

Quote of the week

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!
Dolly Parton



Book recommendation of the week

Mr Johnson's favourite book of all time- for grown ups.

Legend – David Gemell

Legend is a fantasy novel by British writer David Gemell, published in 1984. It established him as a major fantasy novelist and created the character of Druss, who would appear in several subsequent books.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 9th March 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

What a week! I seem to spend a lot of time writing in the newsletter about the weather. But I am really confused. This time last week it was like the Siberian tundra now it isn't. As ever, some of the children are impervious to the temperature and need a lot of encouragement to wear their coats.

As I write this message a long line of pupils have just trooped past my office. They are on their way to the cross country. I noticed a really wonderful attitude from them. They are off to compete against 'bigger schools' but they have a healthy sense of ambition and a great lack of fear about this. A couple of years ago Iceland (population 330 000 - less than half the population of Northamptonshire) beat England in the Euros. So they are right to be emboldened. This shows the mettle of the school spirit.

We are now about half way through Lent and I have to admit my 'giving up...for' has not gone as well as I had hoped. However I have taken the opportunity to reflect on some of the important themes surrounding this time. Sacrifice has many forms and usually involves helping others. I remain in a state of awe from those of you who sacrifice your time to support the school, through Governance, leading clubs, helping on trips, volunteer reading and fundraising. On behalf of the rest of us thank you all so much.

I wish you all a wonderful week and a lovely Mothering Sunday.

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	43
Chestnut:	20
Oak:	18
Sycamore:	21

Star Writer Certificates:

Fearne Badger, Dragos Ciorascu, Ella-Rose Lee

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Luke Milligan, Leah Patterson, Daisy Boniface,
Oli Hillidge

Star Artiste Award:

Lewis Johnston, Hester Coburn, Olivia Johnston

Headteacher's Award:

Harry McCulloch

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 2nd March 2018

Cubs	97.00%
Pups	94.35%
Wolves	95.09%
Whole School	95.39%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.92%
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Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class the Year 1 and 2's have been thinking about the features of a letter and we have written a group apology letter from Cinderella's wicked Step Mother to Cinderella. In maths, the reception children have been thinking about doubling and in Year 1 and 2 we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and multiplying using arrays to help us. The reception children have completed their first Horizon PE assessments and many of them will be getting their 1 Star balance award in Assembly. In music, we thought about different instruments and how they make sound. The children all had an opportunity to have a go on an electric guitar, an acoustic guitar and a flute: a few of them even managed to make a note on it! The Y1 and 2 children completed some focused work about Scotland and also thought more about the weather, focusing on measuring and recording rainfall. We also thought about the life of Mary Anning and why she was significant in finding out about dinosaurs.

Pups Class

This week we have been discussing ways to help us recite a whole poem that we have written, then we used these techniques to practice before performing our recital to the class. We have now started to look at shape/concrete poems. We have been focusing on the properties of shape this week in Maths by identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, finding vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines of symmetry and identifying the 2D shapes that make up a 3D shape. We have learnt about the human and physical features of Norway in Geography as well as identify the layers of a rainforest and the animals that might live in each one in Science.

Wolves Class

In the Wolves this week we have been continuing our work on México. We have been learning about the Spanish invasion of Aztec Mexico and continuing our Mexican themed shadow puppets. We have also been analysing the camera angles used in the film Book of Life. In the Fox class we have been writing our own historical texts and in maths we have been solving problems involving timetables.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th March

Cross Country Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 13th March

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
DRET Primary Cup 10am (Malcolm Arnold Academy)

Wednesday 14th March

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday 15th March

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 16th March

Swimming Yr 2 9.30-11.25am
Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Parent's Evening

Should you wish to attend Parent's Evening and have not yet returned your form, please do so ASAP.

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.

FoNS

Thank you to everyone who purchased Mother's Day gifts, we hope you all have a lovely restful day.

Our Easter Quiz will be after school on Thursday 29th March. I hear the Easter Bunny will be hopping along to say hello too!

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 4	(Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Tuesday Thursday	19 February 2018) 20 February 2018 29 March 2018
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- Easter Holidays -

Term 5	Term Begins School Closed – Mayday Term Ends	Monday Monday Friday	16 April 2018 7 May 2018 25 May 2018
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- End of Term Break -

Term 6	Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Friday	4 June 2018 20 July 2018
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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

March

Monday 19th March- School photos.

Tuesday 20th March - Parents evening 15:20-19:00

Monday 26th-Thursday 29th March- Cubs class enterprise week

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

Thursday 29th March- Easter service 9:30 at Newnham Church

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

April

Thursday 19th April - Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

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

After School Clubs

Monday	Dance Club – begins 15 th January * <u>limited spaces</u> * Cross Country 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 (<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+