

Quote of the week

'Children must be taught how to think, not what to think'
Margaret Mead



Book recommendation of the week

Four o'clock Friday by John Foster
A collection of original poems about getting out of school on Fridays, about teachers, parents, holidays, football, Dracula, Electric Fred and other crazy people.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 22nd September 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

What a fabulous start to the new term we have all enjoyed.

We are now nearly three weeks in and the routines are in place and learning is taking place at a rapid rate of knots. We have new student leaders who, I happened to notice, met independently today to discuss improvements for their classmates. This amazing and pro-active attitude really does exemplify the wonderful attitudes our learners have.

We are having a real focus on uniform and general attitudes around the academy at the moment. Our children are mainly very well turned out but there are couple of areas that need reminders. Please can we have natural nails and no temporary tattoos on display. Finally shoes need to be black and polishable.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Festival service on Wednesday. I am sure the children (and adults) will be in fine voice. It is also an opportunity for us all to take a moment and reflect on the things we actually have rather than the things we don't.

As ever thank you all,
Sol Johnson



Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	28
Chestnut:	33
Sycamore	51
Oak:	47

Headteachers Award:

Cara Southern, Noah Frost

Star Writer Certificates:

Lacey Baggus-Page, Katie Milligan, Maria Gayton,
Archie Grieve

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Fearne Badger, Mille Grieve, Oli Hillidge,
William Wilcox-Rust

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 15th September 2017

Cubs	90.9%
Pups	91.6%
Wolves	97.1%
Whole School	93.7%

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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

We have been writing our own stories called The Very Hungry Polar Bear, deciding what he will eat on different days.

In Maths, Reception have concentrated on recognising numbers to 5 and Year 1 and 2 have looked at one more and less, two more and less and finding patterns with numbers.

Pups Class

This week with Miss Parker we have finished our recounts in English, and she has spotted some fantastic use of conjunctions and adjectives after learning about these in class. We have been working on Number in maths and have focused on ordering numbers up to 100 and 1000! We have continued to develop our painting and drawing skills in preparation for producing our Peter Thorpe inspired artwork. We've labelled European countries on maps and have thought about States of Matter in Science.

Wolves Class

This week the Foxes have been writing portal stories. They have used descriptive language and transported characters to far away lands. In maths, we have been rounding numbers and the children have challenged themselves with a number of different mathematical problems. In the Wolves we have been continuing work on the Vikings. In art, we have created some dragon in modelling clay and in computing we have continued our collaborative presentations. The children have also been learning about how a countries border can change and we're now ready to create our own Viking tribes next week.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th September

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Performing Arts 3.20-4.15pm

Wednesday 27th September

Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm
Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm
Harvest Festival at Newnham Church, 9.30am, parents welcome

Thursday 28th September

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

School Messages

School Photographs

Please can all orders be returned to school no later than Wednesday 27th September

Book Fair

Our book fair is running until Monday 25th September if you haven't had a chance to take a look yet, please come along, it is open before and after school.

Longtown Residential

Please ensure all medical forms are returned to the school office no later than Monday 25th September and remaining payments no later than Thursday 28th September.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be held at Newnham Church on Wednesday 27th September at 9.30am. All parents are welcome and we kindly ask for donations of tinned or packet foods that will be donated to a Daventry shelter.

Road Closure

We have been informed that Weedon Road (from A45) will be closed on Mon 25th and Tues 26th Sept. they will close from 9am and re-open at 4pm. Diversions will be in place.

FoNS

Thank you to all the parents who made it to our AGM last night, it was nice to see some new faces joining the familiar ones this year. We have a new joint chair Sam Baker and Louise Worth, who will also act as secretary, and Clare Sherwood will stay on as treasurer with help from Kirsty Ganiban. Moving forward we have the Halloween Disco to look forward too and then the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th October 7.30pm at the Romer Arms this will be mainly for planning the Christmas Event and as always, everyone is welcome to attend!

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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.



Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

September

Monday 11th September- School photos.

WC 18th September- Newnham book week

Friday 22nd September- Book mufti day

Thursday 21st September- FoNS AGM and welcome 19:45 school hall

Wednesday 27th September- Harvest Festival 9:30 at Newnham Church

October

Monday 2nd- Friday 6th October- Longtown Residential for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 11th October- Wolves class assembly at 9:00. Followed by the Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall expected return around 18:00hrs

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

Wednesday 18th October- Pups class assembly at 9:00

Thursday 19th October- Diwali whole school enrichment day

Thursday 19th October- FoNS Halloween Disco

November

Wednesday 8th Nov- Cubs class assembly at 9:00

December

Friday 1st December- FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

Monday 11th-Friday 15th December- Wolves class enterprise week

Friday 15th December -Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

Monday 18th December- Termly report out to parents

Monday 18th December- Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

Tuesday 19th December- FoNS Christmas Fete

January

Wednesday 31st January- 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



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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

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**