

Quote of the week

'Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do and, at some point, you will'
Venus Williams



Book recommendation of the week.

Mr Mead's favourite book for younger adults.

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

The Hobbit follows the quest of home-loving hobbit Bilbo Baggins to win a share of the treasure guarded by Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's journey takes him from light-hearted, rural surroundings into more sinister territory.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 11th May 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

This week I would like to take the opportunity to remind all readers about a wonderful group of people who really add strength and depth to the school. These are the volunteers. So, in no particular order I would like to say a big thank you too...

The amazing Mums who lead the dance club. Over the weeks they have come in and really given the children a club that they can enjoy and one where they get a bit fitter too. The club is on Mondays and the children who attend have a great time.

Our Governors who act as our critical friends. Their role is to support and challenge the school and they have always done so. Looking broadly at the issues and challenges that all schools face and focusing on the specific needs of Newnham leading to school improvement.

We have a volunteer reader who has been coming in for ages. She listens to the children read, gives top tips for improvement and praise and encouragement. She can recommend books and helps to inspire the children to develop a love of reading.

Our FoNS team who have improved the school so much over the last year or so. Their fund-raising events are varied and extremely enjoyable for the children and adults. They are responsible for the enhanced quality of the cabin. It has thicker walls, a power supply, better roofing and improved glazing at a cost of £1200 which they provided. The gorgeous mud kitchen is an addition they funded. Our tech table wouldn't be whole school accessible without them. The mural that is currently being created is their funding.

I also realise that without whole school parental support these events wouldn't be as successful. Thus I would also like to thank you all for your support of the FoNS.

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	101
Chestnut:	85
Oak:	128
Sycamore:	157

Star Writer Certificates:

Amelie Baker, Neve O'Connor, Daisy Boniface

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Jessica Charlton, Lewis Johnston,
William Wilcox-Rust

Star Artiste Award:

Benjamin Sherwood, Kye Brookes,
Ryan Baggus-Page

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 4th May 2018

Cubs	98.40%
Pups	99.35%
Wolves	96.90%
Whole School	98.24%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.01%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class, we have been building our own ideas for an information text about castles and have begun to write out our final versions. In maths we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to problem solve. We have also recapped addition and subtraction. In Music, we continued to think about building melodies, considering notes which went together and ones which didn't. They enjoyed their dance session on Thursday and their routine is beginning to take shape. We have loved being outside in the warm weather, creating banquets in the mud kitchen, building sandcastles with moats, finding number bonds in the water tray and building giant castles.

Pups Class

This week we have been looking at a variety of different problems and identifying what the question is asking us before choosing the correct method to solve the problem. In English we have been adapting Goldilocks and the Three Bears so it fits our Ancient Egypt theme. Some have written about Pharaohs trying to find the perfect pyramid or palace but are scared away by a mummy. Some have incorporated Egyptian Gods into their story, trying to make the perfect creation! In Computing we discussed algorithms and produced our own to help a robot open a jam jar! In RE we have discussed the Muslim experience of Hajj and have created electrical circuits in Science.

Wolves Class

This week the Wolves class have been categorising animals. We have then started to construct our own mini habitats in order to attract the different creatures. In ICT we have been editing photographs by merging different images. This helped us to create fake images such as flying dolphins and strange football signings. We have also continued work on our very own dance routine.

In the Fox class we have been creating newspaper reports and creating graphs using continuous data. We even got to measure the height of each other in order to make comparisons.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th May

Football Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm
Year 6 SAT's begin

Tuesday 15th May

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 16th May

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

Thursday 17th May

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Troupe Workshop – 3.20pm-4.00pm
Years 2 & 3 Everdon Residential

Friday 18th May

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Everdon Residential

Next week, Years 2 and 3 will go off on their amazing overnight adventure!! Please ensure all relevant forms are returned to the school office promptly please.

Important Messages

It is a rare occurrence that we need to send out a group message during the day but we do need to reach all parents on these occasions. Our preferred way to send out messages is Dojo and PS Engage, if you are unable to access these within the school day, please inform the office the best way to communicate important messages to you. Thank you.

Tuck Shop

There will be no Tuck shop running next week due to the SAT's taking place.

FoNS

Upcoming Events/Diary dates

****Please note some dates below have changed.**

24th May – Apres SAT's disco
14th June – Father's Day Sale
6th July – Mufti – for chocolate and wine
13th July – Summer Fete

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 5	Term Ends	Friday	25 May 2018
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- End of Term Break -

Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	4 June 2018
	Term Ends	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.



Key dates for your diary 2018

May

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th May- Year 6 SATs

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th May- Year 2 SATs

Thursday 24th May- FoNS Apres SATs Disco

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 for chocolate and wine.

Tuesday 10th July- Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Friday 13th July – Summer Fete

Monday 16th July- Termly report out to parents

Thursday 19th July- Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30

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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+