

### 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: 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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% |
|--------------|--------|

*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 16<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm and 6.00-7.30pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 goulish 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 5:30-7.00pm.



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## Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

|                        |                               |           |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b>          | (Training Days                | Friday    | 1 September 2017  |
|                        |                               | Monday    | 4 September 2017) |
|                        | <b>Term Begins</b>            | Tuesday   | 5 September 2017  |
|                        | <b>Term Ends</b>              | Friday    | 20 October 2017   |
| - End of Term Break -  |                               |           |                   |
| <b>Term 2</b>          | (Training Day                 | Monday    | 30 October 2017)  |
|                        | <b>Term Begins</b>            | Tuesday   | 31 October 2017   |
|                        | <b>Term Ends</b>              | Tuesday   | 19 December 2017  |
|                        | (Training Day                 | Wednesday | 20 December 2017) |
| - Christmas Holidays - |                               |           |                   |
| <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

### October

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**- Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**- Pups class assembly at 9:00

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**- Diwali whole school enrichment day

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**- FoNS Halloween Disco

### November

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Cubs class assembly at 9:00

### December

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**- FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- Wolves class enterprise week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** -Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**- Termly report out to parents

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**- Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**- FoNS Christmas Fete

### 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



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

### 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

### 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