

### Quote of the week

'Learning never exhausts the mind'  
Leonardo Da Vinci



### Book recommendation of the week.

*There's a Monster in Your Book – Tom Fletcher*  
An inviting, interactive read aloud that will have kids tilting and shaking the book in order to get the adorable little monster out!

# Newnham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Once again a busy week, our older and Yr 2 children have been taking part in some tests and they have worked hard to secure the best possible grades they can. I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to them.

We had a parent's meeting that shared the ambition of the Trust to provide a world class education. I also fed back the results of the last parents survey (they were amazing, thank you all). I shared the new Trust wide home school agreement which underpins the expectations and standards that we share. I have asked Miss Glover to ensure that all homes have a copy to return and for those of you who attended there is a small feedback form that I would appreciate completion of.

There was a FON's meeting this week and it has been agreed that Mrs Gardener can work with all the children to create a huge mural of wildlife. This opportunity would not be possible without their fundraising efforts and your support of those efforts. So, once again, a massive thank you.

Finally, just a note about attendance. If a child is remotely unwell it is always tricky finding the right balance and making the best decision about whether to send them in. The attendance of the children at Newnham school is currently behind national targets. Thus I am keenly focused on resolving this, as the school certainly matches or outperforms national data in all other areas. So to help, please can appointments be made for outside of school time. If children are off in the morning, but recover during the day, please send them in for the afternoon session. Having worked with children for many years, I know that bugs and nasties are easily transmitted in schools. Thus for upset stomachs, time at home for the bugs to go is certainly encouraged (especially with the youngest of children who may not wash their hands with the thoroughness needed to remove all germs) but time off for a mildly sore throat is not.

As ever thanks for your support,  
Sol Johnson

### Awards and Achievements

#### Weekly House points

Birch:	89
Chestnut:	75
Oak:	79
Sycamore:	111

#### Headteachers Award:

Lacey Baggus-Page

#### Star Writer Certificates:

Luke Worth, Jack Davis, Willow Worthington

#### Star Mathematician Certificates:

Luke Milligan, Rosie-Ann Cahill, Oli Hillidge

#### Star Artiste Award:

Woody Wilson, Hester Coburn, Jack Southern,  
Connie Dolan

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Cubs	98.4%
Pups	98.7%
Wolves	99.3%
Whole School	98.8%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.9%
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*Community - Aspiration - Achievement*



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## Weekly Newsletter

### Curriculum news

#### Cubs Class

This week in the cubs class we have been thinking about how to create our own stencils and building up our own design. In music we discovered that notes last for different lengths of time and learnt the terms crotchet, minim and semibreve. We have also thought about which dinosaurs were herbivores and which were carnivores and we have begun to create a fact-file about a particular dinosaur. We came up with our own ideas about a magical 'place between' based on the story 'Leon and the Place Between' and then wrote about our ideas. In maths, we have been investigating time. We thought about a timetable for our day and how long it takes us to do different things, learning some of the language needed for time. We also looked at telling the time to the hour (and some of us to the half hour) on an analogue clock.

#### Pups Class

This week the children have spent time recalling and reciting jungle themed rhyming poems before beginning to write their own. They have explored Carroll diagrams in Maths and have continued to develop their understanding of multiplication by using a wide range of methods to solve word problems. They have used maps and atlases to explore where in the world we find jungles and rainforests and have started to consider the pros and cons of using blogs to share or gather information.

#### Wolves Class

In the Wolves class this week we have continued our topic of Mexico. We have added video to our iMovie creations and we will continue to build on this over the next few weeks. We have also carried out a comparative study between England and Mexico. This includes the diverse biomes of Mexico. In science we have been learning about the colour spectrum of white light and the children created their own colour wheels. In the Fox class we have been planning and writing our own warning tales and in maths we have been learning about lines and angles.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Cross Country Club 3.20-4.15pm  
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm  
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm  
Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm  
Cubs trip to NHM, Oxford 11-4pm

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Swimming Yrs3 & 4 9.20-11.15am  
Judo 3.20-4.15pm

### School Messages

#### Cubs Class School Trip

The Cubs class are off on an exciting visit to the Natural History Museum in Oxford on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. A packed lunch will be provided for all the children. We aim to return to school around 4pm but will update you if this differs.

#### Home-School Agreement

Please can you all sign and return the Home-School agreement. A copy has been emailed via the app, they are also available from the school office or you can request for one to be sent home with your child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Newsletter

What do you think to our Newsletter? We do appreciate any feedback so, is there something you would like to see on here? Do we provide enough information? Please feel free to pop in and let Claire know if you have any suggestions or pop a note in the post box should you wish to remain anonymous 😊

### FoNS

Our Progressive Supper is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, tickets are available from the school office or Helen Coburn (Martha & Hester's mum). It promises to be a hugely enjoyable and fun evening.

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## Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

<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.



## Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

**Date to be confirmed** - 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

### 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



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

### 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

## After School Clubs

Monday	Dance Club – begins 15 <sup>th</sup> January * <u>limited spaces</u> * Cross Country Club (outdoor PE kit required) Performing Arts Club	Years 3+ Years 1-6 R, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Art Club ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 2+
Wednesday	Gymnastics ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> ) Construction Club	Year 1+ Years 2-6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 1+