



Book recommendation of the week.

Whatever Next! – Jill Murphy

The moon and back before bedtime? Whatever next! Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon! A beautiful story of innocence and imagination, full of Jill Murphy's characteristic warmth and humour

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 23rd November 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

It has been a week full of exciting learning opportunities at Newnham. The whole school took part in an Animal Experience on Wednesday. We were visited by a very friendly (and sleepy!) meerkat, a beautiful chameleon, a skink lizard, a royal python, a milk snake, a hissing cockroach, a millipede, and an albino hedgehog. The children held or stroked the animals and found out all sorts of information about them. All of the children (and staff!) were very brave and learnt a lot from this experience. The Otters had a treasure hunt to launch their Warning Talk writing unit and the Ladybirds flew to the moon to begin their story unit based on 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. I look forward to seeing how the learning develops from these starting points over the coming weeks.

A team of girls from KS2 was selected to play in a girls football match on Monday. Prior to the match, they were not experienced or confident football players but went off planning to just give it their best shot. This as it turned out, was brilliant! Well done to the team for achieving 2nd place overall- narrowly missing out on the top spot.

The next few weeks will see a multitude of activities as we continue our very busy run up to Christmas. Next week is assessment week where the children get to show what they have learned so far this year. The explorer dome is coming into school on Wednesday next week to support our units on Space. We look forward to Tuesday 4th December when the Foxes Class will be sharing their learning from the term in their class assembly and also Wednesday 5th December when the Hares class have their Ukulele performance. Then Christmas activities begin in earnest with Christmas jumper mufti on Friday 7th, Nativity performances from the Ladybirds on Monday 10th, our Pantomime trip on Thursday 13th, the Christmas Fayre on Friday 14th, culminating in our Christmas service on the 17th and School Christmas dinner on the 19th! Please add these dates to your diaries.

Finally, we have two more Open Afternoons on Tuesday the 27th and Tuesday 4th December from 1:00-3:00. Please do share these dates with anyone you know that has school ready children.

As ever, thank you for all of your support,
Mrs Gaffney

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	105
Chestnut:	85
Oak:	108
Sycamore:	86

Star Writer Certificates:

Jessica Cl, Payton, Jayden, Lily Ch,
Hester, Jack D, Olivia J, Harrison

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Damian, Amelie T, William M, Ella, Dylan

Headteacher's Award:

Eleanor, Matthew, Woody, Luke W

Star Artiste Award:

Martha

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 16th November 2018

Ladybirds	96.17%
Foxes	97.60%
Hares	97.67%
Otters	97.44%
Whole School	97.65%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	97.44%
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Curriculum news

Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybirds, the children all brought in a space helmet, moon boots and a teddy for our trip to the moon. This was the launch for our next writing unit which focuses on the story 'Whatever Next!'. As well as a picnic on the moon, the children added photos of themselves to astronauts bodies, typing their own names and created their own rockets. We watched some footage showing what Earth looks like from space and also what life is like for astronauts whilst on space missions. In maths, the Y1 children have started to think about fractions whilst YR have been sequencing events which happen in the day.

Foxes Class

We have had a very exciting week with a visit from the animal experience team. The children learnt lots of information about various animals from various habitats. They also were lucky enough to hold these exotic animals! Pictures will follow once we have had our class assembly!

In Maths we are moving onto time and in English we have started to innovate our model text in preparation for our amber write next week!

Hares Class

This week in Hares, the children have been continuing to explore imaginary world's and have written their own list poems. We have also been recapping grammatical terminology: nouns, prepositions, determiners as well as having a high focus on our handwriting. In maths we have begun our fractions topic and are using of multiplication and division knowledge to find fractions of an amount. There was an excellent display of teamwork when the children concentrated hard to create paired and small group balances in PE.

Otters Class

This week in English we have been writing our hot task meeting tales and the children produced some extended writing of great quality. Our new writing topic will be based around the warning tale 'Safia and the Captain'. To launch this we had a pirate day where we had a visit for a pirate and followed clues to hunt for treasure. In maths, we have been learning about time. We have been solving problems based on different charities. In science, we have been classifying different organisms. We started off by classifying sweets and then moved onto classifying the animals that visited the school earlier in the week. The class raised an incredible £614.52 during enterprise week. Well done to all of the class and congratulations to Connie and Lily for making the most profit and Caitlin and Kiara for raising the most money. The whole class got a pizza treat and the overall winners received some vouchers.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th November

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm
Dance Club 3.20pm
Assessment Week

Tuesday 27th November

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm
Choir Club 12.30-1.00pm
Open Afternoon – 1-3pm

Wednesday 28th November

Cooking Club 3.20pm
Invasion Games Club 3.20pm
Explorer Dome (Reception and Hares)
Badminton Festival @Parker E-ACT 4-6pm

Thursday 29th November

Movie Club 3.20pm

Friday 30th November

Judo 3.20pm

School Messages

Uniform

Once again, I am accruing a large selection of **unlabelled** uniform in the office, **please, please** label your child's clothes so we can reunite them!

Explorer Dome

The Explorer Dome is coming to Newnham next week for the Ladybirds and Hares classes to support their Astronomy units, please hand in your contributions to the office or the post box in reception. Thank you.

Notification

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school hours, please inform the school office in addition to the class teacher, thank you.

FoNS

Friday 7th December

Christmas Jumper day for hamper donations.
All information to follow.

We would also welcome any donations of wrapping paper please for the hampers and to help Santa and his elves with Christmas gifts.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Term 1	(Training Day (Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	4 th September 5 th September 6 th September 19 th October
- End of Term Break -			
Term 2	Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Wednesday	29 th October 19 th December
- Christmas Holidays -			
Term 3	(Training Day (Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Thursday Friday Monday Friday	3 rd January 2019 4 th January 7 th January 15 th February
- End of Term Break -			
Term 4	(Training Day Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Tuesday Friday	25 th February 26 th February 5 th April
- Spring Holidays -			
Term 5	Term Begins School Closed – Mayday Term Ends	Tuesday Monday Friday	23 rd April 6 th May 24 th May
- End of Term Break -			
Term 6	Term Begins Term Ends	Monday Wednesday	3 rd June 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.



Key dates for your diary 2018-2019

December

Wednesday 5th December – Year 4 and 5 Ukulele assembly/concert

Friday 7th December – FoNS Christmas Jumper Day for hamper donations

Monday 10th December – Ladybird's Nativity 14.30 and 17.30

Thursday 13th December -Whole school visit to the pantomime Dick Whittington in Leamington

Friday 14th December - Termly report out to parents

Friday 14th December – FoNS Christmas Fete and Carols on The Green

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

January

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

February

Wednesday 6th February – Year 2 and 3 Class Assembly 14.45

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

March

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 - Year 1 and 2 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



Key dates for your diary 2018-2019...cont.

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 Performing Arts Club	Years 2+ R, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Cooking Club Invasion Games (netball, basketball, handball)	Years 2+3 Years 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+