

Quote of the week

Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up." **Stephen Hawking**



Book recommendation of the week

Mrs Stewart's favourite book of all time
Charlie & The Chocolate Factory- Roald Dahl
First published in 1964, the story features the adventures of young Charlie Bucket inside the chocolate factory of eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 16th March 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Just when the weather was beginning to behave...they say this weekend will be a little chilly.

As I wrote last week some of our students were leaving to compete in a cross country event. Hurrah! They beat the other Daventry schools taking part. We also sent pupils to compete in a netball and football competition. They competed well but were eventually thwarted by sheer force of numbers. It is so lovely to see such great participation in the wider curriculum. I am really looking forward to the Music Festival next week and I have already secured my ticket.

I often take this opportunity to publicly thank people for their support of the school and I am consistently humbled by the efforts and the work that goes on all around.

I must make a special mention to St Giles Music in Northampton. They have donated a digital piano to the school. They drove it over, installed it and then showed me some of the features. It was a wonderful thing to do and I did thank them on behalf of the whole school. However a couple of emails from the wider school community would, I am sure, be appreciated too.

Finally this week the children have been tested, we will be collating the results and sharing them at parents evening and I would like to say a very well done to everyone, especially those pupils who managed to complete the tests at home, despite illness. That is an awesome attitude!

As ever thank you for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	57
Chestnut:	56
Oak:	72
Sycamore:	66

Star Writer Certificates:

Katie Milligan, Olivia Denney

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Kye Brookes, Lachlan Greig

Headteacher's Award:

Jude Toomey, Jessica Payne, Rosie-Ann Cahill, Esmee Kellet, Rhys Worth, Ryan Baggus-Page, Lewis Smith

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 9th March 2018

Cubs	97.60%
Pups	97.42%
Wolves	94.64%
Whole School	96.55%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.28%
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Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class (aside from testing) the Reception children have been thinking about using positional language and ordering days of the week and months of the year. The year 1 children have looked at multiplication as repeated addition and practised counting on in 2s, 5s and 10s (with some also counting in 4s). All the children have worked hard in their phonics lessons this week- well done. In PE, we have been thinking about moving in different ways and controlling our movements. In music we have begun our composition based on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, considering the mood at different points in the story. The children have all taken part in an investigation about the weather, focusing on cloud formations.

Pups Class

These week the children have been working really hard to show us how much they have progressed this year so far and have shown great resilience and enthusiasm through out the end of term testing period. We have spent our afternoons carrying out research on French culture ready to produce an information poster. This week we specifically focused on French celebrations. We have learnt all about Roman legionaries and have drawn and labelled a legionary and considered exactly why they wear and carry the things they do. We have continued our group illustrations of a rainforest, including animals that live in the different layers. We have discussed The Last Supper in RE and made links between this and Holy Communion. We have delved more deeply into the past by comparing life in the past to life now and how things have changed considerably, with a particular focus on what children did for enjoyment in the Victorian era compared to now.

Wolves Class

This week the Wolves have been learning about the legacy of the Spanish invasion. We have also been solving problems with angles of light and in art we have been pencil sketching. Also in ICT we have been reviewing our Mexican documentaries. On Friday we had a Day of the Dead afternoon. We created our own word searches, solved comprehensions, created skulls and some of us even got our faces painted! On Tuesday quite a few members of the class took part in the Primary Cup. A great effort from all!

In the Fox class it has been assessment week and the children have worked really hard.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th March

Cross Country Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm
Group School Photographs 1.30pm

Tuesday 20th March

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Parents Evening 3.20-7pm

Wednesday 21st March

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

Thursday 22nd March

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 23rd March

Swimming Yr 2 9.30-11.25am
Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

School Group Photographs

These will be taken on Monday 19th March in the afternoon. Proofs will be available and photographs can be purchased.

Parents Evening

Everyone who returned their letter should have received confirmation of their time slot. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

FoNS

A big thank you to all 10 volunteers that assisted us with the Rotary Club Christmas Santa Run, an amazing total of £275.00 was raised ☺

And another big thank you to all that purchased something in our Mother's Day sale, a wonderful £61.00 was raised.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 4	(Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Tuesday Thursday	19 February 2018) 20 February 2018 29 March 2018
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- Easter Holidays -

Term 5	Term Begins School Closed – Mayday Term Ends	Monday Monday Friday	16 April 2018 7 May 2018 25 May 2018
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- End of Term Break -

Term 6	Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Friday	4 June 2018 20 July 2018
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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

March

Monday 19th March- School photos.

Tuesday 20th March - Parents evening 15:20-19:00

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

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

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

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

April

Thursday 19th April - Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

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

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+