

Quote of the week

'Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know'
Daniel J. Boorstin



Book recommendation of the week

Have a look on the website for a huge list of age appropriate texts. These cover a wide variety of genres and also cater for a huge amount of tastes. Happy Reading!

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 13th October 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

The nights are drawing in now and as the weeks fly by we are really getting to grips with the routines of the school year and the high standard of teaching and learning that happens consistently here at Newnham School.

It is always tricky starting a new year and setting the proverbial pole into the sand regarding how things will be. The simplest way of looking at it is like this, (naturally) we want the children be even cleverer than they were last year, we want the percentage of children attending school to continue to increase and we want to provide more clubs and trips (enrichment) each year too. I do realise that I usually sound upbeat in these newsletters but we are off to a flying start. Due to the hard work of both the staff and the pupils I am realistically optimistic of an exceptional year of progress and achievement.

Each week this term we have had a key focus, uniform and attendance have been commented upon. I would like to highlight reading this week. It is lovely to have so many children reading for a variety of purposes throughout the school, and I really do appreciate all the support from home too. Last year and this, reading is a key strength but, quite predictably, I would like it to increase further. The Trust has produced some fabulous recommended reads for each year group. They are on our website and I would certainly advise having a look. In school we will be directing the children to select these texts from our libraries too.

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	175
Chestnut:	183
Sycamore	178
Oak:	215

Headteachers Award:

Martha Coburn, Tom Ratcliffe, Millie Grieve, Kian Yong, Katie Milligan, Lewis Johnston, Ryan Baggus-Page, Kye Brookes, Jess Payne, Jacob Wilcox, Daisy Boniface

Star Writer Certificates:

Millie Hall, Luke Milligan, Lewis Johnston, Romeo Beyxer

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Emilia Montoya, Benjamin Sherwood, Maria Gayton, Jacob Roby

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 6th October 2017

Cubs	98.61%
Pups	95.35%
Wolves	96.65%
Whole School	96.68%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	98.24%
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Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs, we have been thinking about which animals live in the Arctic and the features of them. We have sorted them into groups according to their features and thought about which are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We have also looked at how people in the Arctic travel around on snow and ice and how it is different from the ways we get around. In maths, we have been thinking about adding using practical apparatus and by counting on mentally. It has also been assessment week and whilst these have been taking place we have been focusing on handwriting, punctuation and sentence structure in literacy.

Pups Class

This week has been assessment week across the school so in the mornings the children have been working really hard to show Miss Parker how they are progressing in Reading, Writing and Maths. Towards the end of the week we began to look at the features of a formal letter and wrote our first draft of a letter to an alien! We also began to look at addition on a number line. To celebrate the latter half of World Space Week we have carried out research on a planet in our solar system in pairs and produced information posters independently.

Wolves Class

This week the Fox class have been using a text about the Newnham Ridge-back to write a report about their own dragon. In maths they have been subtracting using column method and they have even written their own.

The Wolves have also been very busy with African drumming, a trip to the Royal Albert Hall and some of the children took part in a football tournament. In lessons the children have been looking back at crime and punishment in the Viking era and we have also been writing recounts of all the fun we had on our residential in Longtown.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th October

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Performing Arts 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 17th October

Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm and 6.00-7.30pm

Wednesday 18th October

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

Thursday 19th October

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Diwali whole school enrichment day
FoNS Halloween Disco 5.30-7.00pm

Friday 20th October

Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Halloween Disco

Tickets are just £2.50 per person and this includes squash and biscuits. There will be lots of goulash games and a tuck shop selling spooky treats. ☺

Tuck Shop

Our Tuck shop is back up and running on a daily basis at morning break, all items are 50p and includes lots of delicious, tasty and nutritious snacks.

Family Concert

DRET are hosting a family concert as part of the Malcom Arnold Festival, on Saturday 14th October, 3pm at St Matthews Church, Northampton, NN1 4RY. All are welcome and children go for just £1! Music from Jurassic Park, St Trinian's and more. Box Office: 01604 624811, no need to book.

£1 Coins

Please note that after the weekend, £1 coins will no longer be legal tender, therefore, we will be unable to accept them.

FoNS

Halloween Fancy Dress Disco

We're having a disco, you're in for a scare, It's a Halloween bash, so dress up if you dare, Our annual Halloween disco is taking place next Thursday 19th October 5:30-7.00pm.



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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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

October

Tuesday 17th October- Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 18th October- Pups class assembly at 9:00

Thursday 19th October- Diwali whole school enrichment day

Thursday 19th October- FoNS Halloween Disco

November

Wednesday 8th Nov- Cubs class assembly at 9:00

December

Friday 1st December- FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

Monday 11th-Friday 15th December- Wolves class enterprise week

Friday 15th December -Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

Monday 18th December- Termly report out to parents

Monday 18th December- Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

Tuesday 19th December- FoNS Christmas Fete

January

Wednesday 31st January- FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

February

Thursday 8th February- FoNS Valentines Disco

Friday 9th February- Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

Saturday 24th February- FoNS Progressive Supper

March

Thursday 8th March- FoNS Mother's Day sale

Tuesday 13th March - Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Monday 19th March- School photos.

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

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 27th March- Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

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

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt



Key dates for your diary 2017-2018 (cont...)

April

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