

Quote of the week

'Easter is the only time when it is perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket'
Evan Esar



Book recommendation of the week

Mrs Gaffney's favourite book for young adults
Z For Zachariah – Robert C. O'Brien
Ann Burden is sixteen years old and completely alone. The world as she once knew it is gone, ravaged by a nuclear war that has taken everyone from her. But the smoke from a distant campfire shatters Ann's solitude.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 29th March 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
As part of the David Ross Education Trust, enrichment features heavily in our curriculum. I must write a little about music. We give more time to it than many schools that I have taught at in the past. All of the children in KS 2 have been given the opportunity to sing on a very big stage. And, my word, did they take that opportunity. It was only a couple of months ago I was writing about how well the Wolves did in London. Now I must bestow the same levels of praise upon the year 3 and 4 children from the Pups class. They were incredible. I really watched the children when they were performing and spent my time comparing them to the other schools. Without bias, I can say they outperformed many of them. They responded wonderfully to the conductor. They knew the words and they certainly sang with enthusiasm. It was a fantastic evening and the children represented the school amazingly well. On the subject of music, I must make a huge thank you to St Giles Music in Northampton. They were contacted by a lady who owns a digital piano who, sadly, could not play it any more. Through Sarah Wise (who works for both NMPAT and DRET Music) they arranged for the piano to be donated to the school. They delivered, installed and demonstrated it. It is a wonderful piece of equipment. Thanks to all involved. End of term...hurrah! I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and comes back refreshed and ready for the excitement of the Summer Term. As ever thank you for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	153
Chestnut:	126
Oak:	165
Sycamore:	156

No Celebration Assembly this week due to Easter Break!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 23rd March 2018

Cubs	98.80%
Pups	98.71%
Wolves	95.52%
Whole School	97.65%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	95.87%
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Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have said hello to our chicks. We have enjoyed watching and listening to them over the week and will look forward to seeing how they have grown after the holidays. We have all been thinking about finding half and some of us have also thought about quarter. The year 1 and 2 children have also written their final letters from one fairytale character apologising to another.

Pups Class

We have another busy week in Pups, particularly the Year 3 and 4's who were part of a fantastic performance at the Dergate for the DRET Music Festival. They were all absolutely fantastic and received lots of praise from the conductor during rehearsals for the amazing effort they were putting in and how well they were performing. We have edited and improved our concrete poems and have written our final versions. We have shown that we can count in tenths in Maths, and have been adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. Some of us added fractions that added up to more than a whole and were able to translate the fraction into wholes and fractions (Eg. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{4}$).

Have a fantastic holiday everyone!

Wolves Class

This week the Wolves have been extremely busy. We have been celebrating Easter by drawing Easter cards and creating quizzes on Kahoot for the rest of the class to answer. In DT, we have been using our cutting and cooking skills when making tacos. We'd like to say thank you to Miss Glover and Mrs Nix for all their help! We've also had the opportunity to take part in the DRET speed shot and speed throw competitions. Everyone did fantastically well! Stand out performances were from Tom and Kate as they came joint top in their categories.

The Fox class have been writing their own biased arguments. These have ranged from writing about the existence of aliens to the existence of Big Foot. In maths, we have been using written methods for multiplication and division. We have also had a QR code hunt around the school when solving mathematical problems.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th April

Term Begins

Cross Country Club 3.20-4.15pm

Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm

Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 17th April

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm

DRET Boccia Competition 3.45-5.15pm

Wednesday 18th April

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday 19th April

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Pups Class Production 2pm and 6pm

Friday 20th April

Judo 3.20-4.20pm

'Earth Day' whole school fundraising

School Messages

School Lunches

The new Menu is now up on ParentPay for next term. You are able to order for the whole term should you wish to do so. Please remember, the cut off for booking is midnight on Tuesday's for the following week.

Please remember to book by midnight on Tuesday 10th April (during the school holidays) ready for back to school the following week. If you don't book by this date, you will need to send in packed lunches as the school will be not be able to provide hot meals that week if not booked in advance.

School Group Photographs

Don't forget if you wish to purchase any of the photographs, we need your order returned on Monday 16th April (1st day back after Easter).



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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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.

Key dates for your diary 2018

April

Thursday 19th April - Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

April- FoNS School tea towel/bag.

Friday 20th April- 'Earth Day' whole school fundraising

May

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th May- Year 6 SATs

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th May- Year 2 SATs

Thursday 24th May- FoNS Apres SATs Disco

Friday 25th May- FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

June

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th June- Year 1 phonics screening

Thursday 14th June- FoNS Father's Day sale.

Friday 15th June- Eid whole school enrichment day

Wednesday 20th June – Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

July

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July- Pups class enterprise week

Friday 6th July - FoNS Mufti a day at the beach for teddies.

Tuesday 10th July- Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Thursday 12th July – Summer Fete

Monday 16th July- Termly report out to parents

Thursday 19th July- Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30

After School Clubs

Monday	Dance Club – begins 15 th 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+