

Quote of the week

'The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you're willing to work'
Oprah Winfrey



Book recommendation of the week

Mrs Trigwell's favourite book she read to her children
The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr
First published in 1968, it tells the story of a tiger who invites himself to tea and eats and drinks all the food and water in Sophie's house. He then leaves, never to return.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 8th June 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

What a lovely start to our last term of the year. The weather has been clement, and the children have been a delight. I am really pleased to report the engagement of the children in the learning they are doing is still as high as ever.

There is a competition between the DRET schools for debating and I know our Yr 5 and Yr 6 children have been working very hard either as members of the teams or to support members of the teams in getting ready for this event. It would be wonderful if the children could reach the finals and even win it. As, I am sure parents are aware, they are very good at the skills needed to persuade and change opinion. 😊

Talking of winning, I am still in awe of our hockey team that happened at the end of last half term and they were dominant, victorious and simply amazing.

As you may know we have a dance club that is run by two wonderful parent volunteers. The children who attend are keen to show off their skills and will be giving their inaugural performance during the celebration assembly on the 22nd June. All are welcome to attend.

Finally, some parents have been asking me about next year. As I am sure you understand, I need to speak with members of staff about the roles they will be engaged in at school in terms of year group placement and curriculum leadership. We need to make sure the roles are completed by the most suitable persons. As soon as that is done I will send out class lists etc to all parents. In the meantime, I can confirm that the school will have 4 full time classes as well as an additional .5 teacher who will cover SEN and curriculum time.

As ever thank you for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	90
Chestnut:	90
Oak:	126
Sycamore:	140

Star Writer Certificates:

Harry McCulloch, Woody Wilson, Lily Charlesworth,
Jack Southern

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Braiden Seymour-Thorpe, Rhys Worth, Lachlan Greig,
Kian Yong, Sam McCulloch, Theo Roby, Olivia Johnston,
Ryan Baggus-Page, Kye Brookes, Kate Kortegas,
Millie Grieve, Liam Hillidge, Lewis Johnston,
Charlie Townsend, Jacob Roby

Headteacher's Award:

Willow Worthington, Amanda Stradere, Dragos Ciorascu,
Archie Grieve, Jacob Haynes

Star Artiste Award:

Lewis Johnston, Jack Southern

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 25th May 2018

Cubs	94.62%
Pups	90.32%
Wolves	97.93%
Whole School	94.19%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.18%
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Weekly Newsletter

Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have been recognising recording amounts of money in our maths lessons. During English, we have started to look at Colin Thompson's book 'Castles', and thought about our own castle designs. We have begun to develop our footwork skills in PE, practising dribbling a football and striking a ball with our foot effectively. We have also watched short clips from the Sword in the Stone as a basis for our role play and drama work this term. The Y1 and Y2 children have been looking at the continents of Antarctica and Africa, using globes, atlases and google earth to find out more about them. During their choosing their learning time the reception children have enjoyed: creating a maze with wooden blocks; investigating items which would roll down the piping; drawing pictures of a cats dream and acting out their own stories about knights.

Pups Class

This week the children have been learning about the features of a non-chronological report and have gathered information and planned their own about Tutankhamun, which they have now begun to write. In Maths we have been looking at shapes and the turns they have made including quarter turns, half turns, three quarter turns and full turns. We have explored what we mean by clockwise and anti-clockwise turns and some of us have even challenged ourselves to identify the degrees the shapes turned through. In History we have started our Anglo-Saxon and Viking work and have labelled the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in the UK and discussed life during Anglo-Saxon times. In Science we are looking at Astronomy and have drawn and labelled diagrams of the planets in our solar system. In computing we are using word processors to record our work and will look at changing font style, size and colour and will add photos and pictures. In Art we are looking at the Art of Ancient Egypt and have sketched a section of the Egyptian Book of the Dead. In Music we are beginning to develop our skills ready to write our own Egyptian rap by focusing on beat and rhythm.

Wolves Class

This week the Wolves have been practising for our production of Porridge. We have been doing early run through and we've started to learn the songs. In science we have been learning about fossils and evolution. We have also been preparing for the Summer Cup in our PE session. The Fox class have been learning a meeting tale about an alien. We have then used drama techniques to help us write our own. In maths we have been learning about fractions of quantities. We then moved onto converting fractions into decimals.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th June

Athletic's Club 3.20-4.15pm – cancelled due to training
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm
Year 1 phonics screening

Tuesday 12th June

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 13th June

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Sorry Construction Club cancelled due to the debating competition.
Years 5&6 Debating Competition @ Royal and Derngate
DRET Athletics Event 3.45-4.45pm @ Parker E-ACT

Thursday 14th June

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Troupe Workshop – 3.20pm-4.15pm
FoNS Father's Day Sale

Friday 15th June

Judo 3.20-4.15pm
Eid whole school enrichment day

School Messages

Ovo Women's Cycling Tour

On Tuesday 14th June, the OVO women's cycling tour will be passing through Newnham twice at 13.30 and 14.25. We thought it would be lovely for the children to cheer them on and DDC have kindly supplied us with flags and clappers. Please do bear in mind there *may* be some minimal disruption in Newnham on this day.

Football Club

Football on Monday's has now ended and Athletic's will take it's place until the end of term. Please note it is cancelled on Monday 11th June due to all the teacher's attending a training session.

FoNS

We will be holding our annual Father's Day gift sale on Thursday 14th June, during the school day. There will be some lovely gifts available all priced at £2. Please could parents send in correct money for that day? There are enough gifts for one each, if children would like an additional present, this may be arranged after everyone has had a chance of one.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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 2018

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

July

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July- Pups class enterprise week

Wednesday 4th July - Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

Friday 6th July - FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

Thursday 12th July - Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Friday 13th 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 Football 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/Multi-Sports (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>) Construction Club	Year R+ Years 2-6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+