



Book recommendation of the week.

Five Children and It – E Nesbit (interest age 8-11 years)

When five siblings discover a sand-fairy in their gravel pit, they are jolly surprised and a little delighted. Even better, the Psammead is able to grant them wishes, although the magic wears off at the day's end. Unfortunately, all of the wishes the children make go hilariously wrong and they soon learn that their foolish desires are more likely to get them into trouble than get them what they want!

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 25th January 2019

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

As you are no doubt aware, the Hares Class are raising money for the DRET Inspiration Fund. They are working, (have worked) by the time this goes out, really hard and I am so grateful to them for their efforts and to you all for your support of this – I have put on a lot of weight from the delicious bakes.

I felt it appropriate to clarify all the amazing fundraising that happens in school and who benefits from it.

There are four types of fund raising that are all equally important. I have tried to separate them as much as possible so that they don't clash. In no particular order they are as follows:-

School Council funds. These are raised through the tuck shop. 50% goes to the school council fund (what they purchase is decided by the student leadership and all children in school are represented in that process) and 50% goes to any charity they choose. I am sure many of you remember at the lovely carol service, they donated to the church roof.

The next type is the fundraising for the Inspiration Fund. This is the charitable arm of the Trust. It supports all types of enrichment, they support Summer and Winter Cups and music and dance festivals. They also support any residential and the school has benefitted and will benefit when we next have them. In return, each class will have an enterprise week and ticket sales from school performances will contribute to the charity.

We have the amazing Friends of Newnham. They work tirelessly with fetes, school discos and other 'events'. The funds they raise go towards the whole school pantomime, supporting larger projects – such as the amazing mural and other luxuries that all children benefit from.

We also, occasionally, support other charities national incentives that we feel are important for the children to be aware of. An example of which is the current NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme.

We couldn't do all of this without you and we are so grateful. Thank you all, your generosity and support of the school is felt and deeply appreciated.

As ever, thank you all,
Sol Johnson.

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	110
Chestnut:	106
Oak:	110
Sycamore:	99

Star Writer:

Cara, Liam, Lily, Charlie, Beatriz

Star Mathematician:

Jacob R, Olivia TH, Alice, Harry

Star Scientist:

Martha, Theo, Willow

Star Artiste:

Millie, Ben T, Rosie-Ann

Headteacher's Award:

Lewis C, Olivia J

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 18th January 2019

Whole School	97.47%
Ladybirds	99.13%
Foxes	96.15%
Hares	96%
Otters	100%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	97.47%
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Curriculum news

Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybird class, we have been adding and subtracting amounts of money in maths, finding different ways to make a total and calculating change. In our Talk for Writing sessions, we came up with lots of ideas about how to adapt our Mr Gumpy story and then planned our story- (there are lots of wonderful ideas!). We thought about the Woolly Mammoth in our History lesson, finding out about how it was adapted to survive in such cold temperature. We have been finding out about how to care for pets and had some special visitors in our classroom to help us to realise that we need to care for different animals in different ways.

Foxes Class

In English we have been planning and writing our amber write. The children innovated 'How to make fairy dust' and wrote their own set of instructions. In Maths we have been counting on and back in different multiples. In History we continue to learn about the Romans, this week we researched Roman armour and weapons. In science we made a simple machine using a lever. The children produced some fantastic homework so many thanks to all the parents supported them in this!

Hares Class

This week in maths we have been continuing our geometry unit. We have been measuring angles using protractors and also using strategies without protractors. In English, we have been using boastful language and powerful adjectives to persuade. In science, we have begun learning about the periodic table and the elements on it. You may also have noticed that the children have been selling one or two items as a part of their enterprise week. A big thank you to all the children and parents, it has been an amazing week! We look forward to counting up the takings and announcing the winners next week.

Otters Class

In English this week the children have been planning and writing their amber write, suspense stories. In maths, we have been learning about angle types. We have learnt about the types of angles; we've measured angles and we've solved problems involving angles. We have continued to learn about life cycles in science and the children have continued to work on our website. In geography, we have been learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. We even focused on some famous Antarctic explorers!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28th January

Cooking Club 3.20pm
Dance Club 3.20pm

Tuesday 29th January

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm
Choir Club 12.30-1.00pm

Wednesday 30th January

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm
Cross Country Club 3.20pm
High Five Netball Event 3.45-5.45pm (Parker Academy)

Thursday 31st January

Movie Club 3.20pm

Friday 1st February

Judo 3.20pm

School Messages

NSPCC Sponsor Forms

A reminder that we need all your NSPCC sponsor forms back by Tuesday 29th January please. The children have all completed their Buddy workouts during their PE sessions this week. There is a post box in the school office for completed forms. Any donations, big or small, will make a huge difference to the NSPCC. Thank you.

ParentPay

We will be moving fully to Parentpay this half term so that all income for trips, events etc as well as lunches are recorded through this and the office will therefore be cashless. We will be unable to accept any other form of payment after the half term. Full details will be sent out in due course. Thank you for your cooperation.

DRET Music Festival

Hare's class will be taking part in the Music Festival at Royal & Derngate on Tuesday 19th March. Parent's are welcome to attend and can purchase tickets direct from their website now.

<https://www.royalandderngate.co.uk/whats-on/dret-primary-schools-music-festival/>

FoNS

Our hugely successful and fantastic Progressive Supper is back on Saturday 2nd March. Tickets are £25 (which includes all food and drink at school and in houses) and are available from Helen Coburn, Charlotte Ratcliffe and The Romer Arms.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Term 3	(Training Day	Thursday	3 rd January 2019)
	(Training Day	Friday	4 th January)
	Term Begins	Monday	7 th January
	Term Ends	Friday	15 th February

- End of Term Break -

Term 4	(Training Day	Monday	25 th February)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	26 th February
	Term Ends	Friday	5 th April

- Spring Holidays -

Term 5	Term Begins	Tuesday	23 rd April
	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	6 th May
	Term Ends	Friday	24 th May

- End of Term Break -

Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	3 rd June
	Term Ends	Wednesday	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.

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Key dates for your diary 2018-2019

February

Wednesday 6th February – Hare’s Class Assembly 14.45

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

Thursday 14th February – FoNS End of Term Disco

March

Saturday 2nd March – FoNS Progressive Supper

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 - Ladybirds 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

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 Cooking Club (maximum of 8)	Years 2+ Years R & 1
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Performing Arts Club (recorder/singing) Cross Country	Years 2 & 3 Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+