

### 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: 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Weekly Newsletter

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December

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

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>–Friday 15<sup>th</sup> from 3.20pm-4.15pm. Our Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, and we ask for a £1 donation. Posters with more information are dotted up around the school.

### FoNS

The Christmas Fete is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Term 1</b>	(Training Days	Friday	1 September 2017
		Monday	4 September 2017)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	5 September 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	20 October 2017
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 2</b>	(Training Day	Monday	30 October 2017)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	31 October 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday	19 December 2017
	(Training Day	Wednesday	20 December 2017)
- Christmas Holidays -			
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Wednesday	3 January 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	9 February 2018
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 4</b>	(Training Day	Monday	19 February 2018)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	20 February 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Thursday	29 March 2018
- Easter Holidays -			
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	16 April 2018
	<b>School Closed – Mayday</b>	Monday	7 May 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	25 May 2018
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	4 June 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	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

### December

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Wolves class enterprise week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December -**Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Termly report out to parents

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** FoNS Christmas Fete

### January

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January-** FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

### February

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February-** FoNS Valentines Disco

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February-** Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February-** FoNS Progressive Supper

### March

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March-** FoNS Mother's Day sale

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March -** Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March-** School photos.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** Cubs class enterprise week

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March-** Termly report out to parents

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March-** Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** Easter service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

### April

**April-** FoNS School tea towel/bag.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April-** 'Earth Day' whole school fundraising



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

### **May**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 6 SATs

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 2 SATs

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- FoNS Apres SATs Disco

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**- FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

### **June**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 1 phonics screening

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**- FoNS Father's Day sale.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**- Eid whole school enrichment day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

### **July**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**- Pups class enterprise week

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - FoNS Mufti a day at the beach for teddies.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**- Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fete

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**- Termly report out to parents

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**- Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30