

Quote of the week

“Well done is better than well said.”

Benjamin Franklin



Book recommendation of the week

I Was a Rat – Philip Pullman

A punchy fairy tale with an acid underbelly. This can be enjoyed on many levels by parents as well as children who are reading more mature texts.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 17th March 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

There are times when my job is made very, very easy by the amazing children, parents and staff here. This week has been such a time for two very different reasons. On Monday, we had a Review Day. This is a day when some 'suits' come in and quality assure the work we do. In the simplest terms, it is like an extra inspection that the Trust provides us with (Yay!). It was a great day, they dug around in our data – looking at judgements against books, observed teaching and chatted with parents, children and governors. As with all schools there are always areas to develop further (which we have already started to do) but the positives were wonderful. Our pupils engage well with the lessons taught, there are good relationships between pupils and teachers. There is a calm purposeful atmosphere during lessons. In the best instances learning is well supported through targeted tracking of learning, clear feedback which leads to improved work because the pupils are directed to act. Through coaching of staff there are clear and obvious impacts on the learning environments, culture learning attitudes and progress of the students within the school. To be honest; you, the children, the staff and I all knew this...but it is nice when others notice.

The other reason the week was easy was the competitors for the Primary Cup. They were great. Due to our size, we had to pick from all KS2, other schools simply selected from Years 5/6. Our teams represented the school wonderfully and as such really do deserve recognition for their achievements. As we all know, sometimes life doesn't always deal fairly, so the mismatch in teams does provide a valuable life lesson and one which was learned with high spirits and fortitude. They also met some sporting giants; a world record holder for keeping the ball in the air (26 hrs), a premier league football player and England internationals for football and netball.

What a fab week!

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

House points

Birch:	68
Chestnut:	97
Oak:	97
Sycamore:	80

Attendance Award: Otters

Headteachers Award: Archie Grieve, Aiden Collins, Lacey Baggus-Page, Jessica Payne and Ben Whitrow.

Star Writer: Martha Coburn, Luke Milligan, Callum Sutherland, Lily Cooper, Kian Yong and Thomas Jebson.

House Points Certificates: Liam Hillidge, Olivia Jollands, Josh Haynes, Emie Madden, Jude Hearn, Jude Toomey and Oli Hillidge.

Strings Notice

The 3/4 Strings Project will be finishing with a **Performance to Parents** in school at 2.50pm on Thursday 23rd March.

Change of Day - Strings tuition will be on Thursday 23rd March and not Friday 24th – one week only. Please remember to bring instruments to school on Thursday.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 10th March 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.2%
Otters	100%
Foxes	96.7%
Owls	98.2%
Whole School	97.7%

For whole school year to 10th March 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.2%
Otters	97.1%
Foxes	95.8%
Owls	97%
Whole School	96.7%

Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Weekly Newsletter

Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

EYFS/Year One

Earlier this week we have been focused on explanation texts and now moved into poetry work which will continue into next week.

In Maths we have been doubling, halving and counting on in lots of 5's and 2's in readiness for learning tables.

Year Two

Yet another busy week in Otters class this week! We have continued to write instructions, focusing on the use of time connectives, adverbs and imperative verbs. We have also learnt about using commas in lists and apostrophes for possession and omission! In Maths we have learnt to use the RUCSAC method for solving word problems. Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer and Check. We have carried out research on Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale which will inform our non-chronological reports next week. We also demonstrated how germs spread using glitter, and how using soap and water is an effective way to kill germs and have discussed the importance of washing our hands and when we need to do this.

Swimming Friday 24th March is our last swimming day.

Curriculum news KS2

Years 3 and 4

This week we have been writing persuasive texts. The children have been learning about the importance of different environmental issues. They then used the knowledge of the text to create persuasions about many weird and wonderful things. From keeping nannies safe to slaying dragons! In maths, we have moved on from time to Roman numerals. The children have been cracking numeral codes and having Roman numerals races. It was our last proper strings lesson with the Music Project this week. Next Thursday 23rd March we will have a performance in school for parents to come and watch. It starts at 2.50pm and will finish just before the end of the day so pick up will be as usual. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Years 5 and 6

This week we have been finishing off our innovation of our Alton Towers persuasive text. We have also been looking at the subjunctive form and present perfect tense. In maths we have been plotting coordinates, drawing shapes and then moving those shapes through reflection and translation.

School Messages

School Group Photographs will be taken on Monday 20th March in the afternoon. Proofs will be available and photographs can be purchased. More details will follow when available. We are once again collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. You will find the collecting box located in the school office reception area. Please could you ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect them for us too? Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th March

School Group Photographs – afternoon
Brass Sessions
Art Club 3.20-4.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
Football Skills Club – Mr Mead 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday 23rd March

FoNS Mothers day gift sale. Each gift £2
Strings Tuition Sessions today – moved from Friday
Performance to Parents at 2.50pm in school of Let's play strings, the Years 3 & 4 Music Project
Netball Club – Mr Burnapp 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 24th March

Last Swimming session Years 1 and 2
No Strings Sessions – moved to Thursday 24th
Judo

Monday 27th March

Art Club 3.20-4.30pm
Brass Sessions

Tuesday 28th March

Wednesday 29th March

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
Football Skills Club – Mr Mead 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday 30th March

Netball Club – Mr Burnapp 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 31st March

No Strings Sessions
FoNS Easter Egg Hunt
No Judo End of Spring Term

FoNS

Mothers day gift sale in school on the morning of Thursday 23rd March. Children will have a choice of 5 presents at £2.00 each. Please could parents send in correct money for that day? There are enough gifts for one each, if children would like a second present this may be arranged after everyone has had a chance of one.

Baby food jars are needed for an Easter project. Please donate to school or FoNS committee by Monday 27th March. Many thanks.

Easter Egg Hunt - Friday 31st March after school with Raffle and 'Made by Newnham' Sale.

The next FoNS meeting is 7.45pm, Wednesday 26th April at the Queen of Hearts in Daventry. Everyone welcome.

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School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 31st March unless marked. If for any reason a club is cancelled we will advise you on the newsletter or by email/text.

Clubs Terms 3 & 4	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- 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*	Football Skills – Mr Mead	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Thursday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club		Netball – Mr Burnapp	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Friday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Maths Club - Mr Burnapp. Yr 6 only	Judo* This runs until 4:30	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 4	Term Ends	Friday	31 March
		- Spring Holidays -	
Term 5	(Training Day Term Begins School Closed – Mayday Term Ends	Tuesday Wednesday Monday Friday	18 April) 19 April 1 May 26 May
		- End of Term Break -	
Term 6	Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Friday	5 June 21 July

The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends.
All dates are inclusive.



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 1	(Training Days	Friday	1 September 2017
		Monday	4 September)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	5 September
	Term Ends	Friday	20 October
	- End of Term Break -		
Term 2	(Training Day	Monday	30 October)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	31 October
	Term Ends	Tuesday	19 December
	(Training Day	Wednesday	20 December)
	- Christmas Holidays -		
Term 3	Term Begins	Wednesday	3 January 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	9 February
	- End of Term Break -		
Term 4	(Training Day	Monday	19 February)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	20 February
	Term Ends	Thursday	29 March
	- Spring Holidays -		
Term 5	Term Begins	Monday	16 April
	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	7 May
	Term Ends	Friday	25 May
	- End of Term Break -		
Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	4 June
	Term Ends	Friday	20 July

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Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.