

### Quote of the week

'I'd rather succeed in doing what we can than fail to do what we can't.'

**Richard Adams,  
Watership Down**



### Book recommendation of the week.

Watership Down – Richard Adams

A story that Richard Adams made up to scare his kids in the car, it was rejected seven times before it became a classic.

# Newnham Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter



Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

One of the many small treats I enjoy about my job is writing the newsletter. It is made even better when I see how Miss Glover adds little bits here and there. It would be no surprise to anyone that I am not responsible for the hearts all over this but they are a nice little reminder of a popular celebration coming up.

Love is a wonderful thing and in its many forms affects us all daily. From the love we share for each other in our own families to the love we share for our wider community, simply because we are lovely people.

This week Mr Mead has been very busy organising a variety of sporting events that we competed in. Thankyou to all those pupils who took part. However there was some notable success. He reliably tells me that, had the cross-country been organised like the Olympics, Newnham school would've won. As our pupils won 2 out of 4 of the races. Very well done to Lily and Charlie.

Happily we have arrived at yet another half term. They do come around quickly. This is the half-way point in the year and it is timely to reflect on all that the school has done in all the classes. It is also a time for rest and relaxation. A recharge before the renewed ambition next half term.

As ever thanks for your support,  
Sol Johnson

### Awards and Achievements

#### Weekly House points

Birch:	96
Chestnut:	60
Oak:	77
Sycamore:	81

#### Headteachers Award:

Harry McCulloch, Kate Kortegas, Lily Cooper,  
Charlie Townsend, Liam Hillidge

#### Star Writer Certificates:

Sofia Bates, Woody Wilson, Lily Cooper, Jacob Roby,  
Finton O'Connor

#### Star Mathematician Certificates:

Cara Southern, Callum Sutherland, Lachlan Greig,  
Ryan Baggus-Page, Amelie Toomey

#### Star Artiste Award:

Emie Madden, Lewis Smith

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Cubs	97.60%
Pups	91.29%
Wolves	84.64%
Whole School	90.95%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.85%
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### Curriculum news

#### Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have been thinking about more and less in maths using number lines to help us. In literacy, we have created and written a recount of our visit to the Natural History Museum and adapted our Place Between story maps, writing up our own versions, editing and improving them. We have created our own stencil dinosaurs, choosing the medium they thought would work best. In music, we worked in groups to create and write a rhythm to sound like a particular animal.

#### Pups Class

The children have written their first draft of their Sound Collector poem, before editing and improving it and writing their final Hot Write. We have also started to look at figurative language such as similes, metaphors and personification. We have been focusing on the commutative law of multiplication and now know that multiplication and addition can be done in any order and result in the same answer, but subtraction and division can't. We have started to plan a blog entry to a class blog. We have written thank you letters to our visitor and have written an explanation text about how sunflowers grow.

#### Wolves Class

This week the Wolves have been busy with lots of sporting events such as cross country, swimming and rugby. On top of this the children have been busy finishing their Mexican iMovies and creating wonderful things for display. In the Fox class we have been writing fictional recounts and in maths we have been plotting coordinates. For our Chinese New Year enrichment day we have been retelling the story of Chinese New Year by using puppets.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Training Day

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

##### Term Begins

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Swimming Yr 2 9.30-11.15am

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

Chris Heaton-Harris visit 9am

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February

FoNS Progressive Supper

### School Messages

#### Tuck Shop

If you are paying in advance for your children, we kindly ask you to either pay daily (50p) or weekly (£2.50). If you would like to pay daily, please still hand to the teacher. Should you wish to pay upfront for a week, please pop the money to the school office. This makes it simpler and easier to keep track. Thank you.

#### Home School Agreement

We are still awaiting the return of a few more of these agreements, please sign and return asap or please notify us if you have any questions.

#### Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunches for when we return.

**Have a wonderful half term break and see you back at school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

### FoNS

Thank you to everyone that came to the Disco last night, it was a brilliant evening and we raised an awesome £230.80!!

There are still some tickets available for our Progressive Supper on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. Tickets are available from Helen Coburn, Charlotte Ratcliffe and The Romer Arms.

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## Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

<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

**Date to be confirmed** - FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

### February

**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

### 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

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

### 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

## After School Clubs

Monday	Dance Club – begins 15 <sup>th</sup> January * <u>limited spaces</u> * Cross Country Club (outdoor PE kit required) Performing Arts Club	Years 2+ 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	Year 1+ Years 2-6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 1+