

Quote of the week

'The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little bit extra'
Jimmy Johnson



Book recommendation of the week

Our Year 5 recommended reading list has over 100 books listed. Why not set yourself a challenge to read one book off each section or why not try a book by an author you've not read before.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

 Date: 8th December 2017 

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
What a lovely week.
With the approaching Nativity performance, our Cubs class are increasing in volume and confidence. The stage is in school and I am sure, will be built very soon. The backdrop is being organised and I cannot wait until Monday 18th to see the performances.
I have heard many good reports about the Space Centre visit and I would like to express my thanks to the staff who led that and to the pupils who represented the school so positively.
We have had many Trust initiatives this term and I would like to thank you all for engaging so positively with them. If you have not already completed the survey, please do. Your answers will be read and compared with other Trust schools.
I would also like to mention the Trust focus on attendance. As you may know, I firmly believe in the correlation between academic success and attendance. All the studies and statistics agree that no matter the ability of the child, progress is maximised through high attendance. That said, our attendance has plummeted this week due to a variety of illnesses, accidents and operations. I know these things do happen and we will do all we can to support your child's learning while they are off school. If needed, please Dojo your child's teacher for some of the work that is being delivered in class.

As ever thanks for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	102
Chestnut:	100
Oak:	131
Sycamore:	123

Headteachers Award:

Harrison Gardner-Bates

Star Writer Certificates:

Amelie Baker, Callum Sutherland, Jessica Mooti,
Lily Charlesworth

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Frank Todd, Noah Frost, Kate Kortegas,
Kiara Beyxer-Roberts, Romeo Beyxer

Star Artiste Awards:

Luke Worth, Millie Grieve, Lily Cooper, Jacob Haynes

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 1st December 2017

Cubs	86.36%
Pups	90.67%
Wolves	92.96%
Whole School	90.25%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.60%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

We have been busy rehearsing for our Nativity on the stage! We have written letters to Santa, made Christmas Cards and enjoyed making and wrapping toys in Santa's workshop. In Maths, we have been reminding ourselves how to add and subtract.

Pups Class

We really enjoyed our trip to the National Space Centre this week, particularly the planetarium where we learnt about 'Night and Day' and recording our own weather reports in the WeatherPod! Our visit from Kristian Thomas was fascinating and we were very impressed by his skills! We learnt how to create simple gymnastic routines that we then performed for one another. We have written some brilliant recounts of our trip in English and have continued to develop our super Christmas stockings!

Wolves Class

In the Wolves' class we have been creating more things to sell in our enterprise week. In PE, we took part in a gymnastics session with Kristian Thomas and some of the children competed at an athletics event at Daventry Leisure Centre. In music we have continued with our African drumming sessions and we're nearly ready for our performance. Also, in science we have been learning about thermal insulators and thermal conductors.

This week in the Fox class we have been writing persuasive texts that included rhetorical questions. In maths we have been adding fractions and finding fractions of numbers. We have also been doing a number of assessments in order to support planning next term.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th December

Wolves class Enterprise week
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm ***last one for this term***
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm ***last one for this term***

Wednesday 13th December

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Open Afternoon 1.15 – 3.15pm

Thursday 14th December

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm ***moved from a Wednesday***
Open Afternoon 1.15 – 3.15pm
Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to Enterprise Week

Friday 15th December

Whole school visit to Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

School Messages

Pantomime

Please return the permission slip and payment to the school office as soon as possible, if you've not already done so. Many Thanks.

Parent App

Our uptake at present is 73.08% which is amazing but we would really love to improve on this, if you haven't already downloaded it, please do. This app is totally free for you to use and if you have downloaded it, it is also free for the school. It is a great way to communicate with the school and we currently send out lots of information via the app and will be continuing to expand on the many functions it has to offer.

Plea for Wellies

We kindly ask for any donations of wellies if anyone has any in good condition that are outgrown or no longer required, up to a size 1 please. Thank you.

Wolves Enterprise Week

The children will be selling their handmade items on Wednesday 13th–Friday 15th from 3.20pm-4.15pm. Our Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 14th, and we ask for a £1 donation. Posters with more information are dotted up around the school.

FoNS

The Christmas Fete is on Tuesday 19th December beginning at 3.20pm. There will be stalls offering goodies, the raffle prizes will be drawn and rumour has it...Santa will be there too!! Everybody is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

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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.



Community - Aspiration - Achievement

Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

December

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



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

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