

### Quote of the week

'All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.'  
Walt Disney



### Book recommendation of the week

Joseph: The Naughty Giraffe – Gillian Overitt.  
Read about Joseph who is carrying an unwanted passenger called Red! Will the naughty giraffe and bossy bird end up getting along.....

# Newnham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Yesterday the school welcomed the first visitor of the Spring term. Gillian Overitt was here and she really inspired the children. Meeting, listening to and questioning various people is a fantastic way to sow the seeds for future careers. I know some of the children were really impressed with the notion of story writing for a living.

I like visitors coming into the school and it is a timely reminder that there is a large group of people who come here and work with the children in a variety of ways. Rev Sue pops in to deliver assemblies, so do the CSALT organization. Specialists work with individual pupils in school, psychologists and therapists, that sort of thing. Music specialists come in to deliver lessons to classes, groups and individuals. Governors come in and devote time to checking up on things and helping out. A club, voluntarily run by parents, is starting, the established judo and art clubs are continuing. There are also the voluntary afterschool clubs run by the teachers. A doctor will soon be coming into visit a class. We also have a regular volunteer reader who give her time to support the children in such an essential manner.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who give your time to help and support the children and staff here at Newnham. In the hurly burly whirlwind of day to day living it really is important to take a moment and acknowledge the generosity of some people. I know the school couldn't function as well as it does without a huge amount of goodwill from a huge amount of people. You really do go the extra mile for the children!

Thank you,  
Sol Johnson

### Awards and Achievements

#### Weekly House points

Birch:	96
Chestnut:	87
Oak:	120
Sycamore:	98

#### Headteachers Award:

Jessica Charlton, Kiara Beyxer-Roberts

#### Star Writer Certificates:

Sofia Bates, Sam McCulloch, Ben Tarbox,  
Lewis Johnston

#### Star Mathematician Certificates:

Millie Hall, Emie Madden, Leah Patterson,  
Emma Ratcliffe, Lily Charlesworth, Matthew Adams

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.  
For Week Ending 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Cubs	97.33%
Pups	97.85%
Wolves	97.62%
Whole School	97.62%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.73%
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*Community - Aspiration - Achievement*



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## Weekly Newsletter

### Curriculum news

#### Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have investigated the world of dinosaurs, looking carefully at their features and classifying them in different ways. We have started thinking about stencil art and looked at the work of Banksy this week before having a first go at our own stencilling- it was tricky to get perfect! We thought about tempo in music which involved us having to sing very s-l-o-w-l-y and then very quickly and we enjoyed listening to 'In the hall of the mountain king'. In maths we have been thinking about 2D shapes, recognising their properties and then making them. We have also looked at the story Leon and the Place Between in literacy. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Gillian Overitt and wrote own own wonderful stories about aliens.

#### Pups Class

This week with Miss Parker we have been researching how a plant grows and practicing using time connectives to write our second draft of our explanation text about how certain plants grow. We have also edited and improved these ready to write our final hot write. In Maths we have focused on statistics, using tally charts, pictograms, bar charts, Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams to sort and present information. We learnt numbers 0-10 in French and have begun to look at how the internet works in Computing. We have identified the needs of a plant and why they might need each element. We have used grid references to find countries across the world and have continued to study Henri Rousseau in Art.

#### Wolves Class

This week the Wolves' class have been very busy. We have been learning even more about Mexico. We have been learning about Mexican cities and we used atlases to locate them. We have also been listening and responding to Mexican music and in history we have been learning about Aztec gods (including the gruesome sacrifices made to them). In Science the children have been learning about light and they have been making their own periscopes. The children also put a huge effort into cross country and they're looking forward to seeing if they can beat the distance next Tuesday! In the Fox class we have been building up suspense in our story writing by using lots of different strategies. Also in maths we have been converting mass and volume by multiplying and dividing by 1000.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm **\*moved from a Monday\***

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Swimming Yrs3 & 4 – 9.20-11.15am  
Judo 3.20-4.15pm

### School Messages

#### Dance Club

Our new Dance Club begins on Monday at 3.20pm, how exciting ☺. Please inform the school office should your child wish to attend as spaces are limited and are being snapped up fast. A reminder that it is for Years 3+.

#### PS Engage

Over the coming months, we will be sending out more communications via this app and some of them will require you to reply (permissions etc.). If you download the app, anything you send to us is free. We may also run a little competition between the classes to see who can get the most parents to download the app!!

#### Music Tuition

We currently have spaces for strings tuition. Lessons are every Friday (within school hours) with a teacher from Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust. The termly cost is £68. If interested, more information is available from the school office.

### FoNS

#### Dates for your diary:

8<sup>th</sup> February – FoNS Valentine Disco  
24<sup>th</sup> February – Progressive Supper  
8<sup>th</sup> March - FoNS Mother's Day Sale  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt

The next FoNS meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at The Romer Arms, we welcome any new volunteers to come along.

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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.



## Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

### January

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**- FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

### February

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**- FoNS Valentines Disco

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**- Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

**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



## 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 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+