



### Book recommendation of the week.

Geronimo – David Walliams

Meet Geronimo – the baby penguin who has one dream and one dream only – and that is to fly! But everyone knows penguins can't fly... or can they? With a little help from his dad and friends, baby Geronimo discovers that even the wildest of dreams can come true. ...

# Newnham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

The weeks are flying past and each week seems busier than the last.

This week has been all about Enterprise for the Y6s and they sure have been enterprising! From home-made sock bunnies to quesadillas and cookies, you name it and the Y6 children have been busy making it. They have worked incredibly hard at school to produce posters, plan out their ideas and sell their creations both afterschool and to the staff at break and lunch times. But the hard work hasn't stopped there. The children have been so enthused by this project that they have used their own time at home over the weekend and each evening to make things to sell. It really shows what can be achieved when you are enthused, work together and commit yourselves to a task. Well done to all of you and a huge thank you for all the support from parents which has made this such a valuable learning experience for them.

New topics for the term are taking over in the classrooms and the children's enjoyment of their learning is evident across the school. In both the Ladybirds and the Hares class, children are thinking this term about space and we are looking forward to an Explorer Dome coming to school in a few weeks' time. Next week we have an animal experience coming into school. All of the children will take part in an activity during the day with a particular focus for the Foxes class to support their units on Habitats. Keep an eye out on Wednesday as the pictures hit Dojo.

As ever, thank you for all of your support,  
Mrs Gaffney

### Awards and Achievements

#### Weekly House points

Birch:	115
Chestnut:	100
Oak:	119
Sycamore:	123

#### Star Writer Certificates:

Jessica Ch, Sam, Noah

#### Star Mathematician Certificates:

Fearne, Kiara, Kairon, Hester, Beatriz

#### Headteacher's Award:

Jude, Emie

#### Star Artiste Award:

Theo, Willow

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Ladybirds	98.26%
Foxes	100%
Hares	99.23%
Otters	96.92%
Whole School	98.85%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	97.38%
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## Weekly Newsletter

### Curriculum news

#### Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybirds, Year 1s have been focusing on telling the time to the hour and half past the hour whilst the YRs have been thinking about taking away and finding how many are left. We have all learnt a song about the months of the year and days of the week to help us to remember and order these. We have almost completed writing up our Planet Fundai texts with YRs focusing on pinching their sounds to write words whilst Y1s have been building sentences and using capital letters and full stops correctly. We have also built our solar system with fruit, enjoyed moving in different ways in PE, found out about different continents and started to learn our nativity songs.

#### Foxes Class

We have started to look at the countries in Western Europe and we will research one of these in the coming weeks. In maths, we have been tackling tricky multiplication and division problems and finding solutions. In English, we have been doing instructional writing on how to care for a pet.

#### Hares Class

In Hares this week the children have begun their new unit on portal stories. We started by looking at The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and Lucy's reaction when she entered Narnia for the first time. We have been writing some fantastic descriptions. In maths we have been focusing very hard on telling the time. The children have made great progress. In PE with Mr Bland the children have been developing their gymnastic skills.

#### Otters Class

Enterprise Week has been a huge success this week. The children have worked incredibly hard and it's been amazing to see the amount of work that has gone into creating the items. Also we would like to say thanks again to all the parents that have helped. The winners will be announced next week so it will give the children a chance to bring in any money they've made from friends and relatives. In English this week, we have been using figurative language when writing our own stories about creatures. These were linked to a video about a marshmallow monster. In maths, we have been learning about time and in science we have been learning about classification.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm  
Dance Club 3.20pm  
DRET Girls Football Event 3.45pm (Abbey Academy)

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm  
Choir Club 12.30-1.00pm

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Cooking Club 3.20pm  
Invasion Games Club 3.20pm  
Animal Experience Day

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Movie Club 3.20pm

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Judo 3.20pm

### School Messages

#### Nuts

A gentle reminder that nuts, or any food containing nuts/nut products, are **not permitted** in school under any circumstances. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Flu Vaccination

Consent forms were sent out this week for the forthcoming Flu vaccination for Reception through to Year 5. If you wish your child to receive this at school, please ensure the signed form is returned to the school office no later than **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

#### Uniform

Once again, I am accruing a large selection of **unlabelled** uniform in the office, **please, please** label your child's clothes so we can reunite them!

### FoNS

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper day for hamper donations.  
All information to follow.

We would also welcome any donations of wrapping paper please for the hampers and to help Santa and his elves with Christmas gifts.

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## Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

<b>Term 1</b>	(Training Day (Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> September 5 <sup>th</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> September 19 <sup>th</sup> October
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> October 19 <sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Holidays -			
<b>Term 3</b>	(Training Day (Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Thursday Friday Monday Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019 4 <sup>th</sup> January 7 <sup>th</sup> January 15 <sup>th</sup> February
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 4</b>	(Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday Tuesday Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> February 26 <sup>th</sup> February 5 <sup>th</sup> April
- Spring Holidays -			
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>School Closed – Mayday</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday Monday Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 6 <sup>th</sup> May 24 <sup>th</sup> May
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 24 <sup>th</sup> July

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 2018-2019

### December

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 4 and 5 Class Assembly 14.45

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – FoNS Christmas Jumper Day for hamper donations

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Ladybird's Nativity 14.30 and 17.30

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** -Whole school visit to the pantomime Dick Whittington in Leamington

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Termly report out to parents

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – FoNS Christmas Fete and Carols on The Green

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

### January

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 and 5 Enterprise Week

### February

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 and 3 Class Assembly 14.45

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents evening 15:30-20.00

### March

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Special Event Day: Shrove Tuesday

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Special Event Day: World Book Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 and 3 Enterprise Week

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Termly report out to parents

### April

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Foxes Easter performance 14.30 and 17.30

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Service at Newnham Church 14.30

### May

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly 14.45

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 SATs

### June

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 phonics screening

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 Enterprise Week



## Key dates for your diary 2018-2019...cont.

### July

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Special Event Day: American Independence

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - – Hares and Otters Summer production at 18:00

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Hares and Otters Summer production at 14:30 and 18:00

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Termly report out to parents

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Leavers' service at Newnham Church at 9:15

**\*Dates may be subject to change**



# After School Clubs (3.20-4.15pm)

Monday	Dance Club Performing Arts Club	Years 2+ R, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Art Club ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 2+
Wednesday	Cooking Club Invasion Games (netball, basketball, handball)	Years 2+3 Years 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 1+