

### Quote of the week

'You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes; you can steer yourself in any direction you choose'  
Dr. Seuss



### Book recommendation of the week

*The 13-Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths*  
Featuring on our Year 3 recommended reading list  
Two new characters – Andy and Terry – live here, make books together, and have a series of completely nutty adventures. Because: ANYTHING can happen in a 13-storey treehouse.

# Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Funny thing about this time of year is the weather. Somehow it doesn't 'feel' like the end of November. The same can be said about school too. It 'feels' like mid-Spring. We have done so much, and most of it new this year too.

All the classes have had a class assembly celebrating their achievements and their work. Sadly, I missed one, but the two I did manage to see were totally lovely and I have been reliably informed that the one I missed was equally lovely too.

There has been a residential and trips out. We have had a mufti, we have worshipped in the local church, we have celebrated a Diwali enrichment day, we have engaged in whole school initiatives and class ones, we have welcomed new pupils and the list could go on. We have so much more planned for the year ahead too.

I would like to thank you for your comments via Dojo regarding the potential dance club, I fully empathise with those who cannot...to be honest, neither can I. I will arrange initial meetings about this very soon.

I would also like to thank you for responding so positively to my comments about inconsiderate parking. It is heartening to know that you fully support this and understand how it improves road safety and how frustrating it is to have your access blocked.

As ever thanks for your support,

Sol Johnson

## Awards and Achievements

### Weekly House points

Birch:	80
Chestnut:	72
Oak:	79
Sycamore:	66

### Headteachers Award:

Emilia Montoya, Martha Coburn,

### Star Writer Certificates:

Frank Todd, Jacob Wilcox, Finley Lambeth,  
Joshua Haynes

### Star Mathematician Certificates:

Cara Southern, Lewis Smith, Jack Davis,  
Olivia Denney

### Star Artiste Awards:

Eleanor Drake, Olivia Johnston, Katie Milligan,  
Kate Kortegas, Lewis Charlton

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Cubs	93%
Pups	97.68%
Wolves	100%
Whole School	97.91%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.58%
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## Curriculum news

### Cubs Class

In literacy, we have adapted the story Lost and Found by changing the characters and settings. In Maths, we have been practising our 2 and 10 times tables and making 2 digit numbers with dienes blocks.

We have also started practising for our forthcoming Nativity play which we are really excited about.

### Pups Class

This week we have been busy researching famous astronauts so that we can begin to plan our information text about them in English. We have been focusing on remembering to include capital letters at the beginning of sentences and for names as this is easy to forget! We have begun to use our ever-growing knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve one and two-step word problems using the RUCSAC method. We have learnt to talk about our family members in French and have continued our Galileo research in Science. We have categorised our Isaac Newton information into subheadings so we can soon begin to create our information texts. Our stockings are now underway and we have used templates to cut the various components we will be sewing together in the future.

### Wolves Class

Thank you again to all of the parents that came to watch our assembly. We loved showing off all the amazing things that we've done this term. As well as creating and practising for our assembly we have also been African drumming, painting Viking longships and we have been working on our islands.

In the Fox class we have been learning about apostrophes, speech and we have been writing our own adventure stories. In Maths we have been multiplying using written methods and we have been solving one/ two step word problems that include all four of the mathematical operations.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm  
Advent Assembly 10.30-11am

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm  
Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm **\*moved from a Wednesday\***

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Judo 3.20-4.15pm  
FoNS Mufti for Hamper donations

## School Messages

### Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch menu is now available on ParentPay should you wish to order - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### School Visitor

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 09:00, Olympic gymnast Kristian Thomas will be visiting Newnham for a special assembly. All parents are welcome to come along.



### Messages

We kindly ask that you send any messages regarding your child, eg. who is collecting them, reason for absence, etc. to the office. This will ensure your messages are always seen. Miss Glover is on Dojo, if this is your preferred method of communication, or via email, the parent app or telephone call, she doesn't mind which channel you use 😊

## FoNS

### Mufti Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December is Mufti Day. In return for being allowed to wear their own clothes, we ask that the children bring in a coloured food donation (preferably in their house colour) to put towards the Christmas hampers that form the raffle prizes at the Christmas fayre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

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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

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.



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## Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

### December

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December-** FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Wolves class enterprise week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December -**Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Termly report out to parents

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** FoNS Christmas Fete

### January

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January-** FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

### February

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February-** FoNS Valentines Disco

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February-** Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February-** FoNS Progressive Supper

### March

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March-** FoNS Mother's Day sale

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March -** Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March-** School photos.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** Cubs class enterprise week

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March-** Termly report out to parents

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March-** Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** Easter service 9:30 at Newnham Church

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March-** FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

### April

**April-** FoNS School tea towel/bag.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April-** 'Earth Day' whole school fundraising



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

### **May**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 6 SATs

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 2 SATs

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- FoNS Apres SATs Disco

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**- FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

### **June**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 1 phonics screening

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**- FoNS Father's Day sale.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**- Eid whole school enrichment day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

### **July**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**- Pups class enterprise week

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - FoNS Mufti a day at the beach for teddies.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**- Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fete

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**- Termly report out to parents

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**- Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30