

Quote of the week

'Do what you can, with what you have, where you are'
Theodore Roosevelt



Book recommendation of the week

Night Zookeeper: The Giraffes of Whispering Wood

Will is certain that no matter what his teacher says, he's right to paint a purple elephant. A delightfully original and amusing adventure about imagination.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 19th January 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

I would like to take this opportunity to write about a parents' meeting scheduled for straight after school next Tuesday. It would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. I do fully appreciate that many parents work and this may cause some problems for some of you and I promise I will reach out to arrange suitable times for any individuals that can't make that specific date.

The purpose of the meeting is to further develop the 'joined-up' approach to learning and how parents, the school and the wider Trust all contribute to improving the outcomes for all children. How working together we can really propel the children's education into world class standards.

These are unquestionably lofty ambitions and it is totally right to have them, however, working together is the only way that they will ever be achieved.

I am really looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on Tuesday,

As ever, thanks for your support,

Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	129
Chestnut:	99
Oak:	116
Sycamore:	104

Headteachers Award:

Jude Hearn, Tom Ratcliffe, Katie Milligan

Star Writer Certificates:

Benjamin Sherwood, Ryan Baggus-Page,
Isaac Worthington, Amanda Stradere,
Summer Hallam

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Luke Worth, Dylan Walsh, Jayden Ganiban

Star Artiste Award:

Jacob Wilcox

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 12th January 2018

Cubs	96.80%
Pups	98.06%
Wolves	97.14%
Whole School	97.38%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.76%
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Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class, we have been exploring 3D shape. We considered their names and properties before creating them in a range of different ways and exploring our environment (inside and out) to find real life examples of them. We created some artwork using stencils of dinosaurs using different mediums: sand, paint, crayon and chalk. We discussed which effect we liked most. In music we thought about 'keeping them beat' using our bodies as percussion instruments to tap out rhythms in different ways. We also listened and compared some pieces of music by Peer Gynt, sharing our opinions.

Pups Class

The children in Pups have worked fantastically hard this week to complete their mock KS1 tests which have given a great insight into where we need to go next! The children have also used repeated addition, grouping and arrays to solve multiplication problems and began to look at Venn diagrams. We have completed our explanation texts and produced a beautiful version to go on display. We have used role play to remind us how the internet works and counted to 20 in French. We have labelled the parts of a flowering plant and used compass points to find given places. We have also used different techniques to begin to replicate the work of Henri Rousseau.

Wolves Class

This week it has been an exciting week in the Wolves class. In ICT the children have been using iMovie to create videos about Mexico. In groups they have selected images and recorded their voices over the top. In history the children have started to learn about the Aztec pyramids. They have constructed models using Lego and then wrote facts about them. In science we have been looking at refraction. The children carried out a number of investigations using glasses of water. It was amazing to see how images can be manipulated by looking through the glass.

In literacy the children have been writing speech in a warning tales. They have also learnt a warning tale called The Canal. They will use the structure of this story in their own writing. In maths the children have been working out the area and perimeter of 2D shapes.

Unfortunately we also have some very sad news in that Squiggles the gerbil has died. He brought a lot of joy to the children over the last few years and he was something the children decided to buy as they wanted a class pet. He has been buried and I am sure he will be missed by all of the children.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd January

Cross Country Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 23rd January

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Parent and Carer Event 3.20pm

Wednesday 24th January

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

Thursday 25th January

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Friday 26th January

Swimming Yrs3 & 4 – 9.20-11.15am
Judo 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

Music Lessons

We currently have spaces for strings tuition. Lessons are every Friday with a teacher from Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust. The termly cost is £68. If interested, more information is available from the school office.

PS Engage/My Ed App

Percentage of parents by class who have downloaded the app:

Cubs – 60% Pups – 61.2% Wolves – 60.7%

It's pretty even so let's see if we can get a clear winner, if you haven't already downloaded the app, please do, it is free and is a great way to communicate with the school. There will be a class treat for the winning class and the winners will be announced in the Celebration Assembly next Friday 26th. Go, go go.....

FoNS

Our Progressive Supper is on Saturday 24th February, information has been sent home with the children but if you are interested in taking part or hosting, please speak to Helen Coburn (Martha & Hester's mum).

The next FoNS meeting is on Tuesday 23rd January, 7.45pm at The Romer Arms, everyone is welcome.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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.



Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

Date to be confirmed - FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

February

Thursday 8th February- FoNS Valentines Disco

Friday 9th February- Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

Saturday 24th February- FoNS Progressive Supper

March

Thursday 8th March- FoNS Mother's Day sale

Tuesday 13th March - Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Monday 19th March- School photos.

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

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 27th March- Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

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

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

April

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



Key dates for your diary 2017-2018 (cont...)

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+