalk to recreate the view of Earth. In English we have been completing our amazing stories set in imaginary worlds and in Maths we have tied up ordering and comparing numbers before moving onwards and upwards to number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We've also learnt to say how we are feeling in French.

Wolves Class

Mr Mead is currently away on a Residential, therefore normal service will be resumed next week! In the meantime, Mr Mead has been uploading lots of fantastic pictures on the Class Dojo. It certainly looks like everyone has had a amazing time 😊

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th October

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Performing Arts 3.20-4.15pm

Wednesday 11th October

Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm
Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Primary Proms trip to Royal Albert Hall for Y5 and Y6

Thursday 12th October

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 13th October

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Primary Proms (Y5 & Y6)

Please complete and return the permission slip by Monday 9th October, if you've not already done so. Many thanks.

School Uniform

Despite them being very pretty and colourful, unfortunately, JoJo Bows are not part of school uniform.

Car Security

In local villages some cars have been broken into while parked near schools & nurseries. Please be aware when leaving your car.

New School App

We have a new, free school communication app available! Available from www.myedschoolapp.com/get. All important info will be shared via the app! Please ensure you download this app as we will no longer be using SchoolComms after this week.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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

September

Monday 11th September- School photos.

WC 18th September- Newnham book week

Friday 22nd September- Book mufti day

Thursday 21st September- FoNS AGM and welcome 19:45 school hall

Wednesday 27th September- Harvest Festival 9:30 at Newnham Church

October

Monday 2nd- Friday 6th October- Longtown Residential for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 11th October- Wolves class assembly at 9:00. Followed by the Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall expected return around 18:00hrs

Tuesday 17th October- Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 18th October- Pups class assembly at 9:00

Thursday 19th October- Diwali whole school enrichment day

Thursday 19th October- FoNS Halloween Disco

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

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