

### Quote of the week

'Stay true in the dark and  
humble in the spotlight.'

Harold B Lee



### Book recommendation of the week

War and Peas – Michael Foreman. An intelligent and imaginative fable. Great illustrations...worth getting simply for the totally brilliant pun in the title!

# Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 19th May 2017

## Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

This week I would like to take a moment or two to reflect on the contribution of the wider school community and give some thanks and praise where it is due.

All parents are automatically members of FoNS and, as with all voluntary things, people chose whether to take an active or passive part. There are key members of our school community who are driving the activities and fundraising and I would like to thank them. Their efforts have secured the Summer House and the Tech-table. Both would not have been possible without the support from FoNS.

I would also like to thank all parents for supporting the fundraising by taking part in muftis, fetes, Easter egg hunts, ferrying children to and from discos etc etc.

I would also like to thank our school governors. They are a group of volunteers who are actively ensuring that all children in the school have the best possible education and experiences whilst they are in primary school. The governors are there to ask challenging questions, support parents with any school related issues and to simply act as a critical friend. Beyond this our governors are willing to scrutinise books, observe teaching, lead choirs, help on trips and are firmly and resolutely focussed on developing this small school to achieve its big ambitions.

In this disposable, fast-paced, click-like, swipe-right world that we live in; sustained effort to make the school a better place should be celebrated and should be recognised.

Newnham is rich with this level of support.

As ever thank you all,

Sol Johnson

## Awards and Achievements

### House points

Birch:	69
Chestnut:	70
Sycamore	51
Oak:	82

**Attendance Award:** Otters and Owls

**Headteachers Award:** Martha Coburn

**Star Writer Certificates:** Daisy Boniface, Amelie Baker, Jude Hearn, Callum Sutherland, Sam McCulloch, Lachlan Greig and Freddi Castagna.

**Mathematician Certificates:** Esmee Kellet, Millie Hall, Lacey Baggus-Page, Lily Cooper, Katie Milligan and Oscar Searle.

### House Points Certificates:

**Birch** – Noah Frost and Charlie Townsend

**Sycamore** – Millie Hall

**Oak** – Fearn Badger, Woody Wilson, Kye Brooks and Emelia Fowler

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 12th May 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.6%
Otters	100%
Foxes	98.0%
Owls	100%
Whole School	98.8%

For whole school year to 12th May 2017

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

*Community - Aspiration - Achievement*



# Newnham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

#### EYFS/Year One

In Maths we have been investigating capacity, using containers and measuring jugs. We first estimated and then measured using the language litres and millilitres.

In Literacy the giant wrote a letter of complaint using present tense and adjectives to describe how he felt. In our Topic we are growing cress seeds, we have discussed food waste and how important it is not to waste our food and what happens to it.

#### Year Two

We have been discussing and recording similarities between Rosa Parks and Emily Davison this week and have planned a really exciting experiment to do in Science. We really enjoyed our Freestyle PE session too! We have worked so hard this week doing our final preparations for next weeks KS1 SATS. I am so impressed with how hard the children have been working and wish them the best of luck for next week. Well done Year 2!

### Curriculum news KS2

#### Years 3 and 4

This week the children have been writing Wild West play scripts. Later on in the week we have been showing our acting skills when performing them. Which is all good practise for our performance next term! In Maths we have been using money and finding change. The children were set the challenge of buying supplies for a cowboy who was leaving town. In Topic we have been using our map skills and in art we have created some pictures of our Native American spirit animals.

#### Years 5 and 6

This week in Years 5 and 6 we have been practicing our reporting skills in a wide variety of ways. These not only include our Literacy lessons, but also our Maths lessons. Here we have made tea coasters, helicopters, avalanches and the Solar System, using Maths at each step of the way.

### Country Dance Club

A new Country Dance Club will start in June and open to children in KS2. If we have enough response, it will be held on Tuesdays 3.20-4.15pm. If your child would like to attend, please complete from the recent letter and return the permission slip to the school post box. Thank you.

### School Messages

**Reporting illness** – If your child is ill, please notify the school office by telephone on the first day of absence as early as possible and each following day of absence. There is a voicemail, so messages can be left.

**Medication in school** – pupils may not bring medication into school. Parents/Carers may visit the school in the lunch break to administer medication themselves, by prior arrangement. In extreme circumstances, prescribed medication can only be administered by staff following the completion of a Medication Consent Form. Medication should be in the original packaging and clearly marked with the name of the child and handed to the school office by an adult.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 22nd May

KS1 SATS  
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm  
Brass Sessions

#### Tuesday 23rd May

KS1 SATS

#### Wednesday 24th May

KS1 SATS  
Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime  
Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

#### Thursday 25th May

KS1 SATS  
Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

#### Friday 26th May

Mufti Day – please see FoNS notice below  
Strings Sessions  
No Judo  
Half term ends

#### Monday 5th June

Brass Sessions  
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

#### Tuesday 6th June

Country Dance Club

#### Wednesday 7th June

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

#### Thursday 8th June

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

#### Friday 9th June

Strings Sessions  
Judo

### FoNS

**Mufti Day Friday 26th May.** To celebrate the last day of this half term, Mr Johnson has agreed you can wear whatever you like to school. Please bring in chocolate, wine or a tombola prize for the forthcoming School Fete.  
Many thanks FoNS

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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		Country Dance Club starting 6th June 2017	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](http://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

	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	26 May 2017
		- End of Term Break -	
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	5 June 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	21 July 2017

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



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## Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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

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Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.