



Book recommendation of the week.

That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown – Cressida Cowell

Emily and her toy rabbit, Stanley, love to go on adventures together. One day when they are attempting to launch themselves into space from the kitchen, one of the Queen's footmen knocks at the door and demands Emily give Stanley to his mistress in exchange for a brand-new teddy bear. With a quirky, humorous text and lively illustration, it will especially appeal to any child who has a much-loved toy of their own.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 11th January 2019

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

It seems like a very long time since I wrote one of these. I would like to wish all of you the happiest and healthiest New Year.

I would also like to thank all of you for your kind messages and support while I have been away. Happily, I am just about recovered and I am so pleased to finally be back at work properly.

Mrs Gaffney and Mrs Godfrey certainly did a sterling job in my absence and the schools ran wonderfully. There were some standout enrichment opportunities for the children, visits to and from school, performances watched and taken part in, and sporting glory. All that, coupled with quality teaching and learning, made for a fantastic Autumn term. I am hoping for more of the same this term.

As some of you may know we have adopted a core knowledge curriculum. A large portion of which has been designed around Civitas Core Knowledge Series. I cannot recommend these books highly enough to give you a flavour of what is going on in class. We do not use these as text books, but they are used as exemplars of pitch and content. Most of our classes are mixed year groups, therefore, we also use a combination of materials from both age ranges. A simple Google search for Civitas Core Knowledge will direct you to a great website and, if you so wish, give you links to purchase the book. I think many of you will be surprised about the level of challenge within the texts and the variety of content.

Finally, is there anyone out there who would like to have a greater involvement with the school? We have vacancies in our governing body and would love to welcome some parent representatives to help out by being 'critical friends' to us. Contact me for more details.

As ever, thank you all,
Sol Johnson.

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

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| Birch: | 125 |
| Chestnut: | 106 |
| Oak: | 126 |
| Sycamore: | 124 |

Star Writer Certificates:

Jacob H, Fearne, Poppy

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Foxes class, Kairon, William M,
Sam M, Olivia TH

Headteacher's Award:

Lily Co

Star Artiste Award:

Archie, Frank, Damian

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

Year to date

| | |
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| Whole School | 97.50% |
| Ladybirds | 98.20% |
| Foxes | 97.65% |
| Hares | 97.20% |
| Otters | 96.54% |

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Curriculum news

Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybirds, we have been learning the text 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' focusing on putting actions to each of the key verbs in the story. We have come up with our own list of alternative verbs and Y1 looked at the spelling patterns of simple past and present tense verbs. In maths we have been thinking about money, recognising coins and comparing the value of them. In history, we began learned about glaciers and thought about how Britain became an Island at the end of the Ice Age. We also thought about our senses and focused on effective movement in PE.

Foxes Class

In maths we have been adding and subtracting money using different methods. In English we have been learning how to write complex sentences in preparation for our new T4W unit. In science, we have been working scientifically and conducting investigations.

Hares Class

This week we have been focusing on our multiplication skills by looking at different written methods to solve 2 and 3 digit problems. In English we have begun learning our new text 'The Alazan Rainforest' and recapping the skills of using sentences of three to describe a setting. We have been singing songs in Geography to remember the names of the continents and oceans. Also we created a report on the United Kingdom displaying our learning from last term. Today we had our first swimming session. The children were all extremely enthusiastic and looking forward to next week's lesson.

Otters Class

This week in English, we have been learning about our new text 'The Darkness'. At the start of the week we wore blindfolds and experienced how the dark could be scary. We heard strange sounds and used our imaginations to guess what mysterious objects were. In maths, we have been revising multiple methods for multiplication. Then we moved onto solving various multiplication problems. In French, to begin the topic, we made galette (which was delicious). Our geography lesson focused on revising continents, oceans and researching Pacific islands. In science, we have been started to learn about life cycles.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th January

Cooking Club 3.20pm
Dance Club 3.20pm
Netball Masterclass 10-4pm (Northampton)

Tuesday 15th January

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm
Choir Club 12.30-1.00pm
NSPCC Assembly

Wednesday 16th January

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm
Cross Country Club 3.20pm

Thursday 17th January

Movie Club 3.20pm
Young Voices - Birmingham

Friday 18th January

Judo 3.20pm

School Messages

Lunches

The menu for this term is up on ParentPay. Don't forget the cut off for ordering is midnight on Tuesday's for the following week. For your convenience, you are able to book right up to Easter.

ParentPay

We will be moving fully to Parentpay this half term so that all income for trips, events etc as well as lunches are recorded through this and the office will therefore be cashless. We will be unable to accept any other form of payment after the half term. Full details will be sent out in due course. Thank you for your cooperation.

DRET Music Festival

Hare's class will be taking part in the Music Festival at Royal & Derngate on Tuesday 19th March. Parents are welcome to attend and can purchase tickets direct from their website.

FoNS

Our hugely successful and fantastic Progressive Supper is back on Saturday 2nd March. Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

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|---------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Term 3 | (Training Day | Thursday | 3 rd January 2019) |
| | (Training Day | Friday | 4 th January) |
| | Term Begins | Monday | 7 th January |
| | Term Ends | Friday | 15 th February |

- End of Term Break -

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| Term 4 | (Training Day | Monday | 25 th February) |
| | Term Begins | Tuesday | 26 th February |
| | Term Ends | Friday | 5 th April |

- Spring Holidays -

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| Term 5 | Term Begins | Tuesday | 23 rd April |
| | School Closed – Mayday | Monday | 6 th May |
| | Term Ends | Friday | 24 th May |

- End of Term Break -

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| Term 6 | Term Begins | Monday | 3 rd June |
| | Term Ends | Wednesday | 24 th July |

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 2018-2019

January

Monday 21st-Friday 25th January – Year 4 and 5 Enterprise Week

February

Wednesday 6th February – Hare's Class Assembly 14.45

Tuesday 12th February - Parents evening 15:30-20.00

Thursday 14th February – FoNS Valentine Disco

March

Saturday 2nd March – FoNS Progressive Supper

Tuesday 5th March – Special Event Day: Shrove Tuesday

Thursday 7th March – Special Event Day: World Book Day

Monday 11th-Friday 15th March – Year 2 and 3 Enterprise Week

Friday 29th March - Termly report out to parents

April

Tuesday 2nd April – Foxes Easter performance 14.30 and 17.30

Thursday 4th April – Easter Service at Newnham Church 14.30

May

Monday 13th- Friday 17th May - Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16th May - Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly 14.45

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May - Year 2 SATs

June

Monday 10th- Friday 14th June - Year 1 phonics screening

Monday 10th- Friday 14th June - Year 1 Enterprise Week

July

Thursday 4th July – Special Event Day: American Independence

Tuesday 16th July - – Hares and Otters Summer production at 18:00

Wednesday 17th July – Hares and Otters Summer production at 14:30 and 18:00

Thursday 18th July – Sports Day

Friday 19th July - Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 23rd July - Leavers' service at Newnham Church at 9:15

***Dates may be subject to change**



After School Clubs (3.20-4.15pm)

| Monday | Dance Club Cooking Club | Years 2+ Years R & 1 |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday | Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>) | Years 2+ |
| Wednesday | Performing Arts Club (recorder/singing) Cross Country | Years 2 & 3 Years 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| Thursday | Movie Club | Years 2+ |
| Friday | Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>) | Years 1+ |