

### Quote of the week

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. – Mark Twain



### Book recommendation of the week

The Elephant and the Bad Baby – Elfida Vipont  
A ride through town taking buns and ice creams along the way. Will they learn manners? A fab story with a great moral illustrated beautifully by Raymond Briggs, the creator of The Snowman.

# Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 10th March 2017

## Headteacher's Message

Hello All,  
What a difference a week makes. Part of my job is to enshrine and promote 'British Values' this being our democracy, rule of law etc. etc. Not the stereotypical view of the British talking about the weather. However, it is so much nicer than last week. Even though the snowdrops in the village appreciate the damp Winter/Spring, seeing the sunshine is lovely. As impossible as it is, I do like to think that people's attitudes and disposition contribute to the weather and our choristers from Year 5 certainly made the week sunny for me.

Simply put, they were outstanding.

We were given links to some music; to tell the truth I thought the songs were too difficult, too old fashioned and too complex. WOW did they all prove me wrong. In the weeks building up to the performance they had been rehearsing with Mrs Dolan and Mrs Roby (you may remember I put out a plea for assistance a month or so ago). They did sound wonderful but, every time I looked in, by just being there, I changed the rehearsal so I had to listen in secret. Each day they seemed to get better and better.

Then came the day of the performance. Early afternoon they arrived to the Derngate along with 300 or so other pupils from various DRET schools. Their behaviour and self-discipline was a credit to Newnham School. Not once did any of our children falter. In that short time before the 'big show' they showed resilience and patience. They also showed adaptability as some of the arrangements were changed at the last minute.

The performance itself was a joy. The children contributing to such a lovely evening. They were part of something wonderful and I hope the memories they have remain for a very long time to come. Hence the sunshine!

Sol Johnson

## Awards and Achievements

### House points

Birch:	72
Chestnut:	82
Oak:	73
Sycamore:	82

**Attendance Award:** Otters

**Headteachers Award:** Jacob Roby, Neve O'Connor, Charlie Townsend, Theo Roby, Ryan Baggus-Page, Kye Brookes, Lachlan Greig, Tom Ratcliffe, Jess Payne, Olivia Johnston, Katie Milligan, Kian Yong, Kate Kortegas and Millie Grieve.

**Star Writer:** Daisy Boniface, Eleanor Drake, Emie Madden, Lewis Johnston, Connie Dolan, Lachlan Greig and Emelia Fowler.

**House Points Certificates:** Jack McCulloch, Kate Kortegas, Lily Clare, Ryan Baggus-Page, Olivia Thomas-Huckin, Lewis Curtis, Harrison Gardner-Bates, Connie Dolan, Lacey Baggus-Page and Luke Worth.

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 3rd March 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	98.6%
Otters	99.2%
Foxes	98.3%
Owls	97.3%
Whole School	98.2%

For whole school year to 3rd March 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.2%
Otters	97.0%
Foxes	95.7%
Owls	96.9%
Whole School	96.7%

*Community - Aspiration - Achievement*



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## Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

### EYFS/Year One

Literacy – Handa’s Surprise - we have been looking at using connectives and adjectives. In Maths we enjoyed making fruit kebabs forming different patterns.  
Church visit – We had a walk up to the church and thank the Reverend Sue who guided and helped us with our understanding of different Christian symbols.

### Year Two

Literacy – we have been learning about the features of instructional texts, Recipes, How to.... Play games, make things etc. In Maths we have been working on word problems, rounding numbers to the nearest 100 and 1000.  
Growth Mindset – Setting achievable goals for our learning with manageable steps.  
We are also learning to play the recorder and enjoying practising along to the CD and gaining in confidence reading the music.  
**Swimming** – We are all doing well with our swimming on Fridays with some children making incredible progress and all trying really hard.

## Curriculum news KS2

### Years 3 and 4

This week year 3/4 have been learning about time. We have had great fun solving time problems practically. In English it's been nail biting stuff as we have been building up suspense in our poetry writing. Our topic work has been linked to weather and we have spent a lot of time researching and planning a weather report. We're really looking forward to next week as we have some cool new technology that we are going to use when we film them.

### Years 5 and 6

In Years 5 and 6's, Literacy we have been looking into innovating our shared write on why Alton Towers is the best theme park in the world. Our ideas have been fantastic and everyone has contributed to our document. In Maths we have measured angles and finding the missing ones in a right angle, on a straight line and around a point.

## FoNS

**The next FoNS meeting** is 7.45pm, Wednesday 26th April at the Queen of Hearts, Daventry. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## School Messages

Just a reminder from Chartwells – they would like the **lunchtime meals** to be ordered through ParentPay by midnight on Tuesday for the following week. Also, if you book in bulk each term, please remember to cancel a booking if your child is going on a trip and requires a packed lunch which means they would miss their Chartwells lunch, again by the Tuesday the week before.

We are once again collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. You will find the collecting box located in the school office reception area. Please could you ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect them for us too? Many thanks.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 13th March

Art Club starts 3.20-4.30pm  
Brass Sessions

### Tuesday 14th March

DRET Primary Cup at Northampton – Netball and Football

### Wednesday 15th March

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime  
Indoor Football Skills Club – Mr Mead 3.20-4.15pm

### Thursday 16th March

Let's play strings – Years 3 & 4 during school time  
Netball Club – Mr Burnapp 3.20-4.15pm

### Friday 17th March

Swimming session Years 1 and 2  
CSALT Bible Exhibition at Northampton - Years 5 and 6  
Strings Sessions  
Judo

### Monday 20th March

School Group Photographs – afternoon  
Brass Sessions  
Art Club starts 3.20-4.30pm

### Wednesday 22nd March

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime  
Indoor Football Skills Club – Mr Mead 3.20-4.15pm

### Thursday 23rd March

Let's play strings – Years 3 & 4 during school time  
Netball Club – Mr Burnapp 3.20-4.15pm

### Friday 24th March

Last Swimming session Years 1 and 2  
Strings Sessions  
Judo

**Term dates for 2017/2018 on last page of newsletter**

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## School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 31st March unless marked. If for any reason a club is cancelled we will advise you on the newsletter or by email/text.

<b>Clubs Terms 3 &amp; 4</b>	7:30-8:45 Every day of term	12.30 – 13.00	15.20 – 16.15	15:20-18:00 Every day of term
Monday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Homework Club - 12:30	Art- Mrs Gardener* 3.30 – 4.30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Tuesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club			Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Wednesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Freestyle*	Indoor Football Skills – Mr Mead	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Thursday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club		Netball – Mr Burnapp	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Friday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Maths Club - Mr Burnapp. Yr 6 only	Judo* This runs until 4:30	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club

\*Outside providers

For more details about Daventry Rangers before and after school club, please see their website:  
[www.davrangers.wix.com/sport](http://www.davrangers.wix.com/sport) and click on the link at the top of the home page to see Newnham Rangers.

## Term Dates 2016-2017

<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	31 March
		- Spring Holidays -	
<b>Term 5</b>	(Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>School Closed – Mayday</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday	18 April)
		Wednesday	19 April
		Monday	1 May
		Friday	26 May
		- End of Term Break -	
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday	5 June
		Friday	21 July

The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends.  
 All dates are inclusive.



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## Term Dates for Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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

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Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.