

Quote of the week

'The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.'
Albert Einstein



Book recommendation of the week

Beowulf: Dragonslayer – Rosemary Sutcliff
A wonderful retelling of the classic poem. A story of men and monsters, heroism and courage that can be shared with younger readers but best enjoyed from Yr 5 up.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 23rd June 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
It has been another lovely and progressive week this week. We welcomed Mrs Gaffney back and she is settling wonderfully back into her class. The children were especially excited and pleased to see her return (so were the staff 😊). I have been asked by quite a few parents about classes next year. I have explained to them that the classes are tricky as we are vertically grouped. I have a clear vision of who is teaching where but until I have final numbers of children joining us in Reception and also there are definitely parents who will be sending their children here in other year groups I cannot make the firm decision on where all of the children are going to be taught. Broadly speaking I know where most of the children will be but there are a few individuals that could be in one of two classes. So, as I am sure you would all agree, until all children are firmly placed it would be unfair to tell anyone. I would like to thank all the parents who attended the Longtown Trip Meeting on Monday. It was very constructive and very informative. I have been asked about staffing for that. As yet it is not fixed. I know we will be sending 3 adults. I do like to mix genders on school trips too. I am looking forward to seeing how this amazing residential develops and broadens the children's experiences. It was pointed out to me that Yr 3 and 4 used to go on trips together and Yr 3 would be missing out. I have taken that observation and will endeavor to resolve that for the following Summer.
As, I hope, you know we work with other DRET schools to ensure our judgements about children's progress and attainment. We do this so that we are planning work at the correct level for your child, the work is challenging but possible and the work is purposeful and develops their skills. Yesterday two moderators from the local authority spent the afternoon with Miss Parker. Their job was to challenge her about her judgements and seek proof of them. This challenge was based upon the KS1 Interim Assessment Framework (def worth a Google, just to see how high the standards are in Yr 2). I am so pleased to say that after an afternoon scrutinizing and checking they agreed with every one of Miss Parker's judgements.
As ever thank you all for your support.
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

House points

Birch:	84
Chestnut:	90
Sycamore	66
Oak:	77

Attendance Award: Ladybirds & Frogs

Headteachers Award: Martha Coburn and Jacob Wilcox

Star Writer Certificates: Archie Grieve, Emilia Montoya, Luke Worth, Lewis Curtis, Lewis Smith, Olivia Johnston and Bogden Hantea.

Star Mathematician Certificates: Jessica Charlton, Luke Milligan, Liam Hillidge, Kate Kortegas and Emelia Fowler.

House Points Certificates:

Birch – Matthew Adams and Kiara Beyxer-Roberts
Sycamore – Olivia Johnston and Kian Yong
Oak – Olivia Jollands

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 16th June 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	100%
Otters	91.7%
Foxes	96.4%
Owls	96.4%
Whole School	96.5%

For whole school year to 16th June 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.4%
Otters	96.7%
Foxes	96.0%
Owls	97.2%
Whole School	96.8%

Thank you

Thank you to FoNS for providing the funds for the visit from the Bee Lady, what a wonderful experience for our children and for our new Mud Kitchen, it's great.

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Weekly Newsletter

Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

EYFS/Year One

This week in the Ladybirds and Frogs we have been thinking about rhyme, looking at a story called Oi Dog! We have monitored the weather, making our own weather vane, rain gauge and anemometer. We have also looked at the artist Andy Holdsworth and begun creating some of our own designs in his style using all sorts of natural resources. The children have been enjoying our new mud kitchen.

Year Two

The children have worked very hard this week writing persuasive texts in English to encourage people that they should come to Newnham Primary School. They have been exploring 3D shapes and their properties in Maths as well as looking at positional and directional language. They have made props for the short films they plan to make, as well as identifying European countries on a map and creating food chains in the form of paper chains. Well done, Otters.

Curriculum news KS2

Years 3 and 4

This week we have been finishing off our unit of work on recounts. We have been watching clips of Clint Eastwood and recounting what happened. In maths we have been pretending to be tailors. The children really enjoyed measuring clothes and solving tricky problems by using the measurements. In science we have been learning about reflection. The children loved investigating materials around the school. In topic, we have been continuing our presentations on the Chromebooks and sewing Native American patchworks.

Years 5 and 6

This week we have been developing and acting out our characters in preparation for the invention stage of our stories from other cultures, whilst visualising and describing our settings. In Maths we have continued to look at the wonderful world of measurement, but also the absurdity of having imperial and metric units, relating these both to real life situations.

FoNS

Friday 30th June – Mufti Day for Teddy Tombola, for not wearing uniform children should donate a teddy for the FoNS Teddy Tombola stall at the **School Fete which is on Thursday 13th July**. If they can't part with a loved toy, please donate a bottle of wine. Raffle tickets still on sale – more available from the office. Thank you, FoNS

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th June

Brass Sessions
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 27th June

Wednesday 28th June

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

Thursday 29th June

Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm
New parents induction evening. 6.00pm

Friday 30th June

Mufti Day for Teddy Tombola – please see note in FoNS section
Strings Sessions
Judo

Monday 3rd July

Brass Sessions
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 4th June

Wednesday 5th July

DRET Summer Cup all day – various children
Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 6th July

Induction and Transition morning 9am-12noon
Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

Friday 7th July

Induction and Transition morning 9am-12noon
Strings Sessions
Judo

Thursday 13th July – School Fete 3.20pm

Tuesday 18th July – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 19th July – Sports Day 1.15-3.20pm

Thursday 20th July - Leavers Service at Church 9.30am

School Messages

Sun Cream

If the forecast is for a sunny day, please apply sun cream to your child before leaving home in the morning. We ask that children **do not bring their own sun cream into school** due to the risk of allergens from children sharing products with each other.

The school does have many shady areas for the children to enjoy too. If individual arrangements need to be made please liaise with the class teachers.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**. Please could you have a look to see if you have any tucked away somewhere, or ask your friends and neighbours? Friday 30th June is the last day for placing them into the box in the school office reception area. Thank you

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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			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 and click on the link at the top of the home page to see Newnham Rangers.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 6

Term Ends

Friday

21 July 2017

3.20pm



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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.