

Quote of the week

‘Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.’ – Jimi Hendrix



Book recommendation of the week

Unsure of a great introduction to poetry for children? If so Michael Rosen’s A to Z is a great place to start. What I really like, is the predictable works are not there so each unfamiliar poem adds to the joy of the book.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 16th June 2017

Headteacher’s Message

Hello All,
What a lovely week we have enjoyed. The weather does make a difference to general moods and grey, gloomy skies do seem a long way away. The children are also clearly enjoying the outside more and there is a separate note about sun cream elsewhere in this newsletter. I have also noticed that there is more outdoor learning taking place, so it would appear that the staff are basking too.

As we move inextricably towards the long summer break it is clear that the pupils are maintaining their high energy and positive attitudes towards learning and assessment.

Our younger children were taking part in their phonics testing and whilst it was happening I couldn’t help but smile a little and reminisce about how I was taught to read. Who knew back then that ‘alien words’ and sounds would be so integral to the skills. It also made me chuckle when I think that the Ladybird books I worked so hard to master are now parodies. I was recently bought The Husband and How it Works. I presume as a guide to home success. I suppose the point I am trying to make is that whilst the current preferred method is phonics it may not be in years to come.

As a smaller school, it is incredibly important that we are at the cutting edge of educational advancements. Not trends and fads but simply applying the latest great teaching practice to the school. This does inevitably involve looking outwards and taking the best ideas and developing those into real improvements for the education of the children here at Newnham. So as soon as is practically possible I will be sharing the achievements of the school and making sure that all stakeholders have access to the latest and most accurate information. As there has been a fundamental shift in how lessons are now taught.

As ever, thank you all for your support.
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

House points

Birch:	63
Chestnut:	49
Sycamore	68
Oak:	78

Attendance Award: Ladybirds and Frogs

Headteachers Award: Archie Grieve, Cara Southern, Harry McCulloch, Katie Milligan, Millie Grieve, Thomas Jebson, and Emelia Fowler.

Star Writer Certificates: Lewis Irons, Emie Madden, Noah Frost, Kiara Beyxer, Kate Kortegas and Freddie Castagna.

Star Mathematician Certificates: Esmee Kellet, Jack Davis, Woody Wilson, Oliver Matthews, Millie Grieve and Thomas Jebson.

House Points Certificates:

Birch – Bogdan Hantea and Freddie Castagna.

Sycamore – Harry McCulloch and Gabriel Hakeem.

Oak – Benjamin Sherwood and Tom Ratcliffe.

Chestnut – Daisy Boniface.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 9th June 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	98.9%
Otters	91.7%
Foxes	93.5%
Owls	96.8%
Whole School	95.5%

For whole school year to 9th June 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.3%
Otters	96.9%
Foxes	96.0%
Owls	97.2%
Whole School	96.8%

Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Weekly Newsletter

Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

EYFS/Year One

This week we have continued looking at the World Around Us, moving onto learning about the 7 continents. In Literacy we have completed fact files and written postcards. In Maths we have been working on position and direction which included programming Bee-Bot robots and using the Bee-Bot iPad app.

Year Two

We have had yet another busy week this week in Otters class. We have written even more imagery poems about Alice in Wonderland but this week have focused on using onomatopoeia, adjectives, adverbs and exciting verbs. We have been focusing on 2D shapes in Maths and have been describing their properties and finding horizontal and vertical lines of symmetry. We carried out an exciting investigation in Science as well as matching animals to their habitats. We also labelled UK countries, capital cities and seas in Geography. We really enjoyed our visit from the beekeeper too!

Curriculum news KS2

Years 3 and 4

This week we have been continuing to write recounts. We used our imaginations earlier on in the week and now we're writing real events. In maths, we have been solving problems to do with time. The children really loved learning about leap years. We have also had our first run through of the performance. Yesterday, we were also very lucky to have had a talk from a bee keeper, which was then used to inform our learning in the afternoon when making bee observations in science.

Years 5 and 6

This week in Year 5 and 6 we have been creating our shared write, which is a whole class piece of writing that uses ideas from all the class, to make our own version of a story from another culture. In Maths we have been looking at measurement in a variety of ways. We have been estimating and relating measurements to sports and seeing how these can be both reliable and spurious.

FoNS

FoNS are once again running the wonderful Summer Raffle which will be drawn at the **School Fete on Thursday 13th July**. There are some awesome prizes including tickets for Silverstone, a spa day and a meal at The Romer Arms. More tickets are available from the school office and it would be lovely if you feel able to sell some more to others or buy them yourselves. Please sell as many as you can as we really do rely on your help to make this raffle a success. Thank you, FoNS

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th June

Brass Sessions

3.20pm Longtown Residential Visit Presentation to Parents/Carers of children currently in years 3, 4 and 5.

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 20th June

Wednesday 21st June

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime

Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 22nd June

Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

Friday 23rd June

Strings Sessions

Judo

Monday 26th June

Brass Sessions

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 27th June

Wednesday 28th June

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime

Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 29th June

Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

New parents induction evening. 6.00pm

Friday 30th June

Strings Sessions

Judo

Wednesday 5th July – DRET Summer Cup all day – Year 5/6

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July - Transition mornings 9am-12

Thursday 13th July – School Fete 3.20pm

Tuesday 18th July – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 19th July – Sports Day 1.15-3.20pm

Thursday 20th July - Leavers Service at Church 9.30am

School Messages

Sun Cream

If the forecast is for a sunny day, please apply sun cream to your child before leaving home in the morning. We ask that children **do not bring their own sun cream into school** due to the risk of allergens from children sharing products with each other.

The school does have many shady areas for the children to enjoy too. If individual arrangements need to be made please liaise with the class teachers.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**. Please could you have a look to see if you have any tucked away somewhere, or ask your friends and neighbours? Friday 30th June is the last day for placing them into the box in the school office reception area. Thank you

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School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 21st July unless marked. If for any reason a club is cancelled we will advise you on the newsletter or by email/text.

Clubs Terms 5 & 6	7:30-8:45 Every day of term	12.30 – 13.00	15.20 – 16.15	15:20-18:00 Every day of term
Monday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Homework Club - 12:30	Art Club – Mrs Gardener* 3.30 – 4.30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Tuesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club			Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Wednesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Freestyle*	Movie Club – Miss Parker and Mr Johnson	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Thursday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club		Athletics – Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Friday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Maths Club - Mr Burnapp. Yr 6 only	Judo* 3.30- 4:30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club

*Outside providers

For more details about Daventry Rangers before and after school club, please see their website:
www.davrangers.wix.com/sport and click on the link at the top of the home page to see Newnham Rangers.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 6

Term Ends

Friday

21 July 2017

3.20pm



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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.