



Book recommendation of the week.

Dragon Post – Emma Yarlett (interest age 5-8 years)

This is a delightful picture book with an extra element of brilliance in the five letters included in the book, which are utterly hilarious, clever, beautifully produced and full of puns and character. *Dragon Post* manages to be a book about animal conservation, friendship, letter-writing and freedom, all wrapped up in a rather special little package.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 18th January 2019

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Last night I had the opportunity to attend the Young Voices. It was amazing, I will get to that later. But for now I would like to write about the build-up. Mrs Avery sorting and organising the event, Mrs Roby for arranging rehearsals, Mrs Gibbon who had the logistical challenge of sorting T-shirts, tickets and other paraphernalia and Mrs Ford for sorting the transport thank you all. As you would expect the children were amazing. They attended rehearsals with enthusiasm and, on the night, really belted it out. My favourite was definitely The Greatest Showman finale. A huge well done to all of our amazing singers.

As the Winter looks to be advancing please can all children be dressed appropriately for the weather. Some are not bringing coats....brrrrr! Finally I would like to, once again, remind parents about parking. It is such an emotive subject and I recognise that parents want to park conveniently for the drop off and collection of children. I also recognise that the local community adapt to the influx of traffic at these peak times during the day. Our concern is always the children. It would appear to be simple. If all cars parked legally away from junctions, not double parked etc etc the safety of all road users would be increased. If all cars parked considerately then there would be no friction with anyone which would lead to increased cordiality.

As ever, thank you all,
Sol Johnson.

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	85
Chestnut:	89
Oak:	94
Sycamore:	93

Star Writer:

Charlie, Luke M, Neve, Dylan, Archie, Oliver

Star Mathematician:

Sam W, Amanda, Sam Mc

Headteacher's Award:

Harry, Jayden, Phoebe

Star Scientist:

Frank

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 14th January 2019

Whole School	97.13%
Ladybirds	98.26%
Foxes	99.23%
Hares	96.40%
Otters	92.31%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	97.47%
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Curriculum news

Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybird class, we have continued work on the story 'My Gumpy's Outing,' with reception focusing on rehearsing the text further and writing down their own new ideas about different animals. Y1 re-ordered and reconstructed sentences, and identified nouns and verbs in the text. In maths we thought more about money, beginning to add amounts. During our topic on Prehistoric Britain, we thought about what happened at the end of the ice age when the glaciers melted. We melted ice and watched as land disappeared and the sea rose forming Great Britain as we know it today.

Foxes Class

In Maths we have been looking at place value including representation of numbers. In English we have been learning our model text and getting ready to innovate. In Science we made a simple machine using a wheel axle. In History we looked at the growth of the Roman Empire.

Hares Class

This week in English we have been using modal verbs and relative clauses in our writing. We have been using them to describe our experiences in the Azalan Rainforest. In maths we have been focusing on identifying angles and have begun using protractors to measure the angles. In geography we have learnt about longitude and latitude and how the Earth is broken up into different hemispheres. Good progress was made in swimming this week, improved arm strokes has improved the children's technique.

Otters Class

This week in English we have been learning different grammatical strategies to use in our suspense writing. At the end of the week we began to plan our own stories. In maths, we have been solving problems involving percentages. Our Geography lessons have focused on Australia (including its location, size and the major cities). In Science we have been learning about life cycles and reproduction. Finally, in Computing, we have started work on creating our own class website.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th January

Cooking Club 3.20pm
Dance Club 3.20pm
Hare's Enterprise Week

Tuesday 15th January

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

Wednesday 16th January

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm
Cross Country Club 3.20pm

Thursday 17th January

Movie Club 3.20pm

Friday 18th January

Judo 3.20pm

School Messages

Hare's Enterprise Week

Hare's class will be hosting their Enterprise Week from Monday 21-Friday 24 January. Lots of delicious sweet and savoury goodies will be available to purchase from their classroom straight after school, along with some home based activities. We do hope you will stop by and support the children.

ParentPay

We will be moving fully to Parentpay this half term so that all income for trips, events etc as well as lunches are recorded through this and the office will therefore be cashless. We will be unable to accept any other form of payment after the half term. Full details will be sent out in due course. Thank you for your cooperation.

DRET Music Festival

Hare's class will be taking part in the Music Festival at Royal & Derngate on Tuesday 19th March. Parents are welcome to attend and can purchase tickets direct from their website now.

<https://www.royalandderngate.co.uk/whats-on/dret-primary-schools-music-festival/>

FoNS

Our hugely successful and fantastic Progressive Supper is back on Saturday 2nd March. Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Term 3	(Training Day	Thursday	3 rd January 2019)
	(Training Day	Friday	4 th January)
	Term Begins	Monday	7 th January
	Term Ends	Friday	15 th February

- End of Term Break -

Term 4	(Training Day	Monday	25 th February)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	26 th February
	Term Ends	Friday	5 th April

- Spring Holidays -

Term 5	Term Begins	Tuesday	23 rd April
	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	6 th May
	Term Ends	Friday	24 th May

- End of Term Break -

Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	3 rd June
	Term Ends	Wednesday	24 th 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.

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Key dates for your diary 2018-2019

January

Monday 21st-Friday 25th January – Year 4 and 5 Enterprise Week

February

Wednesday 6th February – Hare's Class Assembly 14.45

Tuesday 12th February - Parents evening 15:30-20.00

Thursday 14th February – FoNS End of Term Disco

March

Saturday 2nd March – FoNS Progressive Supper

Tuesday 5th March – Special Event Day: Shrove Tuesday

Thursday 7th March – Special Event Day: World Book Day

Monday 11th-Friday 15th March – Year 2 and 3 Enterprise Week

Friday 29th March - Termly report out to parents

April

Tuesday 2nd April – Foxes Easter performance 14.30 and 17.30

Thursday 4th April – Easter Service at Newnham Church 14.30

May

Monday 13th- Friday 17th May - Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16th May - Ladybirds Class Assembly 14.45

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May - Year 2 SATs

June

Monday 10th- Friday 14th June - Year 1 phonics screening

Monday 10th- Friday 14th June - Year 1 Enterprise Week

July

Thursday 4th July – Special Event Day: American Independence

Tuesday 16th July - – Hares and Otters Summer production at 18:00

Wednesday 17th July – Hares and Otters Summer production at 14:30 and 18:00

Thursday 18th July – Sports Day

Friday 19th July - Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 23rd 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 Cooking Club (maximum of 8)	Years 2+ Years R & 1
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Performing Arts Club (recorder/singing) Cross Country	Years 2 & 3 Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+