

'An object that is at rest will tend to remain at rest. An object that is in motion will tend to remain in motion.' – Isaac Newton



Hitler's Canary - Sandi Toksvig. A classic tale about WWII that reminds us how even the smallest people can make a difference. I would suggest this is for more mature readers, who also have a little historical knowledge, possibly Yr 4 upwards.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 24th March 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

It seems like I am getting my feet further under the table as each week goes on. This means that instead of sweeping change we are reaching the point where things are getting tweaked. A perfect example of this is the school values.

They were lovely, work, care, calm, share, listen, respect and fun. These are all features/qualities/aspects that I would like to see threaded through every lesson. However, they simply didn't sit well with me as a set or core values.

Bearing that in mind they have been changed to courage, kindness, dedication, justice, integrity and wisdom. The idea being that each short term a value is highlighted throughout the school. All of these values are abstract nouns which help to provide a framework of conduct, attitude and aspiration that we at Newnham Primary wish for all members of the school community.

The Autumn Term starts with **Courage**, which we all need when starting anything new, the path of learning then glides through **Kindness** leading to the Christmas break. **Dedication** is needed in the depths of winter with the concepts of **Justice** taking us to the Easter break. At the start of the Summer Term when testing is upon us **Integrity** is such an important quality, finally at the end of the school year **Wisdom** and all that it entails must be considered. As each term starts we will be discussing these in detail at an age appropriate level in the classes.

Finally, a word of gratitude must go to Mrs Cliffe the violin tutor. She did an excellent job in turning Mr Mead's class in to amazing musicians. I should also point out that they were fab too! I hope that some of them continue to play and develop the skills they are starting to show.

As ever, thank you all,
Sol Johnson.

Awards and Achievements

House points

Birch:	69
Chestnut:	92
Oak:	107
Sycamore:	69

Attendance Award: Owls

Headteachers Award: Esmee Kellet and Eleanor Drake.

Star Writer Certificates: Archie Grieve, Jack Davis, Jude Hearn, Josh Haynes, Kiara Beyxer-Roberts, Ryan Baggus-Page and Kayla Day.

Mathematician Certificates: Benjamin Tarbox, Sofia Bates, Jude Toomey, Olivia Thomas-Huckin, Millie Grieve and Emelia Fowler.

House Points Certificates:

Birch - Kiara Bexyer-Roberts, Matthew Adams, Theo Roby and Eleanor Drake.

Oak - Ben Whitrow and Woody Wilson.

Sycamore - Thomas Jebson, Luke Milligan, Millie Hall and Cara Southern.

Chestnut - Rhys Worth and Daisy Boniface.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 17th March 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	95.2%
Otters	98.3%
Foxes	95.4%
Owls	100%
Whole School	97.1%

For whole school year to 17th March 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.2%
Otters	97.2%
Foxes	95.8%
Owls	97.1%
Whole School	96.8%

Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

EYFS/Year One

In Literacy this week we have been looking at rhyming words and the book 'Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain'. In Maths we have been measuring and looking at how long things are. We have done lots of practical ways to measure including measuring parts of our body. We made lovely cards in Art for Mothers Day.

Year Two

We have had a brilliant week in Otters Class. We have now started to look at explanation texts and have identified their features and the language and punctuation found within them. We have continued to work hard in Maths, solving word problems involving multiplication and division using the RUCSAC method. We really enjoyed learning more about Florence Nightingale and the children engaged really well in a drama activity using the Hot-seating method... where one child sits in the hot seat and adopts a role and can only answer questions in that role. We pretended we were Florence Nightingale and had some fantastic, empathic answers to questions about Florence's experiences in Scutari during the Crimean War.

Curriculum news KS2

Years 3 and 4

This week we have been learning about timetables. The children have enjoyed creating their own challenges. We finished the week by applying everything we learnt in a race. In literacy the children have been writing persuasive texts about school uniform. There were many different viewpoints in the class and it has been amazing debating them. We would also like to say another thank you to Mrs Cliffe! The strings performance was fantastic and we really enjoyed doing it.

Years 5 and 6

In Year 5 and 6 we have been creating our own independent texts using all the key features we have learnt so far, and they look excellent! In Maths we have been planning a journey using bus timetables, investigating on a whole new level and also getting a better understanding of circles.

Afterschool Sports Clubs

There will be no **Football** or **Netball** Clubs on Wednesday 29th or Thursday 30th March. Next term Mr Burnapp and Mr Mead will start an afterschool **Athletics Club**. The first one will be on Thursday 27th April, then each Thursday 3.20-4.15pm.

School Messages

Strings Tuition has now finished for this term and will re-start on Friday 21st April. This will include those children in Years 3/4 who would like to continue after the successful String Project.



The **Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal** helps nurses offer expert care, guidance and support to help people living with any terminal illness, and their families get the most from the time they have left. If you would like to pop into School to donate, the Appeal box at reception. Thank you.

We are once again collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. A collecting box is located in the school office reception area. Please could you ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect them for us too? Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th March

Baby Food Jars – for FoNS to School
Art Club 3.20-4.30pm – Last one for this term
Brass Sessions

Tuesday 28th March

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
No Football Club

Wednesday 29th March

No Netball Club

Thursday 30th March

No Strings Sessions
FoNS Easter Egg Hunt
No Judo
End of Spring Term

Tuesday 18th April

Training Day
School re-opens for children
Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime

Wednesday 19th April

No Clubs

Thursday 20th April

Strings Sessions

Judo

Friday 21st April

Art Club 3.20-4.30pm – Starts for the new term

FoNS

We held a **Mothers day gift** sale on Thursday and lots of children bought gifts, and there were enough for some to have more. Empty clean **Baby food jars** are needed for an Easter project. Please donate to school or FoNS committee by Monday 27th March. Many thanks.

Easter Egg Hunt - Friday 31st March after school with Raffle and 'Made by Newnham' Sale.

The next FoNS meeting is 7.45pm, Wednesday 26th April at the Queen of Hearts in Daventry. Everyone welcome.

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School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 31st March unless marked. If for any reason a club is cancelled we will advise you on the newsletter or by email/text.

Clubs Terms 3 & 4	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- 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*	Football Skills – Mr Mead, ends 22/3/17	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Thursday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club		Netball – Mr Burnapp, ends 23/3/17	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Friday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Maths Club - Mr Burnapp. Yr 6 only	Judo* This runs until 4:30 ends 24/3/17	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 4	Term Ends	Friday	31 March 2017
		- Spring Holidays -	
Term 5	(Training Day	Tuesday	18 April 2017)
	Term Begins	Wednesday	19 April 2017
	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	1 May 2017
	Term Ends	Friday	26 May 2017
		- End of Term Break -	
Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	5 June 2017
	Term Ends	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

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
- Spring 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.